

711 boys and girls sign up for soccer



Soccer talk

with JOHN MORGAN

Milton Youth Soccer Club completed their registration on Friday and Saturday last week with a second registration at Milton Mall. Registrar Nick McMaster reports total sign-up is a little less than had been expected at 711, made up of 550 boys and 161 girls.

The boys' registration has remained about static in the younger age levels, from squirt through atom, but the number of mosquito players has increased substantially. The pee wee and bantam age levels continue low by comparison but this is something which all organizations experience.

Girls registration is also considerably higher this year. As always there will be a number of players coming along later. A \$10. late registration fee, per player, now applies and anyone wanting to register should contact Nick McMaster at 878-2942.

Altogether MYSC expect to field 50 teams at the rep and house-league levels this year. To date only about 32 sponsors have been found and the club is anxious to find a few more.

One benefit to a sponsor is the sponsor's name on each player's jersey. In order for sponsors names to be printed on the jerseys they must be firm up in the next couple of weeks, so if you would like to help the youth of Milton in this way please contact MYSC president, Jim Jones, at 878-8305 without delay.

Last Tuesday saw the final winter meeting of the Milton Branch of the Ontario Soccer Referees Association. FIFA referee Peter Johnson, from Burlington, was the speaker on the

subject of the offside law. Using slides and models Peter covered all aspects of this most controversial law for a disappointingly small turn-out of referees. Particularly Peter demonstrated how it is impossible to accurately determine if a player is in an offside position unless one is directly in line with the player involved. Even as little as three or four feet down the line renders a positive decision impossible. It was a pity there were not some coaches present who seem to be able to call offsidings from 50 yards away, never mind five feet.

The local branch of the OSRA is sponsoring a basic referee course at the Optimist Centre on two Sundays in April and are very anxious to hear from anyone interested in attending. Please call John Dall at 878-7659 or Owen Faulkner at 878-3156.

On the professional front, the Blizzard is in training camp in Orlando, Florida. I noticed a small item in the Sunday paper reporting on exhibition loss to Jacksonville on Saturday night, by 3-2, but nobody in the Blizzard office on Monday could give any details. Indeed they didn't even know the score.

Although there are continual rumors of the imminent signing of big-name players nothing has come about yet. The only signing of note in the last few weeks has been that of Jan Moeller, a Swedish goalie from Bristol City. Moeller has played on two clubs where Bob Houghton has been the coach which must have Tony Churskey fans wondering.

I understand the Blizzard is close to arranging a couple of very interesting international exhibition games with big name European clubs. As was evident from the Nottingham Forest game a couple of years ago the fans seem to turn out for those games.

Jomo Sono arrived in camp very much overweight, no doubt from sampling too much Kentucky Fried Chicken, but has now run that off and is in good shape.

Remember the first home game is only three weeks away, on Saturday, April 17 when Tulsa Roughnecks come to town.



Leapin' Louie Nistico in a Milton uniform? That's right, Nistico played with the Pro Old Stars who demolished the Milton side 11-4 before another packed house Saturday at Memorial Arena. Bert Bertoli is in front of Nistico with goalie Terry O'Brien watching the action.

Badminton team isn't a good host

Playing their last home match of the season, the Milton Badminton Club second team hosted a team from Grimsby on Sunday

and Mike Frampton, didn't quite dominate in the same way as the ladies.

Novices explode for big 11-0 win

No one can accuse the Milton team of being the perfect host after this match, for they proceeded in no uncertain way, to take the visitors apart.

The ladies in particular were ruthless in their section, Michele Roberts and Vera Dubeld started the day right by winning their match 15-0, 15-0.

In the men's section, the team of Hecter Campbell, Ian Roberts

Having won three games the Grimsby team continued by winning the first game in

the mixed doubles. It was at this point that the Milton team decided that it was time to go home and promptly won the next six games giving an overall 17-4 win for the afternoon.

