



REDMEN RECOVERY: Acton Redmen Junior Boys' defenceman Todd Chumley pulls away from a fallen Assumption Crusader opponent during soccer action at Acton High last Wednesday. The Redmen fell 6-0. (Doug Harrison photo)

AHS Juniors lethargic in 6-0 soccer defeat

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The Acton Tanner

They played like a team that could wait until next year rather than gearing up for post-season play.

The Acton Redmen Junior Boys' soccer team was outnumbered, outskilled, outthrustled and more importantly, outscored in a 6-0 loss to the defending Halton champion Assumption Crusaders on their soaked home turf last Wednesday.

Redmen players seemed more concerned in pleasing their mothers with clean jerseys for the weekly wash than getting them dirty by sliding to negate a Crusader scoring chance or grabbing that extra step on a rush to the visitors' net.

"They were faster to the ball and had more energy. We were too much like spectators in the first 20 minutes," Redmen coach Colin Bain admitted afterwards. "We were watching where the ball was going rather than creating opportunities."

The game was nearly out of reach — 3-0 in the early stages of the first half — by the time the Redmen, excluding hard-working forward Joel Lucier and reliable defender Todd Chumley, decided to show up.

"We fell apart," summed up Chumley, a third-year Junior player who nearly sent in Lucier on a 20-yard pass five minutes into the second half. "No one was running and we just weren't playing the way we should have."

"They're a much better team than us and anytime we (Redmen defence) got the ball to the forwards, their defence just picked up the ball before our guys got to it and kicked it back to our zone."

The Crusaders finished the home side off at the 22 minute mark of the second half. Despite the fact the ball found its way into a puddle as a visiting player broke toward the net, the Redmen defence wasn't alert enough as the Crusader forward maintained control. He then blasted the ball about

a foot off the ground to the left corner past Redmen goaler Phil McNytyre.

The bottom line was a lack of aggression and intimidation by the young Redmen unit.

"You can't tap the ball in these conditions," Bain suggested. "You've got to hit it."

The Redmen will open Round 1 of the playoffs on Tuesday.

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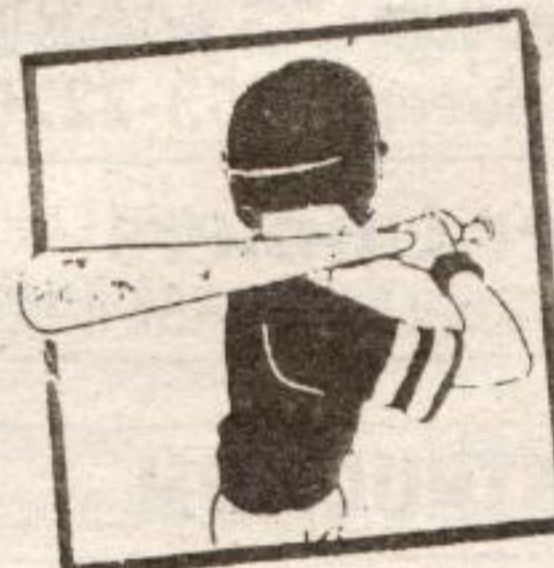
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Bicycling on sidewalks?

Once again the citizens of Acton have mentioned to me about people riding bicycles on the sidewalks of Acton. This is prohibited by the Town by-law and further, in the downtown core it can be extremely dangerous for the people walking on the sidewalks.

Through my column I am asking citizens to respect this town by-law and parents of children to please tell the children not to ride on the sidewalks.

The best thing for anyone to do while bicycling in the downtown core of Acton is to walk the bicycle along the sidewalk, as the parked cars make it dangerous to ride on the roadway. The village constables will be enforcing this by-law to prevent serious incidents.

For all the people who have asked about when bicycle helmets are becoming mandatory, the Ministry of Transportation advises that Oct. 1, 1995 is the date.

Please watch the paper for information regarding a Bicycle Rodeo to be held on May 28, at the Acton arena.

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