

Doing one's best, important soccer people speak out

Dear Sir,
As the coach of the Fredrick's the Man's Shop team involved in last week's story "Bogus soccer trophies anger MMSA officials" may I have the opportunity to make a few points on this matter since your story only covered it from the side of the MMSA.

I consider that the MMSA are making a most unnecessary fuss about a comparatively minor matter. Fritz Schicht was aware of what was planned before the presentations took place yet neither then nor since has he, or any other official of MMSA, contacted me about the matter. I was the person responsible for organizing the party and presentation for our players. Why are the MMSA now getting so excited about something they knew about weeks ago and why have they made the matter public without contacting the coach concerned?

As I said earlier, I believe that the MMSA are creating "a storm in a tea-cup" over this matter, but I am much more concerned about something else which I read in this story. That is the implication, in several places that to receive any recognition a player must be on a winning team. This is not my understanding of what a house league is all about. If this is the attitude of Fritz Schicht and the MMSA executive then the future for house league soccer in Milton is dim.

My understanding of a house league is that it is an organization which provides the opportunity for as many boys as possible to get involved, regardless of ability. Whilst some competition is necessary the main emphasis should be on taking part and doing one's best rather than on winning.

In the Mosquito House League this year one team dominated play throughout the season. I realize that it is

most difficult, indeed virtually impossible, to divide players up so that all teams are of equal strength. However if only "winners" are going to be recognized as having achieved anything then a much greater effort has to be made to start at a common level. Many boys were playing soccer for the first time and their progress during the season made disproportionate contributions to their teams as some developed faster than others. Teams carried three or four players over the 11 needed to make up a team. In order to give all players a fair game, as I understand the aims of a house league, a coach frequently had to make "winning" a secondary consideration. The players and teams which achieved most during the season were not necessarily the "winners". I believe that a player's achievement in doing his best for his team should be recognized and that is what we set out to do with our team.

Finally our team party gave us an opportunity of explaining to the boys what the sponsors do for a team and to have our sponsor, Fred Verstraete of Fredrick's the Man's Shop, along so that we could express our appreciation to him for his support. Many of the merchants in town are not exactly experiencing a boom just now, yet continue to support our local teams. I would like to again express our appreciation to Fred Verstraete and all the other sponsors who helped to make 1977 a successful season for minor soccer in Milton.

John Morgan, R. R. 3, Milton



ASSISTANT COACH Wayne McMillan stands at first with muddy boots and getting rained on during the second start of Monday's game in Brookville.

Cricket club is ready

Fifteen Georgetown residents have agreed to form the Georgetown Cricket Club. The decision was made at a public meeting, last week. Arrangements are now being made with the recreation department for a playing field. There will be six games at home and six away. Net practice is to be held, Mondays and Thursdays. Annual membership fees for adults have been set at \$20. Students may join for \$10 per season. October 31 is the deadline for paying membership fees. The club's first general meeting is scheduled for the home of Bryan Chadwick, 20 John St. (Phone 877-1722), October 24 at 7.30 p.m.

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Sept. 22
Ladies high single Jean Casarin 265.
Ladies high triple Jean Casarin 617.
Other top singles Liz Laros 239, Barb Jones 235, Kath Coates 232, Pat Campbell 230, Joan DeForest 226.
Other top triples Liz Laros 602, Ruth Twiss 592, Kath Coates 573, Joan DeForest 572, Pat Marshall 554.
Miller won 5 for 15, Lawrence 2 for 14, Steptoe 5 for 13, Coates 5 for 12, Hick 7 for 11, Currie 6 for 9, Rusk 2 for 6, Bailey 2 for 4.

Alley Cats

Sept. 21
Ladies' high single Shirley Atkinson 286, ladies' high triple Fran Hicks 676, Ladies with handicap high single Shirley Atkinson 306, Ladies high triple Henri Vandeneuvel 789.
Other top singles Fran Hicks 279, Henri Vandeneuvel 252, June McAnally 220 and 218, Beth Gooding 215.
Other top triples Henri Vandeneuvel 648, Shirley Atkinson 635, June McAnally 619, Leeni Boughton 591.
Leeni won 5 for 5, Fran 4 for 4, Sonja 3 for 3, June 2 for 2.

