

Sports



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Minor football loop has major traffic jam

Larry Comeau, the coach who guided the elite troops of Mississauga PCO's to modest planes of achievement during the past two seasons of junior lacrosse warfare, will not be back next year when the troops go after the biggest stakes.

Quietly and without any fanfare, Comeau and PCO's parted company—amicably and "by mutual decision," says Bill Turner, managing director of Mississauga's junior stickswinging establishment. "Larry has been asked to remain with the organization in another capacity," disclosed Turner. But the University of Western Ontario student decided against the offer.

Taking Comeau's place is a surprise choice former big-wig on the local boxla playing scene, Joey Hoar, last season's understudy to Frank Marchiori with the Junior B contingent.



LARRY COMEAU... mutual decision

"Joey, we feel, is the best choice for the position," says Turner. He added that Hoar impressed the decision makers when he filled in behind the Junior C team's bench on odd occasions and handled the coaching chores well.

Comeau's departure after two tough seasons at the helm of the elite A team (they missed the playoffs in the turbulent 1972 campaign and secured a berth in the battle for laurels without going the route this past summer) is part of the plastic surgery attempt to give PCO's the look of winners.

According to plans, the organization will have Turner (in a dual role as managing director and treasurer) on top. Bill Walker, past president of the Mississauga Lacrosse Association and general manager of last year's PCO A squad, will assume the role of general manager and assistant managing director at large. Norm Gardner continues as president of the club.

The organization will once again operate three teams with a manager, coach and trainer taking care of each entry.

"What we're trying to do is cut out a lot of red tape and do away with bureaucracy," said Turner.

Hoar, as coach of the A squad, automatically becomes the head of the coaching staff, ensuring that all three sides stick to "one system of playmaking"—a scheme PCO's are borrowing from Peterborough's book of success.

"Last year, we were killed by penalties," said Turner. "When we have to bring up a boy to the A team, we want him to be able to fit into our playing right away. We want to have smooth teamwork."

Turner said that any player signing a card of intention to don the red-and-white of the PCO's will be asked to state that he wants to play to the top of his abilities.

"If a boy is good enough to play B lacrosse, we would want him to play at that level," said Turner. "But if he's good enough to play A, we certainly don't want him to aim for B level."

"We want boys with desire who want to be the best, nothing less."

So far, PCO's have named managers for their A and B teams. George Chandler ("a tremendous addition," says Turner. "The man who started junior lacrosse here.") will act as manager of the elite squad with Jim Halliday (last year high man on the C team's executive tree) being notched up a rank to become manager of the B contingent.

Russ Biggart, Pat Patterson and Bob Wilson have stepped down. "They pledged continuous support," says Turner. "Their help is much appreciated."

TOTH-SOME MORSELS—Parachuter Bill Cole, widely recognized as Canada's king of sky-divers, is also a hockey man. Cole is included with the Mississauga Girls Hockey Association, coaching a house league team.

Kerry Gilbert, the only Streetsville Villa competitor in the senior girls field, has rolled 283 en route to a 613 total in the first round of the Youth Bowling Council's zone elimination tournament. Nest round goes at Guelph's Sportsman Lanes this Sunday.

Top three girls and boys will be chosen to represent their zone in the provincial finals in Sudbury Dec. 2.

Mississauga is losing one of its dyed-in-the-tangerine-and-blue soccer officials. Derek Wallcroft the driving force behind the junior B United team of the National Soccer League and a member of the Mississauga Soccer Association board of executive is moving to Cambridge next month.

Wayne Wheatcroft scored on a 25-yard run, adding a two-point kicked convert and a single as R.P.G.P. blanked Southdown 15-0 in a Mississauga Football League peewee contest and created a three-way traffic jam for second place.

The R.P.G.P. win, the Southdown loss and a Flying Seven 49-0 defeat of the Double As left all three teams with 5-3 records.

Games this week will decide the finish. Dave Hillis also scored for R.P.G.P. on a 15-yard burst. The score was 1-0 at the half. Breaks accounted for R.P.G.P.'s win. Wayne Wheatcroft and Tommy Mills each snared interceptions while Bob Burke fell on two fumbles.

In the Flying Sevens win, John Brkopic led all scorers with 13 points on two touchdowns and a rouge. Also scoring touchdowns for the winners were Mark Shoesmith, Mike Sammut, Ken Gillies, Brad Smith and Mark Holroyd. Paul Karpinski kicked three converts.

Centre Tracy Swinburne anchored the fired up offensive line while David Mill-Hughes led the defence with an interception.

With Tom Hodgson pacing the way, Chic Murray bested

Associated Finance 13-6. Ed McManus on a 15-yard run and Jim Rountree, on a three-yard faint scored the TDs.

For Associated Robin Stuart scampered 30 yards for one score and had an 85-yarder that would have tied the game called back in the final three minutes.

MacKay Hughes and Premier Concrete each extended their unbeaten strings to eight games setting up the showdown match for first place this week.

MacKay buried Ritter Raiders 64-0. Eric Thomas ran wild with 70 and 15-yard efforts from scrimmage and a 55-yard punt return. Pat Colangelo accounted for a healthy 28 points scoring on runs of 44, 51 and 10 yards and adding five converts.

Jay Empey rambled 75 and 44 yards for majors and Dave Plumb's two-yard dive completed the onslaught. Randy Kool who intercepted a pass and Paul Henry, were the defensive standouts.

John Johnson, a running back was Ritter's most impressive participant.

Pat Brown's splendid play at defensive end sparked the Premier Concrete squad to their 40-0 shutout of Blenkarn's Blazers. con't on pg. 17



London St. George player vainly attempts tackle as Mississauga Crusader makes flying lateral. Home side won sweet revenge with

23-3 victory in Carling Cup quarter-final. (Times photo by Ron Pozzer).

