

League's Pop is crackling with snappy enthusiasm

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Snap! Crackle! Pop!

No doubt, there are some loyal readers who fear I have finally succumbed to cheap, crass commercialism by using a Kellogg trademark but those three words from their famous cereal best describe the sound of my bones the morning after the night before.

And what better way to punctuate a tribute to the MFFL's oldest player, Mike Barbeta, who at fifty-plus doesn't appear to be plagued by the Rice Crispy effect. Playing against opposition who average a quarter of a century younger, Barbeta hardly looks out of place. The wheels may turn slower but the heart and mind more than compensate. Egad, he still dives for receptions.

However, no matter the age, one is likely to never forget or walk away from a collision with the "Grey Fox." Yet he'll be the first one, in true gentlemanly fashion, to pick you up and dust you off.

The true hero of this piece has to be his lovely wife, Robin, whom I'm sure has endured plenty and made Rub A535 a weekly dietary supplement.

Regardless, one look at his boyish grin and I tend to forget that both my spirit and body are often weak. I'm sure I speak for the league in hoping that Mike continues to be an inspiration for us all in years to come.

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This is TV theme week for the MFFL report and what better place to tune into first but the



Flag Football

with JIM MONAGHAN

household of the league's answer to the Bundy family in *Married With Children*, Yorkwood Motors.

They put it together defensively and offensively with three interceptions and seven touchdowns to defeat the Realtors and move into a tie for first place with Remax and the Dickens.

It's not often that "the Pretz" throws an interception but last Tuesday Mike St. John, Barry Turnball and Peter Hohman were willing recipients of Kevin Prendergast offerings. He did connect however on touchdown passes to Bruce McVey, Kirk Honey and Frank Brinkoff, the latter twice. McVey, brother of local legend Bob, also got credit for a two-point convert while Jimmy Simpson split the uprights for another deuce.

Meanwhile the Spandex kid, Rob Scott, matched his highest output in 1990 by finding four teammates in the Realtor end zone. The big meal ticket for the Motormen was the hat trick performance by the speedy Dale Hollingsworth. Reg Witoszkin had another steady game with 12 points while Turnball and Wes

accounted for the other two majors. Turnball completed an excellent evening by kicking six PATs.

Halton Pool 'n Patio 43

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For those who missed this game to watch reruns of Gilligan's Island last Wednesday, you missed a humdinger. Sure there's no argument from me that Tina Louise's gams are more pleasurable to watch than Scott McCallum's, but has she ever used them to kick a last-play field goal to cap an incredible comeback?

Up to the third quarter Traveller pivot Rick Goodings was "the Professor" as he built a 35-13 lead. The big guy could do no wrong, especially on TD passes to Paul Tarc, Mike Barbeta and the two superb majors to an inspired Dom Lepre.

Even veteran Mike Nevins chipped in with an interception return to complement an earlier pick off by Dave Stevenson. Goodings didn't stop there though as he added a Paul Brown TD toss, a Paul Tarc two-point convert and three PATs to his team's totals.

But it was the second half when "Thurston" McCallum and the Poolmen really struck it rich.

Two players integral to the comeback were Jeff Carey and Barry Monaghan, each with two touchdowns and an interception.

Newcomers Owen Grey and Jamie Gransaul also contributed a six pointer each. However, it was McCallum who shone both ways with key defensive flags, timely throws, four converts

and his dramatic, winning field goal.

The Dickens 42

Fat Freddy's 19

These are the voyages of the star-studded Dickens squad. Its next seven games' mission is to recapture first place and boldly win the championship. But the final score in this match is, deceiving as the Restaurateurs' only hit warp speed in the final frame where they scored 20 unanswered points to break open the contest.

The fat men playing the role of Klingons, hung in there 'til the fourth quarter. In fact they overcame a 22-0 lead as QB Dan "The Dancer" McManus located big Neil Fraser once and veteran Peter Daly twice in the Dickens end zone. It didn't hurt that Ron Bourgoyne assisted with a fumble recovery and Rick Barnett had two interceptions and a PAT. It did hurt though that there were some questionable calls made by an obviously inexperienced referee.

Meanwhile Dickens' QB Ray Delgarde has his phasor on full blast with six-pointers to big Anton Burnatowski, Mark Redrup, Mark Bishop and Tom Silcock.

Veteran great Randy Sleightholm had a 14-point game, courtesy of two touchdowns and a passed convert. Defensive highlights for the boys in black included a Delegarde pickoff and a Silcock fumble recovery and scoring return.

The final highlight was a two-point convert by (never to be confused with his brother) the good-looking Mark Bishop.

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Dairou and Dunn represent Red Sox at all-star classic

By BRAD REAUME

Fortunately intermittent weekend rain didn't effect the Saturday night Central Ontario Baseball Association senior baseball All-Star Game in St. Catharines.

Milton's facility, Brian Worst Park, er . . . ah, Brian Best Park proved unplayable after an overnight rain prior to Sunday's COBA senior game between the HJM Red Sox and St. Catharines.

Two Milton players, catcher Doug Dunn and pitcher Al Dairou, played in the all-star game for the Johnson Division, which includes Burlington, Erindale, Streetsville and St. Catharines. The Johnson Division beat the Andrews Division 7-5 with Dairou pitching the final three frames and picking up the save.

