



A hit: Blizzard player Julius Sono was a hit with the youngsters, taking them under his wing and showing them tricks during the Blizzard soccer clinic. 10-year-old Puneet Kapur watches Julius juggle the ball with all parts of his body but his hands and arms during an exercise on ball control.

## Milton Night is tonight

# Blizzard clinic a soccer hit

The early part of the year kept many soccer players away from the second annual Blizzard soccer clinic at Brian Best Park Saturday. The clinic was much improved and better organized as the 100 or so players who did participate would acknowledge.

The clinic is part of a program promoting soccer organized and co-sponsored by The Canadian Champion and The Milton Youth Soccer Club under the watchful eye of local soccer enthusiast John Morgan.

Tonight (Wednesday), the second part of the program will take place when several busloads of Milton soccer players and fans will watch the Blizzard play Chicago Sting in a North American League Soccer League contest at Exhibition Stadium a. Milton Night at the Blizzard.

Before the match, two Milton peewee girls' teams will play an exhibition match on the CNE's artificial turf. The bus will be ready at Milton Mall to take the players from the teams to the CNE at 4.45 p.m. today.

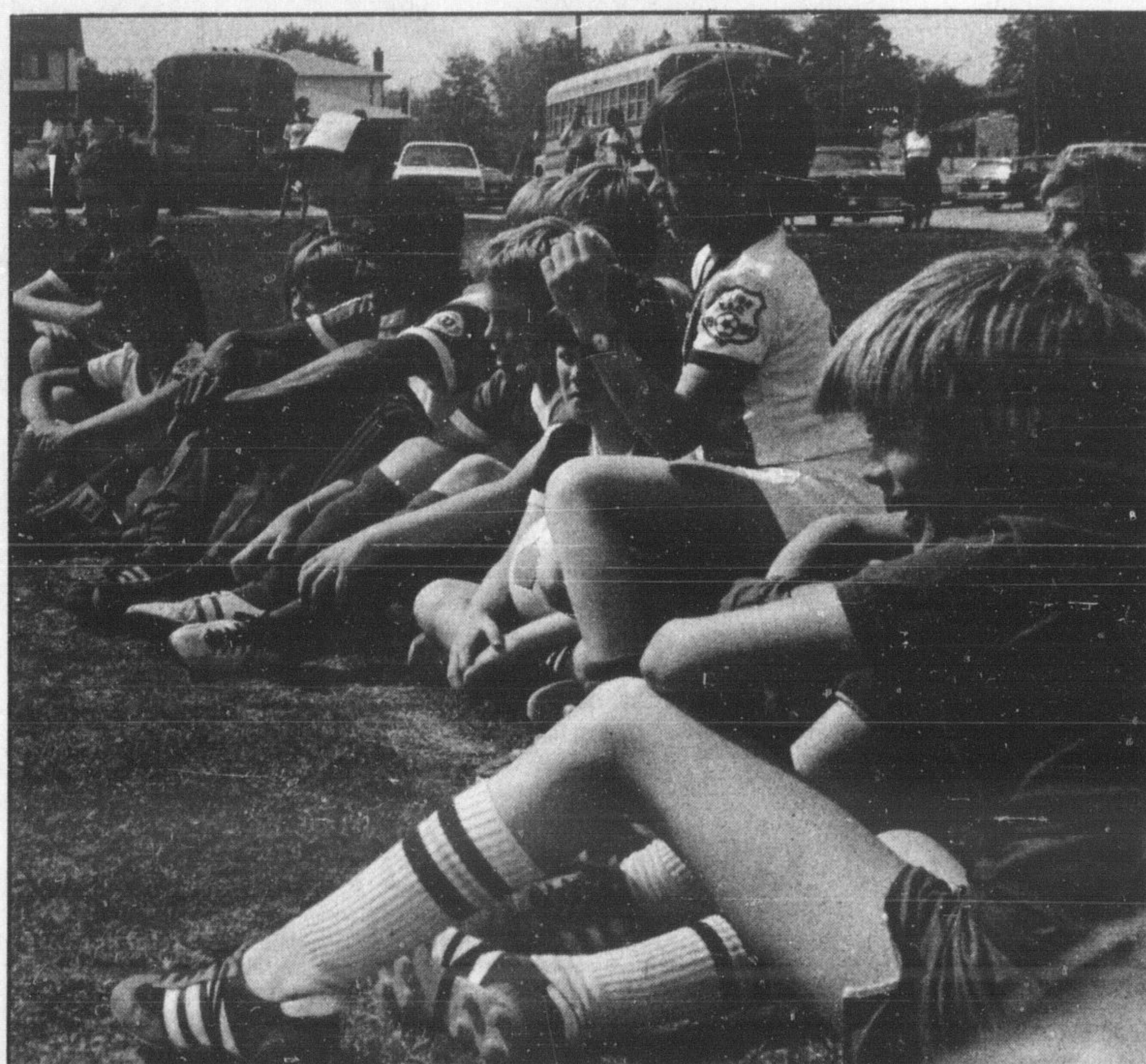
The clinic went off quite well with South African Julius Sono, brother of Blizzard star Jomo Sono, becoming an instant favorite with the youngsters.

