



QUICK START: McKenzie-Smith held its annual track and field meet under bright sunshine last Wednesday. From left: Brad Foster, Andre Savard, Todd Schonnop and Mark Faseruk dart from the starting line in the Senior Boys' 100-metre run. Other events during the day were Boys' and Girls' 400m, high jump, long jump, triple jump and shot put. (Doug Harrison photo)

Seniors play quickest game of '94 season

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It was the quickest game of the Halton high school Senior Girls' soccer season and proved a long-lasting concern of Redmen coach Steve Bailey: a lack of bench strength would eventually haunt his team. Acton High fielded nine players to start their rescheduled game at Georgetown High against the Rebels last Monday and 15 minutes later six, — seven are required to play — remained and the game was called for a 1-0 Rebel win.

It all began when Shelby Daponte, relegated to defence from her forward position, kicked the ball up field. She proceeded to slip and landed on her right shoulder, causing a slight dislocation.

She layed on the ground for 25 minutes before an ambulance arrived on the scene. A teammate of DaPonte's decided to accompany her to the hospital, leaving Bailey with the minimum seven players to continue the game.

However, when play was to resume at 5:55 pm, the Redmen coach was notified by one of his players that she had to leave at 6 pm due to a work commitment. That quicky signalled the whistle to end the game and the Redmen's 1994 season.

"We played all right," said Bailey on Monday. "The ball was in our end most of the time, but our goaltending and defence played well. All their (Rebels) shots were

from a fair piece out and we picked up their players, so they didn't have any blazing shots."

Simply put, it was a fluky end to a fluky season.

It started with Jenny Goy fracturing her left ankle and being sidelined for the season. And fighting windy conditions each game with an inexperienced and untalented forward corps only compounded matters.

"I knew it was going to be tough when Jenny went down, because she was looked upon to score some goals for us," said Bailey of the tall and speedy athlete.

"It (Goy's injury) just increased the number of inexperienced players who had to stay on the field."

Defence and goaltending, though, was the Redmen's Achilles' heel throughout the season.

However, Bailey mentioned No. 1 keeper Carrie Ferguson improved as the season progressed.

"Goalie is a tough position to play," Bailey commented. "You can play in the field and if you make a mistake you can be covered by someone else, but if you make a mistake in goal, they're knocking the ball at centre."

"I congratulate her (Carrie) on playing the game again after a long layoff from the sport. She gave it a tough go."

Next year will again be a rebuilding year as most of this year's veterans are graduating, while the bulk of the remaining members are still eligible to play Junior.

AHS ruggers dumped 30-0 in last game

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Instead of salvaging a losing season and carrying the play in their final regular season game, the Acton Redmen Junior Boys' rugby team preferred to go along for the ride — literally.

They were in the game at 12-0 after the first half last Tuesday in Milton, but found themselves hanging on to stop continuous pressure from the powerful Spartan offence.

"E.C. had a big fella who played well and would carry two or three of our guys hanging onto him high," said Redmen coach Dave Boycott on Thursday. "He was a smart player and made a big difference. He would give up the ball when he began to fall."

Boycott added that when his players did catch opponents low, their technique was poor.

Although he didn't underestimate his opponents, Boycott did admit the Spartans were a tougher opponent than he anticipated.

"They tied Appleby (who went undefeated) 12-12 and missed a penalty kick and scores at the five-yard line a couple of times," said Boycott, whose Juniors scored a paltry 17 points in finishing 0-5.

The visitors did show some spurts of offence as Carlos Scappin made a nice run to the Spartan five-yard line, but was stopped as he couldn't find a supporting cast around him to pass the ball to.

"We don't react quickly to the ball. We're hesitant, but maybe we're intimidated," Boycott wondered.

Boycott knew his team could

fall into trouble after the confidence level became a concern following losses in the first two games of the season.

"If you don't start off quick and win a game or two," he says, "the interest drops off at practice and you have trouble getting a commitment from players."

"And soon you're counting heads when you get on the bus to make sure you have (the required) 15 players."

The bottom line is the Redmen couldn't keep the ball in their opponents' end for

extended periods and more importantly, had difficulty scoring.

"The guys thought they could run through 15 people and on the outside we never created any 3-on-1 or 3-on-2 breaks. Maybe since they got the ball so seldom that when they did get it, they wanted to show they could run," he said.

"But we never ran with any authority. It comes down to size. We could run the ball for 20 yards, but we didn't have the authority to move the ball any great distance."

Boycott says a lot of the players this year will remain Juniors for the 1995 campaign. He added five or six could play summer ball with the Guelph Under-17 or 19 squads.



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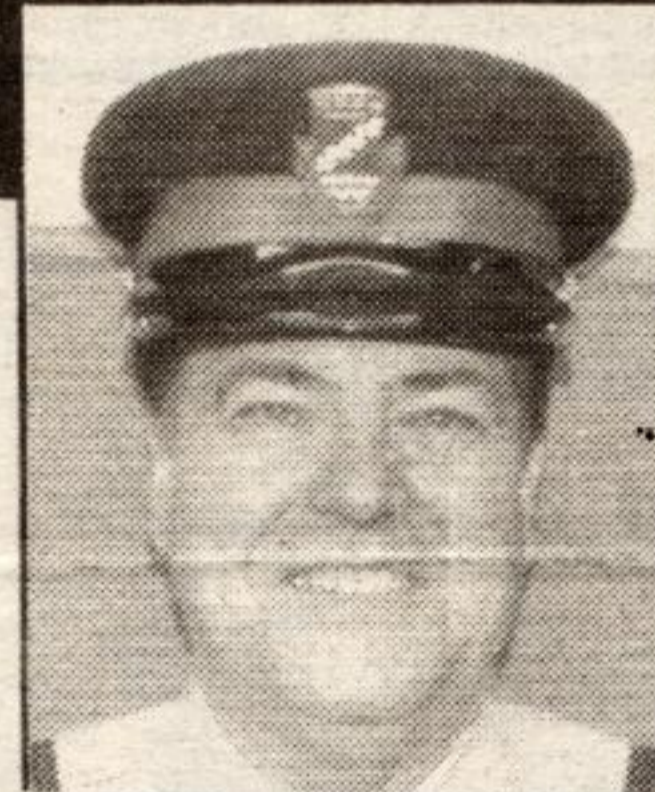
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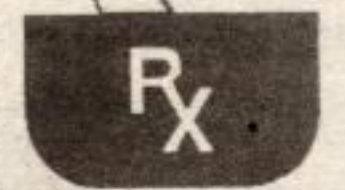
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