

Indoor soccer game to be decided by league committee

Only two games were completed in weekend Indoor Soccer League play. Hi Five Hair Design downed The Dickens 2-0 and Flash Gas edged Queens Head 4-3.

The game between Realty World and The Coach and Four was abandoned with the Coach and Four on top 4-3 as the leaders had two players sent off.

In the Hi Five win the looming playoffs played a part in the intensity of the game. The teams played a tight contest with no goals being scored.

In the second half Andy Garside was awarded a penalty kick and he broke the dead-

lock and gave Hi Five a 1-0 lead. Garside scored the second Hi Five goal and though the Dickens battled, they couldn't get the ball past goalie Tony Brynkus.

In the game between Flash Gas and Queens Head the former was in desperate need of a win to remain in the first place hunt.

Tony Doran put Queens Head on top with a good effort and then the squad added another off the foot of Dave Poustie to hold a 2-0 lead at the half.

On a couple of occasions Flash Gas hit the post. Eventually Mike Griffin knocked one home and then brother Kevin squared things at

2-2 with a hard shot.

Queens Head edged back in front with a Craig Russell goal but then the game swung back when Trevor Griffin levelled it 3-3. Just as time was expiring and it looked like the first tied game of the season was at hand Kevin Griffin tapped home the winner, 4-3.

In the abandoned game between The Coach and Four and Realty World the league leading Coach started off in fine style with their top scorer Anthony McLaughlin leading the way. Two fine efforts by Simon Kay gave The Coach and Four a 3-0 lead.

And then the game completely turned

around. Realty World got themselves back into the game. Darryl McKeeth started the comeback followed by a brilliant individual effort from Antonello Datamo for a 3-2 score at half time.

Realty World completed the comeback in the second half as Datamo scored again. The Coach and Four showed why they are the top of the league as McLaughlin put them back on top.

Shortly after the McLaughlin goal the Coach and Four had two players sent off and the game was suspended. A league committee will determine the final score.

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Senior Royals volleyball champs

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Five straight Halton titles and eight of the last nine. The senior girls volleyball team from Georgetown District High School were a confident bunch when they hit the floor at Sheridan College Wednesday evening in the Halton final.

That may have been their undoing. They faced a determined team from Bishop Reding Secondary School, the same team that they had won the title from last year. In that game Reding was crushed by the superior Georgetown team. On Wednesday, Reding took the first two games but needed a fifth game to decide the match, 15-10, 15-13, 6-15, 2-15 and 15-11.

"Our girls just figured they couldn't be beaten," said Georgetown coach Neil Cotton. "Down 2-0 they could have easily quit, but they didn't."

The Georgetown team picked up a quick 2-0 lead in the third game, turned it into a 4-1 lead before Reding fought back to lead 6-4. And then something snapped in both teams. Reding, a little surprised to be doing so well, let down, and Georgetown surprised to be losing, turned it up.

Georgetown team leader Holly Sones, pegged as one of the best volleyball players in the province, turned on the spikes and the Rebels ran out the game to win 15-6.

Reding managed the first point in the fourth game but Georgetown ran off 11 consecutive points to take a stranglehold on the game which they eventually won 15-2. Reding was watching the match slip away.

"We were here last year and we talked about it," said Reding coach Brian Arsenault. "Several players were graduating and you don't get a chance to win these things very often. With our two girls teams losing the finals in basketball we had to win. Now was the time."

The fifth game, according to the rules, works on the rally point format, which essentially eliminates the standard side-out approach in which a team must be serving to get points. In the fifth and deciding game each serve would result in a point for the team that won it. Both coaches were against the approach.

"It seems strange to play under one set of rules for four games and then change it for the fifth game. It's not overtime," Cotton said. "It's not

something that we're unfamiliar with, however."

Brian Arsenault agreed. "I wouldn't have agreed to rally point if I had the choice. It's too cutthroat. It worked for us tonight but could easily have worked against us. We just worked to keep the ball in play and let them make the mistakes."

The rule change helped Reding as it took away some of the firepower of Georgetown. With the thought of losing points on a missed spike rather than merely losing serve, the big Georgetown spikers, Sones and Natalie Goldson were effectively removed from the game.

In the fifth game Reding hung on early matching Georgetown through 3-3. The Royals then built a 5-3 lead which they first extended to 8-5, then 10-6. The Rebels were not done as they fought back to 10-8 and then 11-10.

Reding managed a pair of points for a 13-10 lead and coach Arsenault, who had trouble watching key parts of the match was unable to

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Photo by GRAHAM PANE

Remember Pete Gray?

Gray was a major league outfielder in the World War II era who had to take off his glove before throwing. Linda McClure of Mississauga's Blue Suede Sue's team has to do the same thing because of the cold in last weekend's sno-pitch tournament at Thompson Fields. Gray had to do it because he only had one arm. It is only a few short weeks before the boys (and girls) of summer take to the field for the beginning of ball season. McClure's team beat Georgetown's Meznic Electric 8-7.

Fans in frenzy as Merchants stage comeback

By BRAD REAUME
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Rick Bince said it was one of the highest adrenaline games he has ever been involved in.

