

They almost win it

Season-opening draw gives minor atoms a boost

Milton Valvoline Oil minor atoms opened their Peel-Halton Soccer League season in fine style Tuesday evening tying Burlington 1-1 at Brian Best Park in a game Oilers dominated with excellent passing plays.

In the first half, the Milton team frequently penetrated the Burlington end with pin-point passing plays on the right side where Danny Medlar and Paul Cresswell were particularly effective. However, it was not until newcomers Paul Sutherland and Jason Penman came into the game as substitutes, just before half-time, that Oilers

showed much punch in front of goal. Sutherland immediately had the fans on their feet as he hit a goal post with the Burlington goalie well beaten.

Meanwhile at the other end of the field, the Milton defence reigned supreme as Doug Osborne and Mike Glidden controlled the centre of the field and Luke Doering and Robert Dero the two flanks. Any balls which got past them being very competently handled by goalie Scott MacDonald.

Oilers went on the attack early in the second half with the thrust coming from the

left side as Barry Cason combined well with Sutherland who was making quite a mark in his first game. It was from a super pass across from the left corner by Sutherland that Penman pushed well clear of the goalie, that the Oilers went ahead at the 11-minute mark.

Oilers continued to have the better of the play but in the closing minutes the defence tired and failed to clear the ball from their penalty area, allowing Burlington a shot which gave MacDonald no chance.

Overall, it was an excellent start for the

team which features a number of new faces. It is a credit to the Milton system and the house-league coaches that two players of the calibre of Sutherland and Penman can come up to the team and make such an impression after spending last year in the Squirt house-league.

Oilers are going to be losing two old stalwarts in Paul Cresswell, who is off to Europe for two months, and Doug Osborne, who is leaving town. However, the future still looks good for the team as a newcomer

to town, Mark Wild, looks capable of filling Osborne's shoes.

Wild, playing in his first serious game of soccer on Tuesday evening, showed excellent moves with the ball and only needs a little work on his positional play to make the grade. Another newcomer with potential is Ryan McLean who showed some nice touches at inside forward.

Oilers visit Brampton this week with their next home game, against Streetsville, next Tuesday evening at Brian Best Park with the kick-off at 7 p.m.

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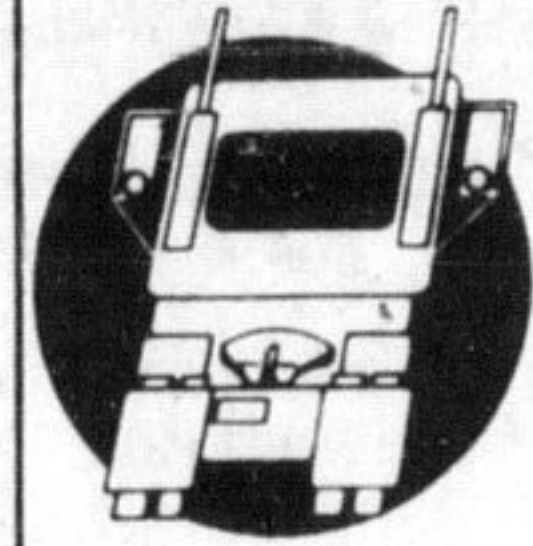
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Steenhof's wins lead midget team

The girls — and the youngest girls of the lot — will carry all of Milton District High School's hopes in track and field from now on.

Led by the spectacular running of Brenda Steenhof, the midget girls (15 and under) earned all MDHS laurels at the



Brenda Steenhof

Peel-Halton championships last week at Centennial Stadium in Toronto. The midget team received some fine supporting performances in running to the championship in midget girls.

The achievement was the first for MDHS in track and field at this level of competition.

Steenhof overcame constant and driving rain to post victories in the 1500 and 3,000 metres setting a Peel-Halton record in the 3,000 in a time of 10 minutes and 36.1 seconds. To cap it off, she also finished second in the 800 metres during the one-day event.

Her accomplishments were even more noteworthy given the times between some events. She ran the speedy 800 metres just one hour after completing and setting a record in the 3,000.

Also coming through with strong performances were Michelle Heron who was fourth in both the 100 and 200 metres. Jill Tracey ran second in the 400 and followed it up with a fourth in the 800 metres. In addition, the midget girls relay team, comprised of Karen Wright, Vicki Lindmark, Tracey and Heron, was fourth.

All three girls and the relay team now move on to the regionals Thursday (tomorrow) at Centennial Stadium. Joining them from MDHS will be the only non-midget girl to advance, Cindie Funk, who was fourth in the senior girls' shot put.

The midget girls finished the competition with 52 points, five in front of Central Peel, for the championship of their division.