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Sept. 22
Men's high triple Joe Daamen 763, ladies high triple Anna Rota 556.
Other high triples were John Vandervliet 713, Gus Tielemans 711, Harry Koks 648, Mike Belvedere 608, Pete Vandeneuvel 608.
Men's high single Gus Tielemans 307, Ladies high single Anna Rota 280, Other high singles John Vandervliet 298, Joe Daamen 291 and 243, Henry Vandeneuvel 245, Pete Vandeneuvel 242, Aida Marchesich 198.
Pete Vandeneuvel's team won 5 for 12, John Vandervliet's 2 for 9, Martin Vandeneuvel's 2 for 9, Lucian Tieleman's 3 for 8, Dave Wilkin's 9 for 7, Gus Tieleman's 7 for 7, Phil Healey's 4 for 4, Henry Vandeneuvel's 0 for 0.

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Game & Fish News

by arn coulson

Duck hunters in Halton and other parts of the province will have to look a little harder this year to fill their bag. A very dry three weeks in the spring curtailed the mortality of the spring hatch.

Ontario is fortunate in the having a multitude of streams, ponds and lakes. Out west, where 80 per cent of the nation's ducks are hatched, they did not fare so well. In May, waterfowl surveys indicated there were 450,000 ducks in southern Manitoba alone, 35 per cent down from the 10 year average. Unlike Ontario this past six weeks, rain over large portions of western Canada was down by half from September 1976 to April 1977. Sad news for nesting Mallards.

When a Mallard hen nests in a pot hole in Saskatchewan and the pot hole dries up before the brood hatches, she and the ducklings are in grave trouble. This is where Ducks Unlimited have helped millions of ducks and waterfowl, by digging large ponds at great cost. The duck population would be in trouble indeed if it were not for these people. Have you helped this organization in any way?

How many of you duck hunters really know your birds?

Most hunters knew if they shot a Mallard or a Teal but was it a male or female, juvenile or adult? Study your game laws this year and you'll find out that you can take only a specified number of different types of birds. Your quick identification of certain species could help you keep out of trouble.

The best bets for hunting this year centre around areas that have ponds or large irrigation ditches such as Campbellville. Campbellville has a large duck population, mainly due to the Mountsberg Dam. Areas around Milton have to be watched carefully for boundary lines and most of southern Halton is out of the question. This is because of the heavy population and a complete ban on the discharging of firearms.

Areas around Moffat are good duck waters but more land in this area is being posted each year. So again, be sure to ask permission to hunt.

The beautiful flock of wild geese that inhabited Maurice and Hester Powell's property in Lowville have long ago taken off for warmer climates. Maurice and Hester, daughter Cindy and neighboring children of the Bridgmans, certainly enjoyed the company of these birds during the growing up period. Just hang in there, Maurice and Hester, as we are sure the adults at least will be back to see you in the spring.

The Halton Sportsmen's Association played host to the Golden Horseshoe Trap Shooting Fraternity, under director Brian Mortimer Sunday. Despite adverse weather conditions Mortimer, his helpers, participants and their families had an enjoyable day.

We would like to congratulate association secretary Jim Pearson for the excellent work he is doing including the informative newsletters. Jim, like most of you, has a busy family and business schedule but takes time to do the job he accepted last December.

It is also a pleasure for this writer to see Jim Mountain out and back at work, real good to see you back, Jim, we never doubted for a minute that you couldn't do it. And I am sure the rest of the members of the HSA share my feelings.

Would sure like to hear from any of you readers about fishing, hunting or camping trips, fish you have caught, moose, deer, duck etc., game you have shot. Just give me a call at 335-6144 or at 878-2471.

The members of the Halton Sportsmen's Association will be glad to help you if you have any questions on ducks, deer or moose hunting. You can sight your rifle in at our property on Steeles Ave. any Saturday afternoon. Just contact Brian Mortimer, or one of the club members and he'll meet you at the gates, let you in and assist you if possible.

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