Dairou gave up two hits, a bloop over second and a liner off the third baseman's glove. He allowed no runs and struck out five. Dunn entered the game in the fifth inning, when starting catcher Mike Sherwood of Burlington went in to pitch. Dunn was 0-2 at the plate.

Milton player-manager Glen Turner helped coach the Johnson Division team and was impressed with the facilities.

"Thomas Street Park was recently upgraded for the Canadian Junior Championships. It's a great second park, especially when we come back here and after a few hours of rain Brian Best is under water," he said.

St. Catharines' primary baseball facility is Meriton Park, home of the St. Catharines Blue Jays of the New York-Pennsylvania League.

Last week the Red Sox lost to Glanbrook 7-6 on the opposition's home turf. Turner blamed the playing conditions for the Red Sox' poor showing.

"The setting sun was right in the batters' eyes," he said. "They tore up the grass infield in Glanbrook and laid down the gravel dust and it was the first time we'd played on it. As well, the pitchers couldn't see the



Al Dairou

signals because of the shadows, so they got crossed up. All that and there was only one umpire."

The loss drops Milton to 3-11. They play again tomorrow (Thursday) away to St. Catharines at 7:30 p.m.

BOXSCORE

Glanbrook 7
Milton Red Sox 6

Red Sox	ab	r	h	bi	Glanbrook	ab	r	h	bi
Timbers lf	4	0	2	1	Clark cf	5	2	2	0
Corradetti rf	3	1	1	0	McPherson rf	4	2	2	0
McCutch'n rf	1	0	0	0	Foley 1b	5	0	1	0
Galvao cf	4	1	1	1	Wasilik ss	5	0	2	0
Dairou p	3	1	1	0	Smith c	4	0	1	2
Roberts 2b	4	0	0	0	Holman dh	2	1	0	0
Dunn 1b	2	1	1	0	Mazzai 3b	3	1	0	0
G. Turner c	4	0	1	1	Spence 3b	0	0	0	0
Blasko ss	3	1	1	0	Hammond lf	3	0	1	2
J. Turner 3b	4	1	1	0	Rushion 2b	3	0	1	2

Red Sox 000 410 100 - 6
Glanbrook 200 221 00x - 7

E - Blasko 3, J. Turner. LOB - Red Sox 3, Glanbrook 10. 2B - Clark, McPherson, Foley, Hammond, Rushion, Corradetti, G. Turner, Blasko, J. Turner. 3B - Smith. SB - Galvao, Dunn 3, McPherson, Smith 2, Rushion 2.

Red Sox	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milne	4	7	5	4	2	1
Moore (L)	1	3	2	1	1	0
Dairou	3	2	0	0	0	8
Glanbrook	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Post (W)	9	9	6	6	4	8

WP - Post 3, Dairou. HBP - Smith by Milne. Milne pitched to two batters in the fifth, Moore pitched to two batters in the sixth.



Photo by JOHN WARREN

Slip sliding away

Milton Youth Soccer held its sixth annual Friendship Tournament on the weekend. Area teams battled it out under slippery, rainy conditions in Under 10, Under 11, Under 12 and Under 14 play. Milton's Under 10s (above) opened up at Thompson Field at 10:30 and battled Woolwich to a 1-1 tie. Divisional winners were: Newmarket in Under 10; Waterloos in Under 11; Scarborough in Under 12; and Milton in Under 14s. The Optimist Centre provided a refreshment bar and other tournament amenities.

Triple-A Hurricanes need sponsors

With any new organization start-up costs are a major concern. The new Halton AAA Minor Hockey Alliance is no different.

Letters have been sent to the business communities of the seven centres in the zone to raise money for triple-A hockey.

Last spring the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) granted north Halton and surrounding area the right to band together and ice triple-A rep teams.

Acton, Erin, Flamboro, Georgetown, Hillsburgh, Milton and Orangeville now form a triple A zone as part of the OMHA's program to provide every child with the chance to play the highest level of rep hockey.

Taken singularly, the seven centres involved do not have the population base necessary to compete at the triple A level. Together, they hope to



ice teams from minor novice through juvenile.

These teams will be known as the Halton Hurricanes. The organization already has some sponsorships in place. Milton Pro Sports and Skate Exchange will sponsor the minor bantam team and Greenpark will support the major bantams. Two other businesses have shown a real interest, says Jim Lahey, vice-chairman of administration with the Halton AAA Hockey Alliance.

Nine teams still need backers. Community support from business and private individuals is a must if this program will work, he said. "Costs include ice rentals, equip-

ment and administration," he said. "We have to get sweaters, socks, helmets, pants, pucks, pylons, equipment bags, insurance, business supplies, advertising, referees and dozens of other things."

Players wishing to try out for any team must first register with their local associations. The cost of each tryout will be \$5 per participant, per session with six tryout sessions assigned to each team. Workouts start on Aug. 18 and run until Sept. 2.

The tryouts will be held at Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown, Carlisle Arena in Flamborough and Memorial Arena in Milton. Individual dates and times are being worked out, as are the coaching assignments.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a team should call sponsorship chairman Ian Ward at (business) 416-542-1910 or 416-873-4746.