Hornby tourney set to go with a composite of teams

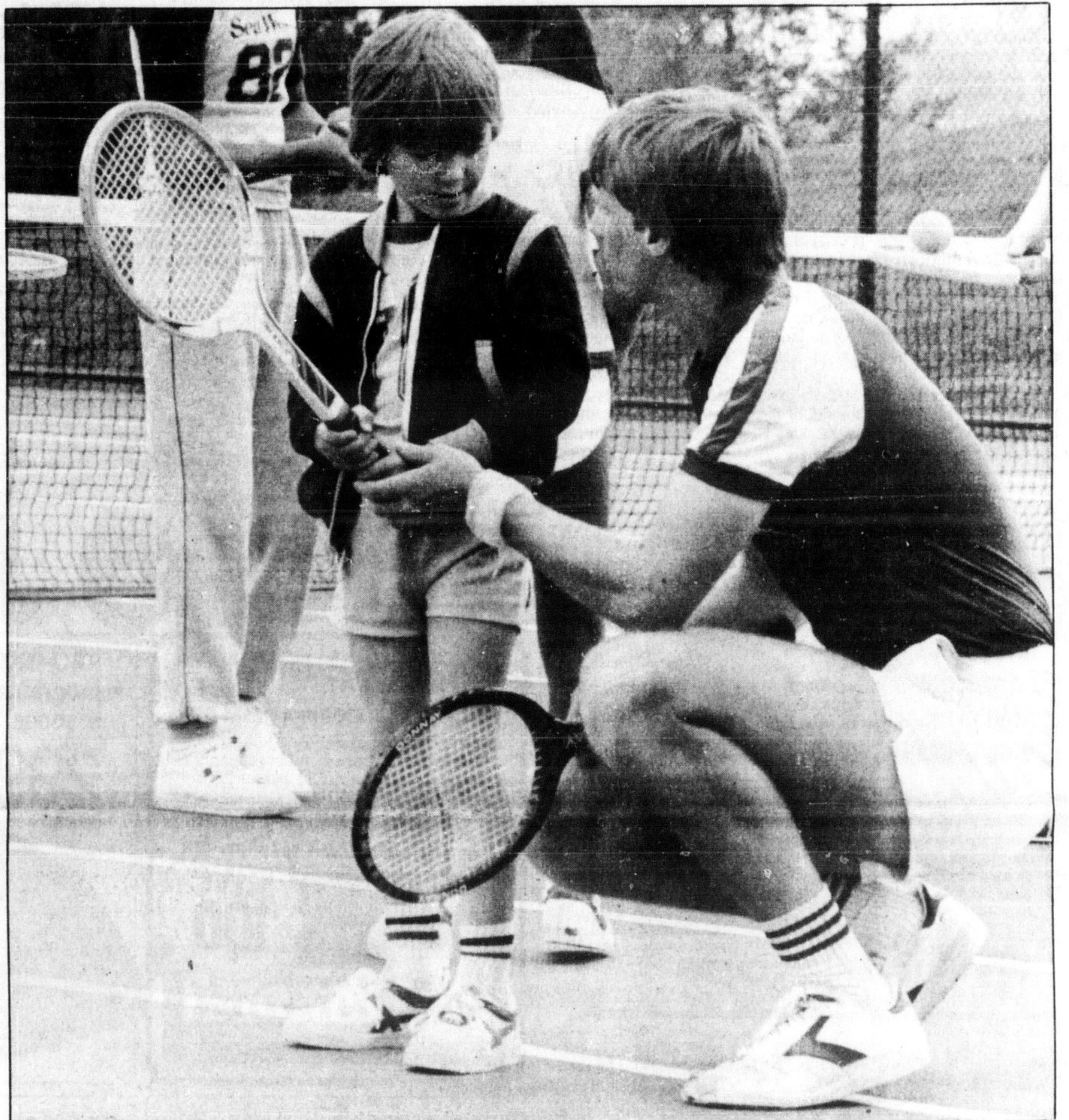
Several junior, industrial and intermediate fastball teams are slated to make up the slate for the Hornby Fastball Tournament this weekend at Hornby ball park.

Just seven teams have been confirmed for the event but they are a diverse group. Junior teams from Binbrook and Cambridge are on the list as well as the Cambridge intermediate squad.

They join Thornborrow Oilers and Remax-Miltowne, from the Milton Fastball League, Glen Williams and Alton on the list.

Tourney organizers are aiming for either eight or 12 to take part in the double-knockout event. Other possible entries include defending champion Whalers Wharf, McDuffe Equipment (of the MFL), Bronte Auto Parts, Fergus, Freelon and junior teams from Grimsby, Caledonia and Agincourt.

The first game is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday featuring Binbrook juniors, which is touted to be one of the province's leading junior clubs. Admission is \$1 per day.



Ian Roberts spent Saturday afternoon helping out with junior tennis players at the Milton Tennis Club. Here he gives Gregory Leithead a few pointers. The opening of the club,

slated for Saturday, June 6, has added Milton Steamer coach Tom Martin and Toronto Sun sports editor George Gross to the list for celebrity tennis.

