

ROUNDUP Mississauga's Flying Mum

Hockey

Tony Tanti of Mississauga scored on a 15-foot wrist shot in sudden death overtime to give Oshawa Generals a 4-3 win over Ottawa 67s in Ontario Major Junior Hockey League hockey Friday. It was Tanti's second goal of the game. Fraser Wood of Mississauga scored for Ottawa.

Tony Tanti, a former Mississauga Rep, is tied for second in Ontario Major Junior Hockey League scoring with 25 goals and 14 assists for 39 points in 18 games with Oshawa Generals. Ex-Dixie Beehive centre Randy Cunneynorth is fifth with 14 goals and 18 assists for 32 points for Ottawa 67s. Dave Morrison, a forward with Peterborough Petes, is in 11th spot with nine goals and 19 assists for 28 points.

Former Mississauga Rep Mike Gartner leads Washington Capitals in scoring with 10 goals and 18 assists, according to latest National Hockey League statistics. Bob Kelly, an ex-Dixie Beehive, is fourth in Capital scoring with three goals and eight assists. Moe Mantha, an ex-Streetsville Derby, has five assists with Winnipeg Jets and Larry Patey has nine goals and two assists with St. Louis Blues. Ex-Mississauga Rep Tom McCarthy is sixth in Minnesota North Star scoring with five goals and six assists. Ed Hospodar has one goal for New York Rangers.

Former Dixie Beehive Mike Lut has a 3.07 goals against average in 14 games this season with St. Louis Blues.

Rugby

Mississauga Crusaders defeated York County 16-8 Sunday in Burlington to win the Ontario Intermediate League final. Stewart Cox led the Crusaders with two penalty kicks and a convert. Kip King and Brian Kilmartin each scored a try. Crusaders also won the Pony Cup final last weekend, 18-15 over Brantford Harlequins.

Soccer

Erindale College defeated Scarborough College 2-0 to capture the Ontario intramural college soccer playoff championship Thursday at Erindale College. Joe Fernandez and Armond Arzoonian scored the goals. Erindale finished the season undefeated in 10 games and won the league championship two weeks ago.

Don Evans, who scored 17 goals for Malton Otto Construction, was named the National Soccer League's junior B division's most valuable player at an awards banquet Friday at the Howard Johnson Hotel.

Squash

The Butt family of Mississauga won four of the five titles at the Ajax Invitational junior squash tournament Sunday at the Ajax community Centre. Sabir Butt won the boys' under-12 crown, while brother Sagid captured the boys under-14 title. Imrana won the girls' under-14 division and Sadia Butt took the girls' under-16 title.

Motor sport

Niall Leslie of Mississauga is tied for second with Oakville's Alastair Aitken with 25 points in the Molson's Ontario Performance Rally championship after six races. First place has been sewn up by London's Bjorn Anderson with 55 points. Leslie will attempt to finish ahead of Aitken this Saturday in the last rally of the championship — the Rally of the Tall Pines in Peterborough.

Karate

Debbie Danard of the Northern Karate School took first place in the women's black belt kata division at the United States Open Karate Tournament last week in St. Petersburg, Florida. Danard was also third in The Superstars tournament, an invitational meet also held in St. Petersburg. Andre Sack was first in white to green kata at the U.S. Open and Michelle Sack was third in white to green mini-peewee. Bill Pickells was on the third place team at The Superstars and third in individual black belt kata.

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Mothers the world over like to please their sons and Mississauga's Flying Mum is no different.

At the urging of her sons, 73-year-old grandmother, Olive Ball, spent last summer learning to fly a glider. And if she can find the time next summer, she'll try for her glider pilot's licence so her sons can show off "mother the pilot."

While some people feel apprehensive about flying in a commercial airliner, Mrs. Ball found soaring at 2,000 feet was a tranquil experience.

"Gliding is like riding a bicycle," Mrs. Ball says. "The trick is to stay on a cushion of air (called a thermal). Once you're off that thermal you glide round and round until you come down."

"You get up there and there is no sound of a motor just the whisper of air off the wings," she says. "There are birds up there and it seems you move on your own steam. It's relaxing."

Mrs. Ball started flying two years ago with her sons, Max and Graham. Max is a commercial airline pilot and Graham is a glider instructor. Max owns the Caledon Gliding Club where Mrs. Ball starts her ascent into the heavens.

"My sons want me to take up gliding," says Mrs. Ball, who moved to Mississauga from Gloucestershire, England 30 years ago. "I went up to please them. They thought I would be scared. I enjoyed it after the first time."

The only obstacle that could prevent Mrs. Ball from obtaining her licence is time. She lives a busy life which includes bowling, duties as president of the Mississauga senior citizens zone and organizing the Dixie Bells, a singing and dance group.

"I've tried nearly everything," says Mrs. Ball, who has climbed the Matterhorn on her European travels. "I like going up with my son in a two-seater plane and I might try flying a plane."

"I had no intention of getting into it (gliding) further, but I'll try to get my licence if I have time. It's a hobby because it's a family hobby. All the family is interested in the air."



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At 73, Olive Ball plans to obtain glider pilot's licence



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Bruce, Glenn and Gary Johnston: family of scoring punch

They're swift family Johnston

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It's been an unusually quiet week for the Johnston scoring machine in Mississauga football.

Bruce, 16, a running back and placekicker with Lorne Park Spartans in Peel high school junior football, was limited to five points in the championship game Monday at Exhibition Stadium. Brother Gary, 14, also a Spartan back, was shut out. Lorne Park won 23-7.

Glenn, Gary's twin and a quarterback and placekicker, was limited to eight points on the touchdown and two-point convert for McKay-Hughes Raiders in a Mississauga Football League peewee 22-8 win over Keene Pharmacy Panthers Saturday.

Bruce and Glenn both lead their respective leagues in scoring. Bruce has scored 141 of his team's 236 points. Gary has contributed 24 points on four touchdowns.

Glenn has 140 of the 218 points the Raiders have scored and Saturday's game

was the first time he hadn't scored at least 50 per cent of his team's points in a game.

"A lot of our plays are designed for him," says Glenn's coach Nick Villani who has coached him in three of the five years he has played. "If he gets outside there's no stopping him."

Bruce has just come into his own as a running back thanks to tips from Lorne Park coach Dave Turner. He says Turner taught him to run lower to the ground and told him when to cut to the outside on off-tackle plays.

"Last year, I got around six touchdowns and kicked the converts," he says. "The year of experience with Mr. Turner has really helped me out."

Bruce decided against playing football two years ago because grade nine students were designated to a "taxi squad" at Lorne Park and didn't dress for games.

Now, he looks forward to playing senior ball next year with Lorne Park coach Dave Hart.

"I ran track with him for two years," says Johnston who finished fourth in the junior 400-metre final at OFSAA last year. "I know he's really a good coach."

But while Bruce moves up to senior, Gary will welcome Glenn to the junior team next year and has some tips for his younger brother.

"He has to be a lot more disciplined if he's going to be quarterback in high school," says the four-year MFL veteran. "The offence is a lot more complicated but I think he can handle it."

But Glenn feels his size may be a drawback considering he only weighs 120 lbs. while his brothers weigh in about 150.

"I don't think I'm quite as good as my brothers," he says. "I'd like to grow a lot, put on about 15 lbs.," he says. "It makes it a lot easier to shake off tackles. I'm still a little small for junior."

And if Glenn puts on the weight, he and Gary should help Lorne Park try for its fourth consecutive junior championship.