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## Crusaders blow past Redmen 6-1

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Acton Tanner

Too bad the Assumption Crusader Girls' soccer team didn't give their winless Redmen counterparts a break on Thursday by letting them play the entire contest with the wind at their backs.

It would have translated into a 1-0 clipping of the Burlington school, since neither of the Richardson Division clubs could find the net with a strong wind blowing in their face at M.Z. Bennett.

The Crusaders scored all five of their goals with the wind on their side in the first half en route to a 6-1 pasting of the Redmen in a high school soccer match.

"It was numbers, too," said frustrated Redmen coach Steve Bailey minutes after the final whistle. "I had one substitute player on the bench and they had four or five. It doesn't matter if one of my players is playing like crap, because I have to leave her out there."

"We had enough good scoring chances — at least four. The ball isn't going in when we have our chances and the wind was terrible. Every game we always contend with something bad with the weather."

Shelby DaPonte scored the lone Redmen goal in the second half off a goalmouth scramble.

A weakness that has continued to show its ugly head throughout the season is goaltending. Redmen



**USING THE BODY:** Acton Redmen Girls' soccer player Shelby DaPonte blocks a pass from a teammate during a match against the Assumption Crusaders at M.Z. Bennett on Thursday. The locals dropped a 6-1 decision. (Doug Harrison photo)

keeper Carrie Ferguson has surrendered 26 of 31 goals in five games (0-5) and coupled with a

weak defence on the left side, the locals have been clearly outplayed in all but one contest.

"She (Ferguson) can't get up field quick enough, but she hasn't played (the position) in a while and hasn't had enough practice this year," Bailey acknowledged. "Her drop kick barely crosses the 18-yard line when it should be at least 25."

Bailey has taken a more light-hearted approach to the game the past couple of contests and funny as it sounds, he's not sure if it's sitting well with his players.

"I'm trying not to get upset, but now that I'm not saying as much as I used to, the girls are interpreting that as though I don't care, but I do. There's no point in getting upset, because it doesn't work."

Meanwhile, the Redmen again had scoring chances last Tuesday against the Lord Elgin Lancers, but couldn't make good on them, bowing 6-4 to the physical hosts in Burlington.

"I expected the girls to score on the chances and was surprised when we didn't," said Bailey.

"If we scored on our chances we could have won 6-4, but you can't do that. They had a girl that is signed, sealed and delivered with a scholarship to an American university. We played well, though."

**NOTES:** The Redmen wrapped up their 1994 season in Georgetown on Monday. The game was originally scheduled as the season opener for both clubs on April 26, but wet field conditions made it impossible to play.

## No-Stars shine in '94 opener

The Rockwood No-Stars Ladies' softball team teased their Waterdown opponents to open the 1994 Ladies Fun Time league last Tuesday.

Behind the pitching of Lori Savage and Carol Death, the locals prevailed 13-8.

"We played very well. We're short-staffed but the girls pulled together," says seven-year coach Dot Polo. "In this league your pitchers can only go for innings, so if you've got a hot pitcher working four innings you've got to take them out. It always takes a while for the secondary pitcher to get warmed up."

The No-Stars are in their 11th year in the 13-team league. The group of locals, who must be 25 years of age and over, play such outfits as Jerseyville, Puslinch, Greenville and Freelon.

"Everybody chuckles when they see the name (on our shirts), but people should come out because we really do have stars who shine," said Polo, who's being assisted this year by Bonnie Hamilton.

The No-Stars' home opener at Lloyd Dyer Park goes tonight (Wednesday) at 8:30.

## Shevalier to test aching right shoulder

BY DOUG HARRISON  
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So far, one thing is for certain at this year's Memorial Cup hockey tourney: Jeff Shevalier can't shoulder the blame for the North Bay Centennials' opening two losses of round-robin play.

Part of the reason the Ontario Hockey League champions fell 5-4 in overtime to the host Laval Titan on Saturday and 3-

1 to the Chicoutimi Saguenéens the following day has been the absence of their productive right-winger.



JEFF SHEVALIER

suffered an injury to the Acromio Clavicular (AC) joint in his right shoulder while fighting for the puck against a Detroit Junior Red Wings player in Game 6 of the OHL final.

The Acton Sabre product was checking Red Wing Kevin Brown when he hit the boards and appeared to fall the wrong way on his elbow, says Shevalier's father Roger, who attended the game at the Joe Louis Arena.

"I'm frustrated but what can I do," says Jeff, who plans to test the shoulder tonight (Wednesday) against the Kamloops Blazers after receiving physiotherapy three times a day the last 10 days.

If the Centennials fall to the Western Hockey League champs, Shevalier and Co. can forget appearing in the Cup final Sunday afternoon.

"It's too bad I couldn't play in the first two games, but now I have one chance to do it," says Shevalier, who recorded four points in Games 4 and 5 against the Motowners.

Six days ago he could raise his arm to touch his left shoulder. Although it was quite tender yesterday (Tuesday), the 1994 OHL First Team All-Star was able to move the shoulder up and down.

"He means so much to the team on the power play. Without him they're a good club, but not good enough to go all the way," says his father.

## Tyke, Novice Rams win lacrosse openers

The Acton Rams Tyke and Novice teams began the 1994 lacrosse season on a winning note last Wednesday with victories in Guelph and Brantford.

The North Halton Material Handling Tykes, powered by Matt Bronizewski's five goals, narrowly defeated Guelph 7-6 in Guelph.

Neither team grabbed more than a one-goal lead in the end-to-end battle until Acton's Chad Artem scored the winner to make the score 7-5 with under two minutes to play.

Acton's defence and goaltender Nick Newby preserved the win with stellar play in the dying seconds.

Matt Lyons opened the scoring for Acton. Single assists in the game

went to Lyons, Artem and Newby.

In Brantford, the McIntyre Fuels-Crowe Construction Novices overpowered Brantford 6-3.

Nick Mastro led the local attack with three goals, while Steve Atkinson, Adam Lindsay and Matt Wolfer added singles.

Local assists went to Jason Charland, Meghan Williams, Nicholas Crowe, Mike Gerrow, Ryan Jackson, Justin Cole and Chad Henry.

The Tyke home opener is tonight (Wednesday) against Fergus. Game time at the Community Centre is 7:30. The Novices open the season at home tomorrow at 7:30 pm against Fergus.

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