Who are the top players?

A long and somewhat interesting season of play in the Milton Hockey League officially comes to a close Friday when the league holds its annual banquet at Lions Hall.

A total of 10 trophies are up for grabs as well as a good time for all concerned.

During the first round of the playoffs, The Champion handed out a questionnaire to all six teams concerning the players they thought were the best in certain categories. Here are the results.

Best shot: This was about the closest category with just two players really earning any points. Paul McCann (of Miltowne Realty) just nudged out Dave Harnden (of John Burns Stable) for first place.

Best forward in a one-on-one: Bob Baker (MR) was the clear winner. In second place was Eric Ellison (Racer's Edge) followed by Rick Bridgman (of Lou's Place). Gord Lyons (Chrysler-Dodge) and Duane Stark (MR) also received a good number of votes.

Best passer: This was also a close category with Jay Norland (JBS) coming out ahead. Ellison and Ray Delegarde (MR) followed right behind with Bridgman and Les Wilson (JBS) also getting some votes.

Best stickhandler: This group was almost identical to the second category showing the same techniques. Baker was a clear winner ahead of Ellison. Mike Murray (RE) and Harnden followed.

Cleanest player: It's apparent that most players think a lot of the way Rob Champoux plays hockey. He was a clear winner in this group. Buddy Thomas (RE) and Dave Heipel (JBS) were second and third and there wasn't anybody else who rated more than one vote.

Dirtiest player: A little bit more wide open than the previous group, Mike Murray nudged out Mitch Lajeunesse (CD) for the top honors. Others mentioned were Brett Patterson (RE), Dean Villa (RE) and Randy Murray (SLF).

Hardest to check: This brought out two different styles of players. The win-

mike boyle



ner was Baker with Ellison right behind. But Patterson and Mike Murray got many votes as well.

Hardest Bodychecker: This was almost the private domain of Patterson and John Arnold (CD) with Patterson winning. Lajeunesse and Keith Michie (MR) also picked up some votes.

Best defenceman in a one-on-one: There was little doubt that MHL players fear Norland the most. He won easily. Gord Adams (LP) and Arnold followed far behind.

Best goalie: This was also very close. Phil Bailey (JBS) took top honors just ahead of Craig Jubb (SLF) and Ron Rowlin (LP). Also receiving votes were Mike Shepherd (MR) and Don Bell (CD).

Goalie who gives most trouble in goal area: Another close race with just two goalies mentioned frequently. Shepherd finished first ahead of Ed House (SLF).

Best defenceman overall: Norland again was the winner far ahead of Adams for second place. Arnold and Mike Murray were the only other players to receive first-place votes.

Best forward overall: In a close vote, Baker was first with Ellison, Bridgman, Dave Heipel and Thomas getting points.

Most likeable player on the ice: In another close vote, Les Wilson won out nudging Champoux by a few votes.

There you have it. The poll was conducted without receiving ballots from every player in the league. In fact, some teams handed in full questionnaires while others were sketchy. This

is unscientific and only meant to be interesting.

We know that Tom Martin can coach. But can he play tennis?

We'll all find out Saturday June 6 when he joins many other celebrities in the grand opening of the Milton Tennis Club.

He'll take part in the celebrity tennis part of the day joining other newly confirmed people as George Gross, sports editor of the Toronto Sun, and possibly Toronto Maple Leafs' John Anderson.

Several prizes for the lucky draw have also been finalized. There will be passes to the Canadian Tennis Open which this year features Carling Bassett, Canada's young sensation. In addition, an AM-FM radio is up for grabs. It looks like a fun afternoon.

Milton Minor Hockey selected its 1983-84 executive last night. Unfortunately, press deadlines prevent me from telling you the winners. But I can tell you who was presented at the annual meeting by the nominating committee to make up the slate. The slate does not necessarily mean those persons were elected.

Here it is: President, Mike Atkinson; vice-president Larry Scott; second vice-president Joe McCann; treasurer Bill Harrison; and secretary John Morgan.

The directors nominated were Tom Blanchard, Ken Bradley, Vince Butler, Ted Heagle, Doug Heggie, Ron Appleton, Rick Downs, Darryl Taylor and Tom Johnson.

This year the constitution is being rewritten so that there could be no amendments last night. It probably went quietly and quickly.

In fastball tournament action over the weekend, Thornborrow Oilers won one and lost one in Bradford to be eliminated from the rain-delayed event.

Oilers won the first game 16-0 in five innings over Sundridge with Ed Dunn throwing a perfect game. However, the club dropped a close 3-2 decision in 10 innings to Rexdale.



Putting it away

Two athletes from E.C. Drury and four athletes and the midget girls relay team from MDHS advanced to the regional secondary school track and field championships tomorrow (Thursday).