

More girls register overall total is 729



Soccer talk
with **JOHN MORGAN**

Milton Youth Soccer Club completed its registration last weekend. A total of 729 players have registered for the 1981 season. Any additional registration will be subject to a \$10 late registration fee.

Included in the registration were 21 senior ladies, a new group to come under the umbrella of MYSC this year.

Girls' registration is up considerably at 136 and there will probably be nine girls teams this year, two more than last year.

Another group showing a big increase is at novice, the very youngest, where they are 52 signed up. The novice program, for five-year-olds, was started last year with the emphasis on teaching skills. Last year, they were divided into two sessions. This year they will be set up in three sessions.

It was nice to receive a letter this week from Merle Logan who writes a soccer column for The Nanaimo Times, out on Vancouver Island. Merle had received a copy of The Champion and wrote to enquire how we manage to put a soccer column together during the winter.

The soccer season is in full swing in British Columbia as they enjoy a climate more suitable to playing the game. John Sanderson, the Equipment Director of MYSC is busy making a complete inventory of all the club's supply of balls, pumps, first-aid kits, etc. If anyone has equipment belonging to MYSC, John would like to hear from them. He can be reached at 878-2116.

Tucked away in a corner of the sports pages in the national press last week was the story of Edmonton Drillers beating Chicago Sting to win the NASL Indoor Championship. The Canadian teams struggled through the winter in their own division, due to the labor dispute in the U.S., and were involved in a lot more travelling than the teams south of the border.

The Canadian division was very hard fought right up to the last week and three of the four teams finished only one game apart. Edmonton and Vancouver reached the semi-finals.

where they met each other, and then Edmonton went on to win it all.

Talking of the professional game, their season starts in a couple of weeks and the Toronto Blizzard have lined up a very exciting promotion for their home opener on April 12 against Dallas Tornado. Every spectator in the grounds will be able to get a free dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory if the Blizzard wins.

All youth players attending the game will become members of the hooster club and a draw will take place to select the ball boys, and girls, for all the Blizzard home games this season.

Tickets for the game, \$3.50 youth and \$7 adult, are available from me at 878-6570 or Cheryl Wakely at 878-7493.

The Blizzard, in conjunction with The Champion, will be putting on a coaching clinic again this year. This is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 23, the weekend after the Victoria Day holiday and right at the start of the season when the tips from the pros will be most useful.

The following Wednesday evening, May 27, is scheduled as Milton Night at Exhibition Stadium, when the Blizzard will be playing Chicago Sting. We will be looking forward to a good evening of soccer and fun as we had last year on Milton Night. Full details in a couple of weeks.

Still looking ahead, there is news of two events later in the season for soccer fans to look forward to.

MYSC will be running the minor bantam division of the Peel-Halton International Vanguard Tournament over the Labour Day weekend. The minor bantam division is always a well supported group and we can look forward to seeing some good teams coming into town. The Cropper Scragg team from MYSC will get automatic entry to the tournament.

Also in September, the Metropolitan Toronto Soccer Association is organizing a "Friendship Tournament" in conjunction with the NASL Soccer Bowl, which takes place at Exhibition Stadium September 26. The object of the tournament is to bring together soccer players at all levels and ages from Canada and the U.S. to play a game on the Saturday morning and then go on together to the Soccer Bowl in the afternoon.

There will be classes for everyone from squirt up to adult pick-up teams. Each winner will score one point for their country.

Drury senior girls volleyball champs

First-year team wins 12

In just their first year of competition, the E. C. Drury senior girls' volleyball team captured the championship of the Peel-Halton vocational school league last week at the Drury School.

The combined team of students from the high school wing and the school for the hearing handicapped won 10 of 12 games in the round-robin series before beating North Peel in two consecutive games for the championship.

Drury's combined junior team didn't fare as well going winless in its 12 games.