Sono arrived to the park about an hour before the 3 p.m. scheduled start and played pick-up soccer with the kids up and down the field for a full hour before the clinic.

Once the clinic was underway, Sono entertained the players with his vast array of soccer skills and encouraged the youngsters to stay with him. At 22, the South African star is on his way to a career not unlike his brother's.

About 100 players attended the clinic, which was disappointing to the organizers but not totally unexpected. The soccer season has been underway for just a week and many players had other commitments or weren't as headstrong into soccer at the earlier date as they might be later in the year.

The clinic was run by Blizzard teaching coach Joe Schiraldi, an excellent teacher who had good control over the youngsters. Along with Sono, the Blizzard sent 19-year-old Dave McQueen who played his minor soccer for the Wexford Soccer Club, in Scarborough.



Listening: Blizzard teaching coach Joe Schiraldi organized the soccer players into a circle before sending them to quick five-minute exercises. A large group of players always gathered around Julius Sono. The Blizzard also sent 19-year-old Dave McQueen, an up-and-coming player, who played his minor soccer with the Wexford club in Scarborough.

# Oilers set pace in MFL openers

A new name, a new outlook and several new players have produced the same old result for George Thornborrow BP Shell's fastball team.

Thornborrow Oilers which revamped after the famous Stags went their various ways, got down to the business of winning games in the Milton Fastball League last week.

Oilers ran up two big scores dumping McDuffe Equipment 6-2 in the league opener last Monday before handing Lowville Benders the worst defeat of the week by an 11-1 margin.

The league premiere between McDuffe and Oilers was a rematch of last year's championship series which Thornborrow won in five games. However, the rematch was over in the bottom of the first inning when the first three batters scored before an out.

In other action last week, Fifth Wheel and Colbeck Realty World were the only teams to remain undefeated after two games with a win and a tie.

The new and improved version of Fifth Wheel, which won just five games last year, doubled the score on Miltonwe Real Estate (Hornby) 4-2 before tying Colbeck (Omagh) in a scoreless pitching duel between Fifth Wheel's Norm Topping and Colbeck's Don Martin.

In Colbeck's other game, the team walked through first-year entry The Racer's Edge 7-2.

Miltonwe got on the win column with an 8-1 win over Racer's Edge while Thruway Mufflers also emerged with a split during the week blanking Lowville 6-0 before losing to McDuffe, just three hits and had a no-hitter going until the fifth inning.

Oilers opened the scoring in the bottom of the first. Norm Mowbray led off with a single and took third on an error. Mowbray scored on Bill Brush's single who followed Mowbray home when Don Hearn's followed Brush to the plate and belted a two-run smash over the right-field fence.

Mowbray tripled home Mowbray in the second inning for a 4-0 lead which Oilers upped to 6-0 in the fourth. Bruce Miller singled home Roger Johnson with one run before scoring on Don Cluett's single.

McDuffe got on the board in the fifth inning when Hugh Williams came home on a fielder's choice and added a single run in the seventh when Paul Larmer's second hit of the game scored Williams.

Oilers handed the new Lowville entry its second big loss of the week overcoming a 1-0 disadvantage with a run in the second and two more in the fourth before salting it away with eight runs in the sixth.

Ed Dunn went the distance for the win while Rick King suffered his second loss and saw his ERA swell to 9.15.

Bernie Johnson paced Oilers assault on Lowville with three hits including a home run and three RBIs. Ray Tonelli, in his first game with Oilers, belted a three-run homer. Loris Faggion, Geoff O'Brien, Cluett and Johnson chipped in to Oilers offence with two hits apiece.