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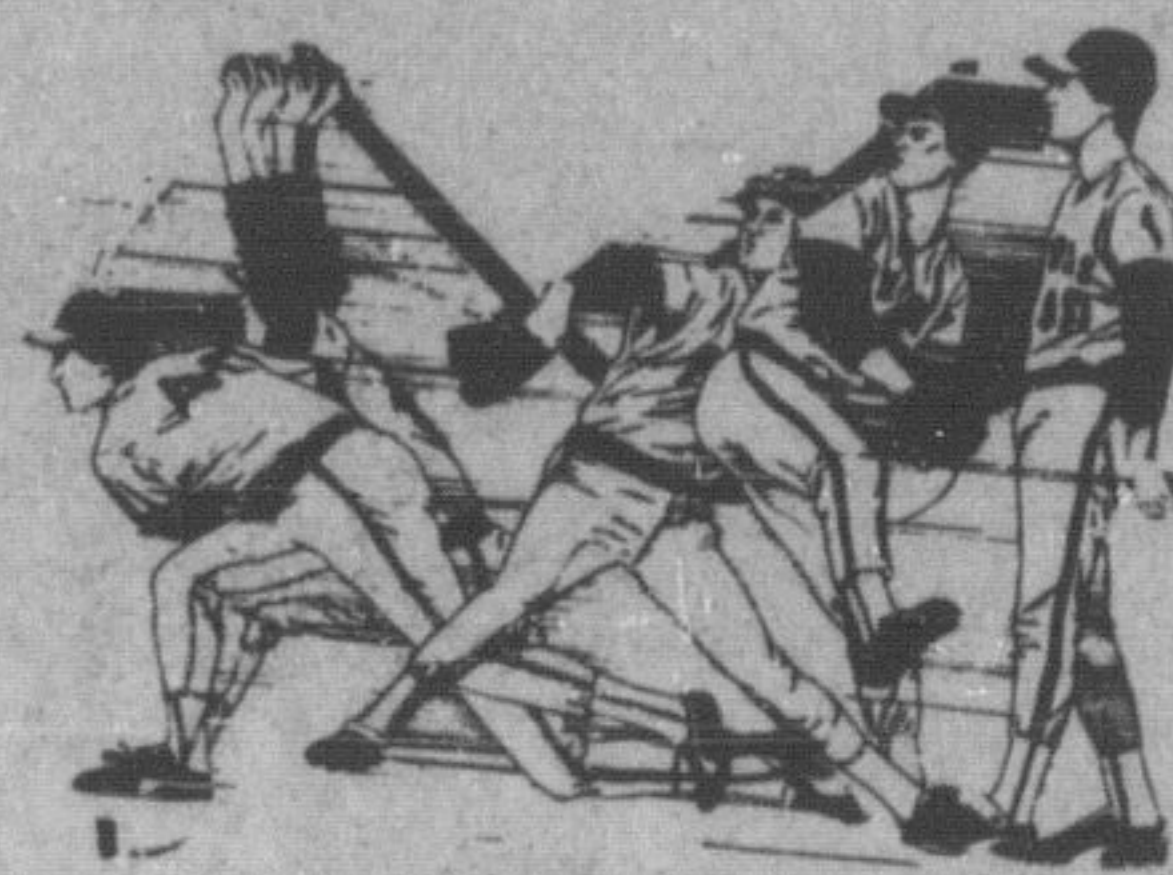
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Get tickets early for Town & Country

Like a spring in-turn to the wall on an outside sheet, we're on a downhill slide to the end of an interesting year.

With the advent of spring rains, and thoughts turning to golf and other pleasantries, it's hard to work up the proper enthusiasm necessary to wrap up the details of another season at the roaring game. However, stand by, there's still a lot of fun things to happen yet before Sid pulls the plug.

Of primary importance, of course, is the upcoming Town and Country closing spiel scheduled for April 12-17. Rating sheets and sign-up lists went up Monday night. If past experience and current gossip is any indicator, we strongly advise you to get to the club early and sign on to ensure a spot.

