



Lester and Barbara Wood have made a large contribution to gymnastics in Milton. Each has served on the board of directors with Milton Springers and Mr. Wood is the present president of the Ontario Gymnastics Federation. It all began more than 10 years ago when they were looking for a form of recreation for their three daughters.

Woods give gymnastics local, provincial involvement

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When Lester and Barbara Wood moved to Milton in 1972, they wanted an activity that their three daughters could participate in and meet new friends with. The only organized sports in the town were hockey and skating.

Then, with the excitement of the 1972 Olympic Games and Olga Korbut, gymnastics became popular and Joan Boothby started a gymnastics club in Milton the following year. The Woods enrolled their daughters Suzanne, Kerry and Melanie in the club, at various ages, and from there, grew a commitment and dedication to the sport that is still strong years later.

The club rule was that parents had to volunteer at meets and other activities, from time to time, and the Woods readily agreed. Suzanne, their eldest daughter now 21, began gymnastics at age 8 and continued for nine years. She was the strongest in gymnastics and went to the provincial championships three times, winning a silver medal in the vault competition.

By 1974, Mr. Wood was the president of the Halton Gym Club and acting head coach in 1976, while Mrs. Wood was the registrar of the gym club and then acting co-head coach as well. In 1977, Janet Campbell was hired as head coach of the club.

"We are not really professional coaches, and so we decided to hire someone who was trained in this field," said Mrs. Wood. "Janet graduated from York University in Physical Education and is really qualified."

Oilers shine in 1-0 win

The old expression "there's no place like home" did not seem to be the case as Milton Valvoline Oil Under-12 reps travelled to Brampton to win 1-0 and defeat a team they have never beaten on home ground.

The game was tough defensively with neither team having many scoring opportunities. Goalies were strong as were the defence players of both teams.

Milton put the pressure on midway through the first half and Tim Shier made a good move deep in his own half to send a long pass down the left wing to Donny Smulders who hit a rising shot and sent the ball into the Brampton net.

The second half was much the same as the first with action going end-to-end and neither team getting many scoring chances. The play in midfield was tight with close checking and tough tackling a problem for the Oilers who have not been able to play like this in previous years, but this year have put it together to win more games.

Scott MacDonald played well in net and picked up his fourth shutout of the season. Milton hosts Streetsville tonight before travelling to Ottawa for a Labour Day tournament on Friday. They return Monday and finish their league season next Wednesday at Thompson Rd. field against Caledon.

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U12 girls go to Oakville semi

In their fourth tournament of the season, the Milton Girls Selects Under-12 soccer club played their best games of the season and progressed into the final four of the tournament.

The Oakville Regional tournament involved 10 teams and Milton progressed to the final four after two strong defeats against Scarborough and Brampton as well as a narrow loss to the tournament finalists of Burlington.

In their game against Scarborough, Milton Selects came ready to play with some fine passing plays amongst the forwards to net a 5-1 win. Alison Martin scored twice with singles going to Cheryl Wisson, Marsha Van Cedar and Tracy Faulkner.

Scarborough scored a late goal to spoil the Milton shutout for Jenny Does but the team played well together and contributed to the win.

After a strong win, Milton could not defeat Burlington who got an early goal and they lost 1-0.

The Selects needed to win against Brampton to remain in the tournament and they did with Alison Martin and Tracy Faulkner scoring late in the second half to lead Milton to the semi-finals against Grimsby.

In their previous two meetings Grimsby came up the winners, and have won two tournaments this year already. Milton were ready for the stiff competition and came back from

a 3-0 deficit in the second half to pull within one as Sandra Catalano converted a penalty following a strong run from Emma Cason. Marsha Van Cedar beat the Grimsby goalie with a long shot into the roof of the net after good passing between Louise Platts, Carla Johnston and Nicole Doucette. Grimsby broke away near the end

of the game however, to earn a 4-2 win over Milton who played their best game of the year. Strong players for Milton were Suzanne Mason who shut down the speedy Grimsby wingers, and Lisa Smith, Victoria Jarvis and Julia Lynch for solid defensive plays. All-round efforts were put out by Kyla Zachary and Tanya Primok.

Under 10s learn ropes in club's first tourney

It was a day of experience gained and fun for Milton's under-10 girls select soccer team Saturday.

Participating in the Oakville Regional girls soccer Tournament, the young Milton side generated but one goal in three games. However, that goal stood up in a 1-1 draw with Scarborough 'B'. In other games, Milton fell 3-0 to Scarborough 'A' and 4-0 to Guelph.

In the opener, against Scarborough 'A', Milton dominated the first half but found themselves trailing 2-0 midway through the game. Inside right forward Michelle Maynard, left winger Kim MacDonald, and defender Shona Cameron played well in a losing cause for Milton.

Milton's second game was played in a driving rainstorm. Despite the poor elements, the contest with Scar-

boro 'B' was an exciting affair with Maynard scoring Milton's goal in a 1-1 draw. Forwards, Kelly Douglas, Susan Prentice and Jackie Sweetland, and defender Meridith Lis played well.

In their final game, Milton was out-classed by Guelph which dominated the game. Only superb goalkeeping from Linda Lipari - who stopped about eight good scoring chances - prevented the score from becoming embarrassing.

Despite the losses, Milton coaches Fran Frampton and Wendy Marak said they were pleased with the efforts of the youngsters. The club was comprised of players selected from the six Milton teams in the G.I.R.L.S. league. Although the club had eight practices, the team managed but one exhibition game.

Out of OBA

Peewees fall short in big games

The George Seehaver major peewee rep baseball team had their two biggest games of the season this past week and came up short in both.

In game three of the best-of-three OBA semi-final, Seehaver hosted Bowmanville last Tuesday and came out on the losing end of a heartbreaking 8-7 loss.

The Welders only managed five hits led by Kevin O'Donnell with a single, a run scored and an RBI. Ryan Peddie doubled and drove in two, while Damien Dubien and David McDuffe each singled and scored once. Philip Grieg hit safely and scored twice while Todd Mulley and Stewart Williams each scored once to round out the offence.

With the game tied in the seventh, Bowmanville managed to score their eighth run against Mulley to win and the right to go to the All Ontario 'B' finals against Tecumseh as the

Welders could not score in the bottom of the seventh inning.

At the CNE, the Milton squad played well as they batted Burlington's triple-A team around the park, but again came up on the losing end with a score of 10-8. Southpaw Dubien took the loss as errors and unearned runs took their toll against the Welders.

Dubien and McDuffe led the Milton attack with three hits each as Dubien also scored three runs and had an RBI. McDuffe scored once and drove in three. Dubien led the Milton offence going five for seven. McDuffe also had a good day going four for six.

Unfortunately, the Milton squad could not advance one more round as they may have had a chance to put someone on the all-star team.

Peddie singled, doubled and scored once, Garth Moore hit safely and scored and Mulley added a single

while Trevor Brandt and O'Donnell scored and added an RBI to finish the Welder offence.

Although the season is over the Welders should be proud of their accomplishments, said coach Gerry Dubien, and look forward to next year. They batted well with a .588 average winning 10 games out of 17.



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