McDuffe bounced back from its opening-game loss as Keith McKinnon threw a three-hit, complete-game shutout over



Over-shoulder-catch: Miltonwe's Tony Tielemans makes a great catch over his shoulder in foul territory during Miltonwe's 8-1 win over The Racer's Edge last week. George Trencs runs out to help him. Miltonwe, the former Hornby squad, split its first two games in the league.

MILTON FASTBALL				
	G	W	L	Pct.
Thorn. Oilers	2	2	0	1.000
Colbeck	2	1	0	.750 1/2
Fifth Wheel	2	1	0	.750 1/2
Miltonwe	2	1	1	.500 1
Mufflers	2	1	1	.500 1
McDuffe	2	1	1	.500 1
Racer's Edge	2	0	2	.000 2
Lowville	2	0	2	.000 2

Last week's results				
Oilers 6, McDuffe 2				
Mufflers 6, Lowville 0				
Colbeck 7, Racers Edge 2				
Fifth Wheel 4, Miltonwe 2				
McDuffe 4, Mufflers 0				
Oilers 11, Lowville 1				

Miltonwe 8, Racers Edge 1  
Fifth Wheel 0, Colbeck 0

Future Games  
Wednesday—Lowville vs Colbeck, 7 p.m.; Racer's Edge vs Thornborrow BP Oilers, 8.30 p.m.  
Thursday—Thruway Mufflers vs Fifth Wheelies, 7 p.m.; Miltonwe Real Estate vs McDuffe Equipment, 8.30 p.m.; Thornborrow Oilers vs Colbeck at Omagh, 8.30.  
Monday—Colbeck vs McDuffe, 7 p.m.; Lowville vs Miltonwe, 8.30 p.m.  
Tuesday—Fifth Wheelies vs Thornborrow Oilers, 7 p.m.; Racer's Edge vs Lowville, 8.30 p.m.; Thruway Mufflers vs Miltonwe at Hornby, 8.30 p.m.

Thruway.  
McDuffe scored all the runs they needed in the first inning. Williams hit a double and scored on Doc McCutcheon's double. Pete McDuffe followed with an RBI-single driving in Doc.  
McKinnon salted away his own win by driving in Doug McLaughlin with the team's third run before Rick McTach's third-inning single drove in Pete McDuffe with the game's final run.  
Ted Moore pitched three innings for

Mufflers and suffered the loss. Paul Kinsmen, Ray Griswold and Dennis Glead were the only Mufflers' batters to get hits off lefty McKinnon.

Thruway opened the year with a 6-0 bashing of Lowville. Nick Gauthier earned the win on the mound allowing Benders just four hits and scored what proved to be the winning run in the first inning when he walked and came around to score on Griswold's single. Griswold scored on Brian Peavoy's triple.

Kinsmen's triple in the second inning scored Doug Williams with the game's third run. Williams' single in the next inning drove home two more runs to seal the win. In the sixth, Peavoy hit his second triple of the game and scored on Mike Mullins single.

The final game of the week featured Fifth Wheel and Colbeck in a head-to-head pitchers duel among undefeated teams and both squads remained unbeaten after the game.

Colbeck's Don Martin struck out 13 batters and allowed just two hits. He didn't allow a walk and his teammates helped him out by not committing any errors.

Meanwhile, Fifth Wheelies' Norm Topping was mowing down Colbeck's batters at a similar speed striking out seven, allowing five hits and one walk. Steve Inglehart, for Colbeck, was the only batter to collect more than one hit with two safeties.

Colbeck won its first game by a 7-2 score over Racer's Edge as the anemic Colbeck hitting attack broke through scoring runs in four innings.

Dave Martin led Colbeck with three hits including a triple and a homer and drove in four runs to back the fine six-hit pitching of Al Fenton.

Pat Devlin managed two hits for The Edge and collected one RBI.

Fifth Wheel proved to be poor hosts to the new Miltonwe team as Mark Grenke threw a six-hitter on his way to a 4-2 complete-game victory.

Les DeForest broke a 1-1 tie with a two-run double in the third inning. Triples contributed to Fifth Wheel's other runs. Grenke singled in DeForest, who had tripled, with the game's first run in the first inning. Kevin Smith's triple knocked in Dave DeCaire with the final run.

Kip Jaques knocked in one Miltonwe run with a single in the third and Glenn McClure's RBI single in fifth scored Frank Robinson. George Trencs suffered the loss on the mound.