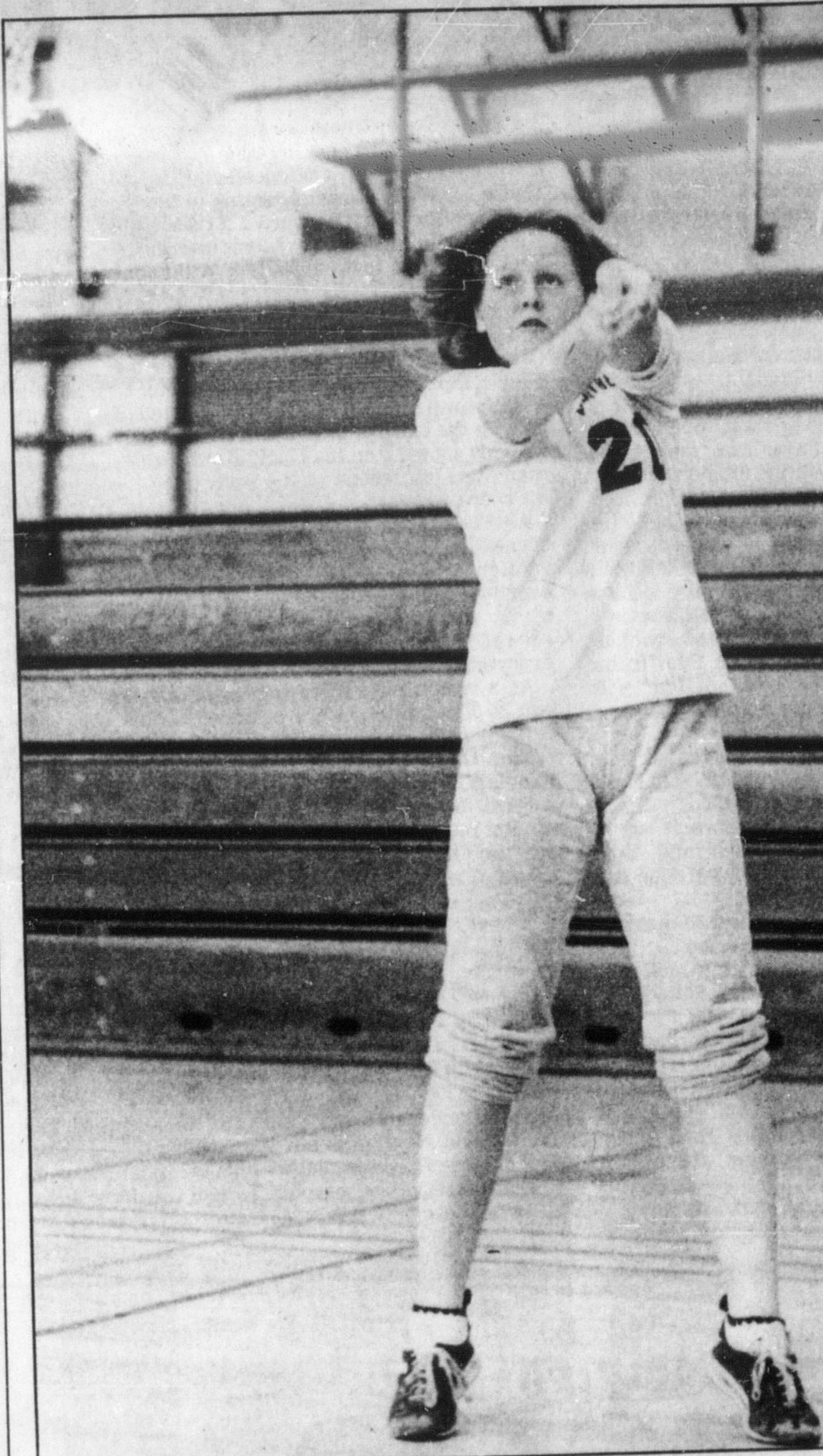
The teamwork of the Drury senior team impressed throughout the tourney and carried the squad to the victory. Drury defeated North Peel, which finished in a tie with Drury for first place, by scores of 15-11 and 15-7. The

team was coached by Ron Hall from the school for hearing handicapped.

Other teams in the senior division and their point totals are General Wolfe eight, W. J. Wood four, General Brock four, W. J. Fenton and Britannia three each.

On the junior side, North Peel battled through a sudden-death playoff game to advance to the championship match and then won it all by beating first-place W. J. Fenton 15-10, 15-10.

North Peel edged General Brock 16-14 in the qualifying match before taking Fenton. Fenton finished atop the round-robin with nine points followed by North Peel and General Brock with eight apiece, Britannia seven, W. J. Wood and General Wolfe five and Drury with none.



Oomph: A member of the junior volleyball team from North Peel puts effort behind returning a serve in the Peel-Halton vocational school championships Wednesday at E.C. Drury. North Peel won the junior girls championship before E.C. Drury captured the senior title Thursday.

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Springers gain experience

Several recreational members of the Milton Springers gymnastic club received some valuable experience over the weekend participating in an invitational meet at North York Saturday.

A total of 13 Springers from the teen and advanced recreational groups joined members from clubs from York, West Toronto, East York, Erin, Pickering and Peel at the North York Turners meet.

The meet was divided into two groups with the age of 12 years used as the dividing line.

In the younger group (Argo A), 50 competitors took part. Top Springer was Beth Elliott with a fourth on the beam and a fifth on the floor. Also competing from Milton, in their first meet, were Jackie Roger, Kelly Bergin, Shenoah McLarty,

Wendy Melanson and Marnie Elsley.

In the Tyro A category, three Springers came up with strong performances. Marissa Lopez placed fourth all-around with a third on bars, fourths on vault and beam and a fifth on the floor.

Legion up one

Milton Legion major atoms were out-shot and out-played but not out-scored as the club parlayed outstanding goal-keeping by Jim Murray to a 2-0 win over Streetsville in the first game of playoff action Monday night at Memorial Arena.

Legion advanced against Streetsville with a three-game sweep of Dundas. Legion captured the final two games with Dundas by scores of 6-3 and 7-2.

Sharon Dobson was fifth on the beam and sixth on the bars while Lisa Sargent was fourth on the floor and seventh on vault.

Other Springers competing in Tyro were Laurie Elsley, Elaine Erich, Erica Park and Linda Gaeton.

Sockets trail 4-2

Milton novice Sockets kept their playoff hopes alive with a 1-1 tie with Flamboro Sunday afternoon at Memorial Arena. Sockets have captured two points from three playoff games with Flamboro.

Superb goalkeeping by Sockets' Richard Saliba and Ryan Tummon was the difference in the contest Sunday. The game featured end-to-end action and Sockets needed to play well to earn the draw.

James Green fired Milton's goal assisted by Ed Oldroyd.

The previous day, Flamboro eked out a 4-3 win at Flamboro for the first win by either team.

After Sockets had jumped ahead 1-0, Flamboro roared right back with four unanswered goals.

Strong defensive work by John Bacon and Ed Dillon coupled by good goaling from Tummon and Saliba kept Sockets in the game.

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to discuss the upcoming soccer season and inform the membership of the league structures, etc.

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