Due to some imaginative committee work, the ratings promise to be a little more representative than normal, and teams should be a lot better matched due to the decision to form rinks by drawing names from a hat. In all, many of the problems created by people being left out, and stacked rinks taking over draws have been eliminated by these significant changes.

For those people new to this spiel, and those who have gotten away from it in recent years, this bonspiel has to be the premier event of the year. It's a time for all curlers to mix in some fun

Curling Cues

with CRAIG KERR



(and semi-serious) curling, have some great food, and take away some great memories to recall as a starter for next year's activities. And, oh yes, everyone gets a prize. How can you lose?

On Friday night, March 26, the ever ambitious social committee kicks off what is headlined as the Silver Dollar Nite. Basically, it's your old Monte Carlo night, with a few strings attached (pardon the pun). Winners of Funny Money at blackjack, Over and Under, Crown and Anchor etc. get a chance to pull a string attached to an unknown prize.

All of this good fun is enhanced by the mysterious 'Silver Dollar Fizz' at 50 cents a go. Word is that this is the latest drink to come out of Vegas but we hear there are a lot of frantic and

giddy experiments taking place in the McKay household trying to come up with a concoction that lives up to the advance billing.

In any event, we're guaranteed it will be better than the Tequila Sunrises, so why not take an evening off and join the high rollers at the club.

On Saturday, two of the many Milton rinks that started off in the annual Brampton Flower town spiel, made it back for a chance at in the final day shoot-outs.

Ron Rowley's rink of Ken Armstrong, Steve Brancier and Craig Thomas were shooting the lights out all week, and in local opinion, were headed for the top spot Saturday. Unfortunately, as often happens in this game, the wheels came off at the most inopportune time, and the guys finished up with third place in the third event.

Ron Tracey's rink of old boys was the second team back for Saturday, and on this final day were led by J. M. Plumtree in lieu of Ron, Curling with Jim were Don Gibson, Leo Furlan and Reg Corp. This fearless foursome also pulled off a third place in the ever tough seniors event.

On March 11, Willie Peddie with Noreen Hurren, Heather Comba and Carol Clarke won their draw in the Guelph Country Club invitational. In the end, they were only two small points away from the overall trophy.

Minor hockey

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Jayne Industrial 7
Apple Eaters 4
A three-goal effort from Brad Wells stood up to be the margin of difference in the game as Jayne moved into a tie for first place.

Brent Pearson pumped home a pair of goals for Jayne with Rory Bergin and Bruce Thomson adding singles.
Jean-Claude Pasche paced Apple Eaters with three goals while Ron Basada picked up a single.

Guardian Drags 2
Allan Dairou scored twice to lift Inor to the win. Mark Brewer and Brent Cross added singles.

Mike Phillips and Darren Woods replied with singles for Guardian.

SuperSave 5
Parion Real Estate 2
Murray Vandenheuvel went on

a scoring rampage with four goals as SuperSave got untracked for the win and a tie for third just a point out of first.

Fred Campbell added a single for SuperSave while Kevin Gervais and Steven Maggio replied with singles for Parion.

SENIOR
Milton Bus Lines 6
Pigment & Chemical 3
Excellent hustling and crisp passing enabled Bus Lines to roll up a 6-3 win.

Scott Kerr led Bus Lines with two goals while Mark Simpson, Don Christensen, Brian Bergin and Norm Hilson added singles to the varied attack.

J. Dezeuw and Ric Marucci picked up two assists apiece while single assists went to Brian Bergin, Christensen, Joe Bergin, Simpson and Scott

Morey. Greg Parent put in a good effort between the pipes.

Bob Atkins paced Pigment & Chemical with two goals while Dan Reeves picked up a single. Warren Melanson picked up assists.

Harris Stationery 5
Bill's Auto Body 2
Despite missing two key players, Harris picked up the slack with a strong team effort to produce the much-needed win to stay in playoff contention.

Ken Birch paced the attack with three goals with Sean Martin and Steve Duguay earning single goals. Mike Campbell picked up three assists. Blair Appleton put in a steady effort in goal and came up with some sharp saves.