Racer's Edge didn't have any luck against Miltonwe in each squad's second game of the year with the Hornby-based squad taking an 8-1 win.

Sixteen-year-old hurler Pat Gunby, who pitched for the Virgin Islands in the World midget fastball championships just last month allowed just two hits.

Gunby led the way offensively knocking in Miltonwe's first two runs with a single to start a four-run second inning. Robinson's triple later in the inning scored two more.

Miltonwe connected for 10 hits with Robinson leading the way with three. Steve Gervais and Dave Spencer were the sole Racer's Edge hitters to collect safeties from the teenager's offerings.

# MFL teams go as far as finals in Hornby A & A Rad takes title

Two Milton teams advanced to the final games on both sides of the Hornby Fastball tournament over the weekend only to be defeated in the championship games.

Thornborrow Oilers made it to the grand championship contest only to be felled by a 4-2 margin to Streetsville's A & A Radiator. On the consolation side, Palermo beat McDuffe Equipment 4-1 to take the title.

A & A Rad earned \$400 for the first-place finish while Palermo took home \$250. Thornborrow earned \$200 for their efforts in what was termed by many people in attendance as a successful tournament.

The tourney was organized by the Hornby fastball team (Miltonwe). It began Friday night and concluded Sunday evening under the lights.

Six Milton Fastball League teams competed of the 16 which entered. The only Milton teams which didn't compete were The Racer's Edge and Miltonwe which ran the show.

Thruway Mufflers advanced to the semis of the championship round before being ousted by Oilers 3-1; Fifth Wheel made it to the championship quarters be-

fore losing 2-1 to O'Ryans; Colbeck (Omagh) lost in the consolation quarters to Palermo 6-0; and Lowville was destroyed in both its games.

A & A Rad overcame a 2-0 first-inning disadvantage to score a single run in the second, two in the third and one final run in the seventh while holding off Oilers on three hits the rest of the way to secure the win.

Oilers scored the two runs with two walks, an error and Ange Tonelli's single in the first. Ed Dunn started and lasted until the fifth inning when Tony Broussard relieved him. Dunn took the loss.

Bob Maruccci hit a "questioned" home run for A & A Rad in the second inning. The ball landed near a rope which circled the outfield to keep cars away. A ball hit over the rope was construed to be a homer while one which bounced over was called a ground-rule double. The call was close and ruled a home run.

On the consolation side, Palermo nicked McDuffe starter Keith McKinnon for single runs in the second and fourth innings before salting it away with two clinching runs in the fifth.

# Springer Geniole 2nd best in Ontario

The Milton Springers gymnastic program was left beaming from ear-to-ear after member Paula Geniole captured an overall silver medal in the Tyro B division of the Provincial gymnastics championships over the weekend in Thunder Bay.

Geniole compiled 34.45 points finishing behind the winner from Oshawa Gemini which left her and her family beaming.

"We were just estatic with the results," said Mrs. Geniole who accompanied her daughter to Thunder Bay. "She was calm. I thought she the most calm I'd ever seen her. I still can't believe it."

Paula captured the silver medal on the beam with a mark of 8.75 and a bronze medal on her floor routine with a mark of 8.85. She also competed in the vault and the bars and although scoring high marks was unable to crack the top three for a medal.

Springer Susan James, in her first shot at the provincial meet, finished 11th overall including a fifth on the floor.

A total of 49 gymnasts competed at the meet which drew the best competitors from the province. Kerry Horn accompanied her teammates to Thunder Bay as an alternate, courtesy of her seventh-place finish at the regional championships, but didn't get a chance to compete.

It was Paula's third time at the provincial championships. In the two preceding years, she was 12th in her first meet and improved to 10th last year. But the jump to second this year is indicative of the improvement she has shown. Paula remained in Thunder Bay until today (Wednesday) and couldn't be reached for comment.

Having finished second in the provincial stream, Paula may entertain thoughts of moving up to the national stream where stiffer competition will be found.

However, with the nearest clubs with national-stream coaches only as close as Cambridge and Mississauga, Mrs. Geniole said a decision wouldn't be entertained until well into the summer.

Altogether, 12 people from the club made the trek to Thunder Bay.

The competitive season concluded with the provincial championships. The competitive Springer members will put on a show at Harbourfront in Toronto Saturday before winding down for the summer.