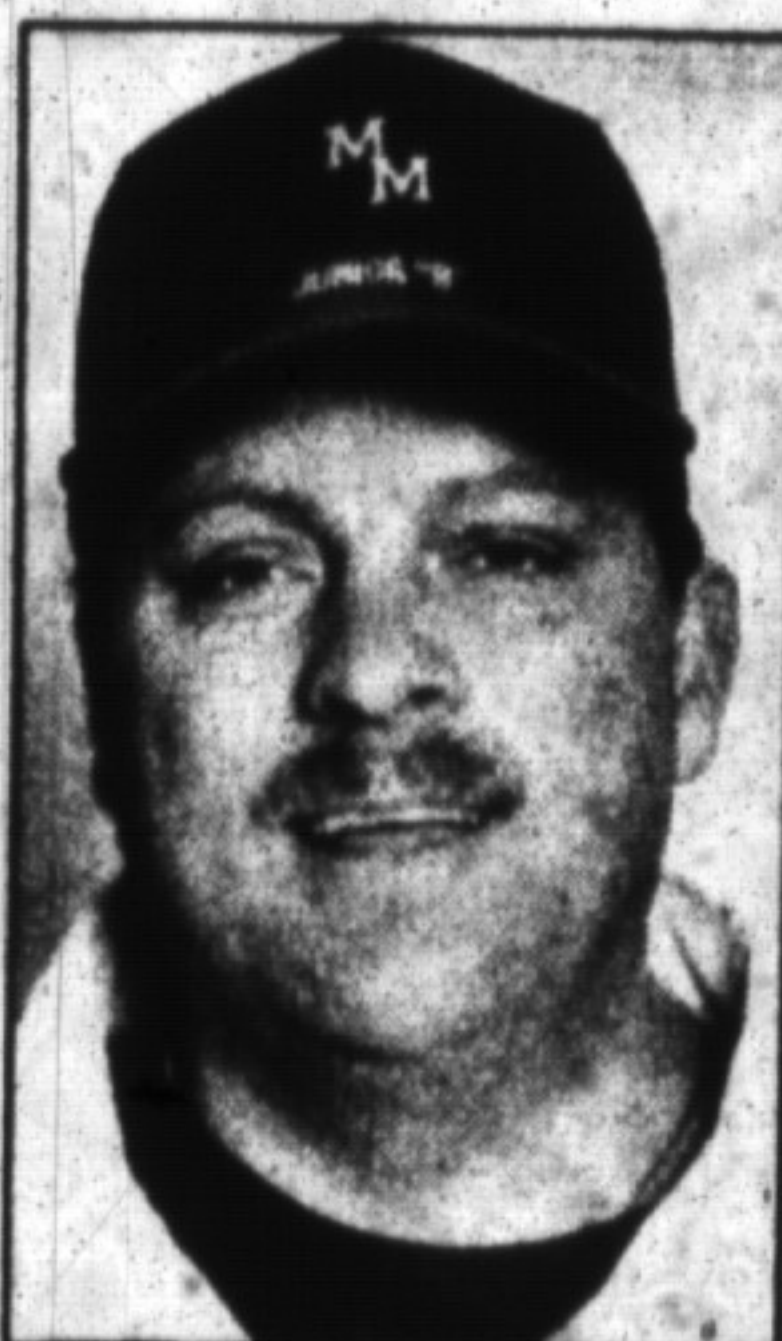
His team, the Milton Merchants downed their Central Ontario Junior B playoff opponents, the Georgetown Raiders, 6-5 in a game that did more than break the back of the Raiders, who now trail Milton 3-0 in the best of seven series. The 6-5 Merchant win gave local fans a chance to leap to their feet and scream.

In a wild contest Tuesday night at Memorial Arena in Milton, the Merchants trailed Georgetown 5-3 with 4:18 to play in the third period. Milton's all-star defenceman Mike Murray had just been sent to the penalty box for roughing and it looked as if the series would shift to Georgetown with the Raiders trailing 2-1 in games.

And then a little magic swirled into Memorial Arena. Jeff Daw, not usually given to hyperbole, stood by the Milton player bench and according to Bince, suggested the Merchants were not quite finished.

Just 48 seconds later Jeff Daw, penalty killer supreme, added to his total of shorthanded goals to bring the Merchants back within one. Memorial Arena exploded with horns, cheers and hope.

It was a hope that only 47 seconds later was answered. Team captain Shawn Healey, another great penalty killer, popped the tying goal to a virtual earthquake of partisan support. Milton fans went into a frenzy.



Rick Bince



Clancy Seymour

"It was the first time in three years in Milton that the fans have really shown their support," said Merchant coach Bince. "The players were really happy to see it."

So happy were they, that 35 seconds after Healey tied the score, seconds after the Murray penalty had expired, Clancy Seymour fought off a check at centre ice and went in alone to score the winning goal. A magic moment.

Memorial Arena has never before seen the likes of the fan explosion at that goal as chanting fans, horns and unmitigated joy, cascaded down to the playing surface. Smiling faces, screaming fans; Milton had finally taken the Merchants to heart. Merchant owner Brad Grant was seen trying to climb the glass. It's rare for a sports team at any level to grab you, and shake you, like the Mer-

chants did Tuesday night.

"It was a lightning strike," said Bince. "Georgetown had been rubbing it in when we were down by two but by the end they were devastated. It was a very emotional, draining game for me."

The game hadn't even started when indications of an unusual night occurred. According to Merchant back-up goalie Scott DeStefano, Raider back-up goalie Ben Henrich was taunting him about his lack of playing time as the teams skated in the warm up. So DeStefano did what any other hockey player would do: he smashed Henrich with his blocker.

After that altercation was cleared up Georgetown hit the scoreboard first and rode the goal to a 1-0 lead at the end of the first. In the second period Milton exploded for three fast goals, an indication of things to come as Seymour, Adam Hagen and Daw scored at 9:44, 9:15 and 10:17 to give Milton a 3-1 lead.

Then the penalties started to be called on Milton. In a situation that Milton has confronted all season because of their physical style of play a lead means they play shorthanded. Suffice it to say that the lopsided penalties gave Georgetown a chance to get back into the contest with two power play goals for a 3-3 tie.

Another power play goal in the third gave Georgetown a 4-3 lead which they extended to 5-3 in the late stages of the game.

"I don't know whether the OHA is clamping down on us, or if the game officials are trying to

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