Kevin Marino and Andy Garvie replied with singles for Bill's Auto.

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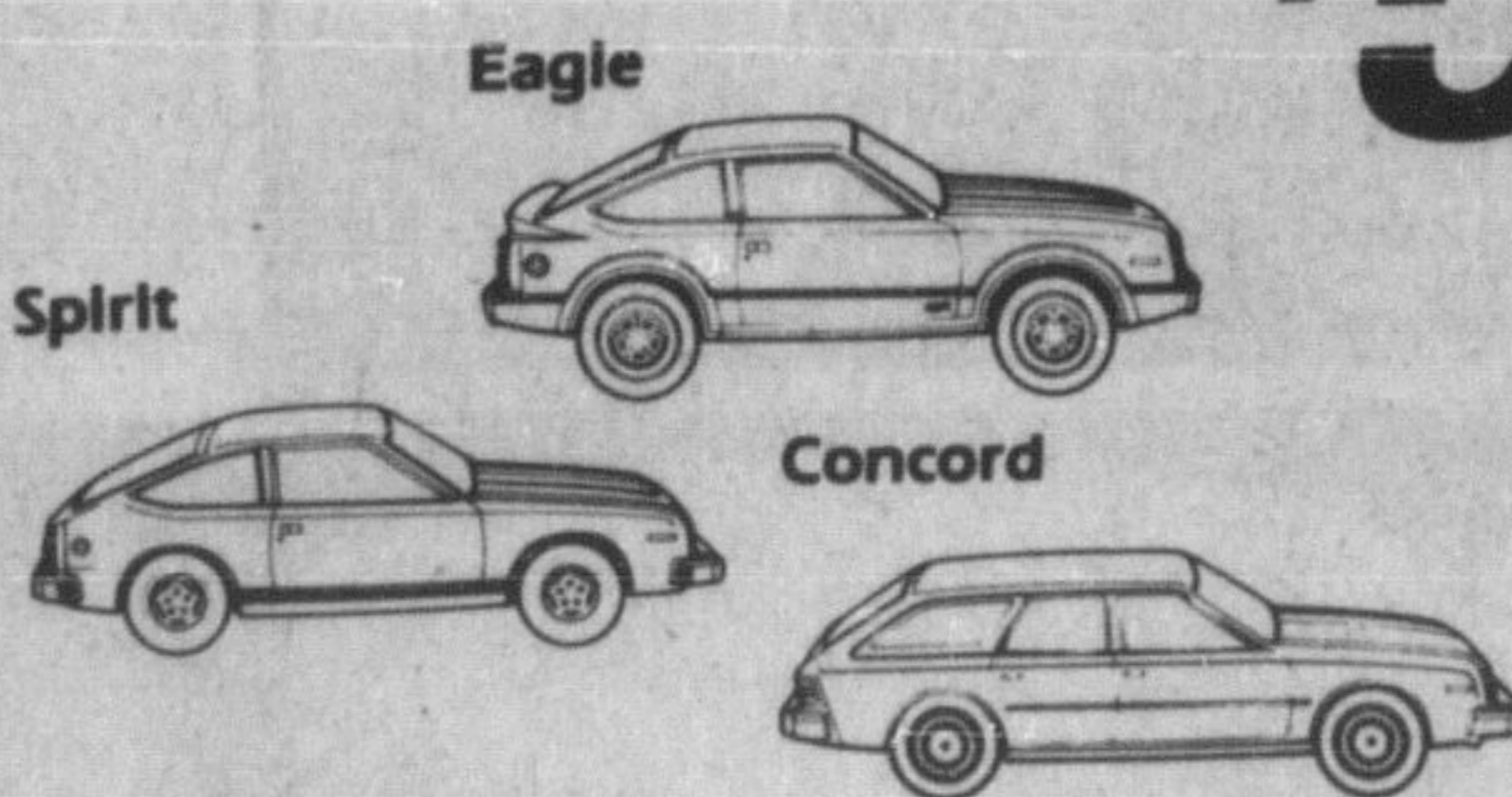
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