

Soccer club to honour Morton

Cup named for late coach presented at year-end tourney

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Whether a soccer player or a soccer parent, Tom Morton endeared himself to everyone he met.

The former president and head coach of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club, died July 30 in Uxbridge Hospital as a result of complications following quadruple heart bypass surgery. He was 72.

Born in Newmilns, Scotland, Mr. Morton along with his wife, the former Isobel McLean, and rest of his family came to Canada in 1966. For a time, they lived in Markham, then took up residence in Goodwood.

A former player in Scotland and England, he brought his soccer expertise to Whitchurch-Stouffville in 1967, where he joined forces with club founders Alfons Rubbens and Martin



TOM MORTON: Former Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club president had an impact on young players.

Johannessen. Together, they saw the league flourish from several dozen to more than 1,500 players.

Mr. Morton served as head coach the past four years.

GOOD WITH PLAYERS

"His management skills were brilliant," said current club president Mark Kozak-Holland. "He knew how to handle young players. And he had a great sense of

humour. He was always upbeat."

Mr. Kozak-Holland recalled Mr. Morton's keen eye for both players and plays, resulting in the progression of boys and girls through the ranks to senior status.

In 1981, Mr. Morton coached a Woburn Wolves girls team from Scarborough to an Ontario title.

To the kids, Mr. Morton was a fatherly figure, Mr. Rubbens said. "Because of him, several students went on to universities in the United States on soccer scholarships," he said.

At the conclusion of a season-ending tournament Aug. 28 at Stouffville District Secondary School, the Morton Cup, in honour of the Tom, will be presented.

Four boys' teams and four girls' teams will take part. In addition, an exhibition showcase contest between Stouffville and Uxbridge is planned. The tournament runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Morton is survived by one son Allan of Newmarket; one daughter, Lynn, (Mrs. John Begley) of Whitby and six grandchildren.

Mennos carry losing streak into Oshawa league playoffs

The Stouffville Mennos are glad the Oshawa City and District Softball League regular season is over.

Playing their final regular season contest Wednesday at Memorial Park, the Mennos extended their losing streak to three games when the Markham Majors came away with an 8-7 win.

The Mennos scored four runs in the fifth inning with Rich Burkholder and Scott Eyre each belting doubles and Terry Reesor a triple.

The Mennos added their final three

runs in the sixth inning with Shawn Boadway, Brett Boyd and Steve Sayers collecting timely hits.

Paul Boynton worked the first three innings and took the loss.

The loss by the Mennos came on the heels of an 11-3 pumelling they absorbed at the hands of Lake Simcoe Tuesday in Keswick. Last week, the Mennos played host to Aurora and suffered an 8-0 loss.

Finishing the regular season with an 11-10-1 mark, the Mennos will begin postseason play the week of Aug. 30.



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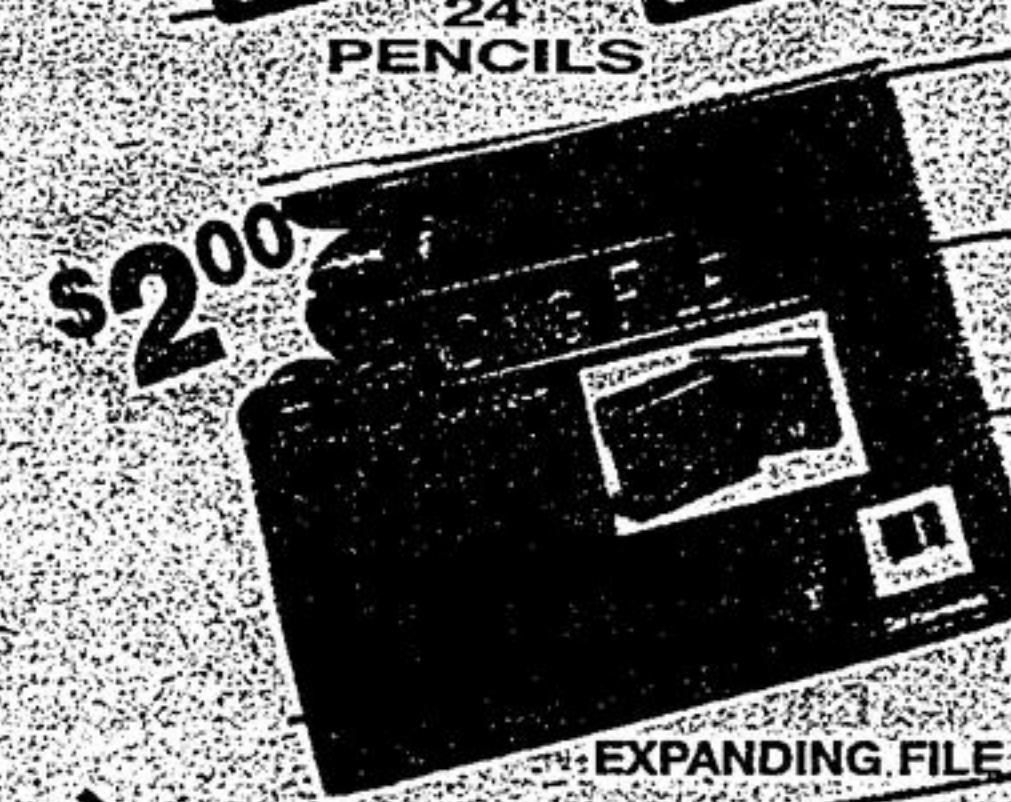
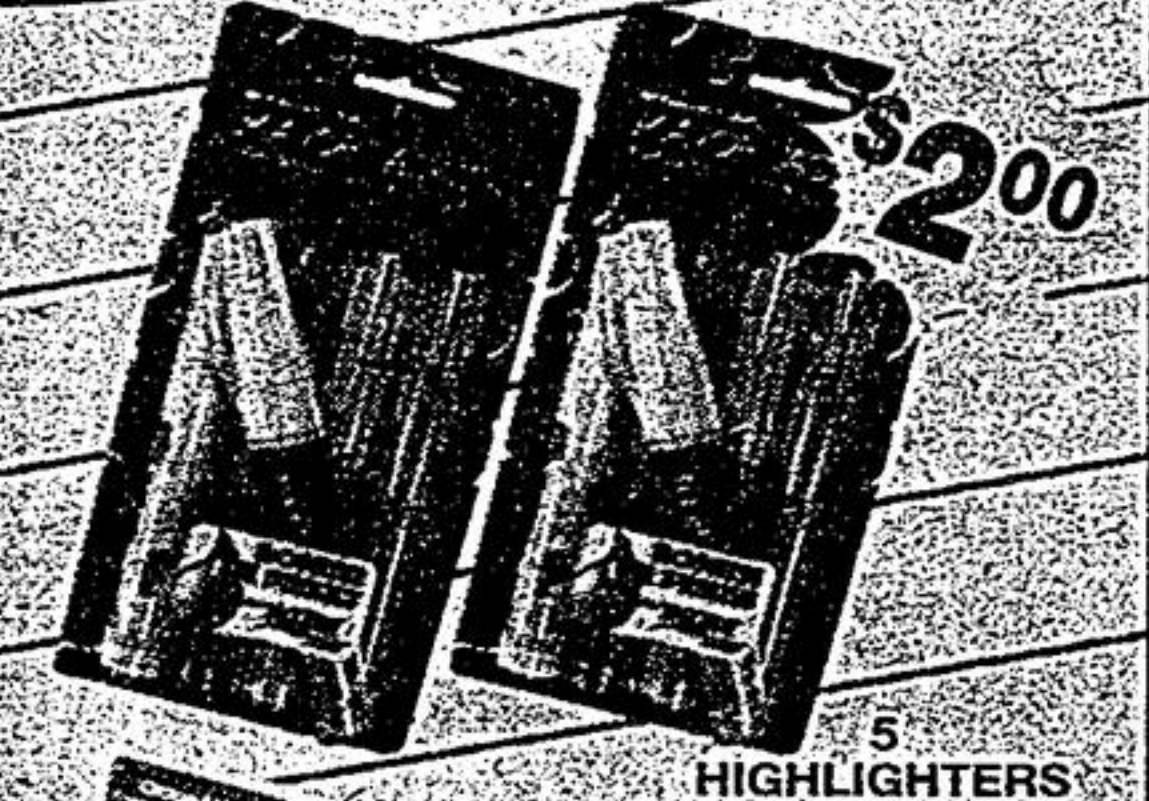
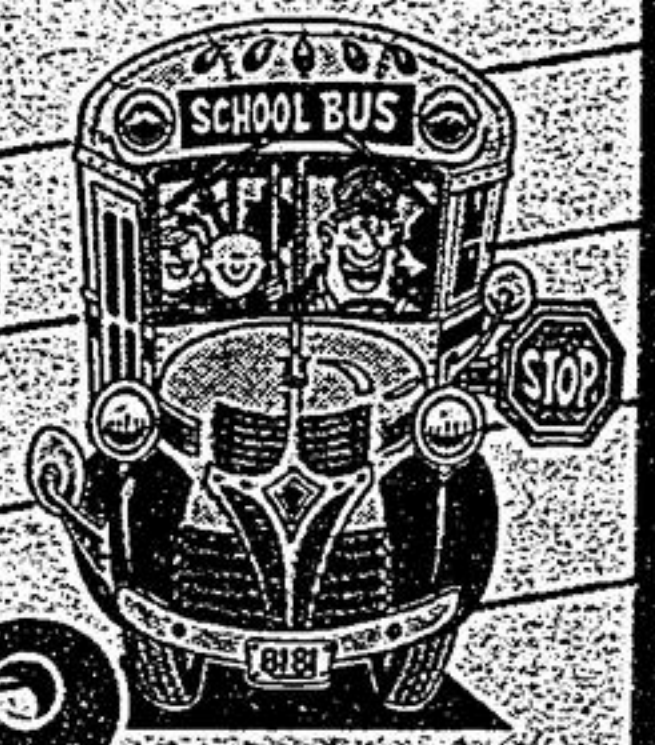
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