Crusaders in Carling Cup conquest

BRONTE—Mississauga Crusaders first team's 23-3 romp over London St. George's Saturday in the Carling Cup rugby tournament quarter final was a case of poetic justice as far as the locals are concerned.

It was slightly better than a year ago when Crusaders tied London for top spot in the Ontario Senior B loop, then missed out on advancing to Senior A play on the basis of points for and against.

St. George's got the nod on the strength of a lopsided win against Oshawa while several members of that side were working a Saturday shift at General Motors.

Crusaders weren't afforded the same circumstances in their last game versus Oshawa, winning only by a narrow margin.

For most of the league schedule this summer Crusaders languished near the Senior B basement—until

the opening of the Carling Cup Oct. 13, when they downed undefeated Toronto Welsh.

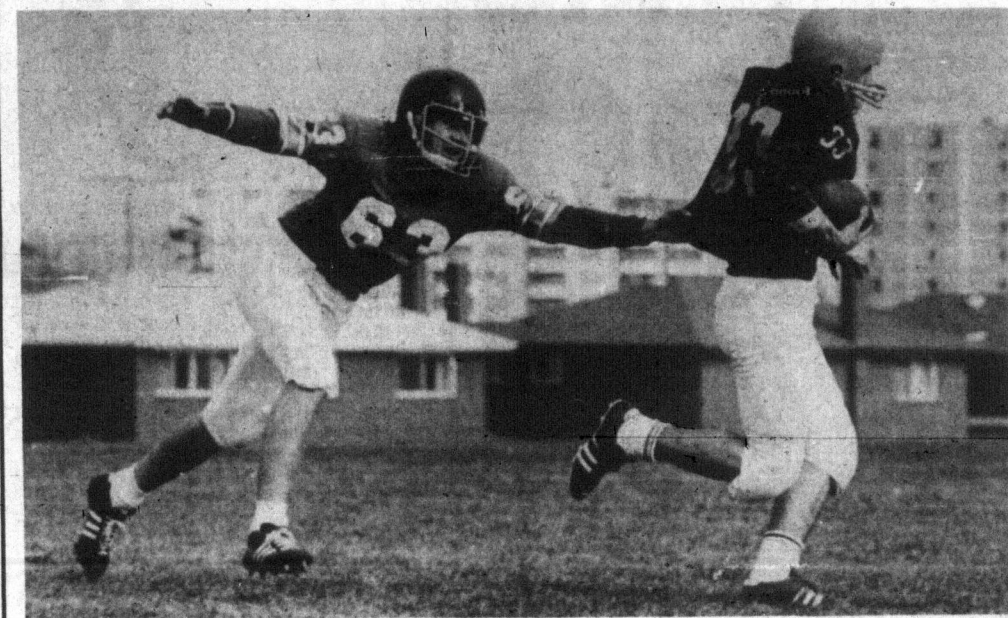
Thus, the win Saturday was retribution at its finest. Spurred by hard tackling from Fred Flaxman and Mel Crossfield the firsts had tried from Dave Grundy, Rob Wood and Tony Joyce and two penalty goals and a convert from Stuart Cox. Barry Finmore added a penalty boot.

Crusaders now advance to a

semi-final meeting with eastern Canadian champions Toronto Irish Canadians at Victoria Square Saturday at 3 p.m.

However, they will enter the do-or-die affair without scrum-half Martin Dalziel who sustained a broken collar bone in a 18-10 loss for the second team at Kitchener Sunday while scouting for Crusaders' first try.

Peter Fagg had the other try and Frank O'Maerra converted one.



Gotta! Port Credit's Jim Nalsh latches onto Glenforest's standout receiver, Frank Coccia as he scoots by Friday in a senior A football game at Glenforest. (Times photo by Ray Saltz).

Modest star

Dixie Bees: a 'Large' success

By JOHN KERNAGHAN
Dave Large has come to live with neglect. He set up four goals in Dixie Bees' 5-4 win over Wexford Raiders Sunday, but alas, was not named one of the game's three stars.

Bees ace centre, you see, is so consistently excellent one tends to rate his performances as par. Besides, if Large was selected every Sunday he'd have enough of those Yardley men's product

kits the three stars receive to start a boutique. Large would rather play hockey, thank you.

He admits to being sometimes ranked when he is overlooked but in his own words "I would rather have the team win than be a star".

The modesty befits his role as captain. Small at 5'8" and 170 pounds he is undisputed leader of the 1973-74 Bees.

Sunday he offered a

typical performance, skating both ways, breaking up assaults before they have begun, killing penalties and starting plays that gave wingers Doug Heslip and Gary Aull two goals each (as well as first and third star selections).

To truly monitor his contributions after eight games this year one has only to look to league statistics. With eight goals and 16 assists he leads league

scoring, three points ahead of North Bays Brian Kurliak. At that rate the last year Junior will likely eclipse last year's total of 97 points.

Most observers felt Large should have been playing at Major Junior A level last year but after two tryouts with Peterborough Petes, both unsuccessful, he feels his size went against him.

The product of the Mississauga rep organization wants to turn pro at some level next year.

Bees win over Wexford was an up and down affair in which the home side survived minors to Large and Alex Kallinikos in the last five minutes to preserve their fifth win of the year.

They are in eighth place with 10 points but have three games in hand on league leaders Vaughan Nats who have 16 points.

Bees led 2-0 after two frames on markers by Heslip and Aull but allowed goals by Archie King and Bruce Carrigan to equalize. They jumped ahead 4-2 on counters by Mike Kaszycki (his first) and Aull. Two slapshots by King pulled Wexford even.

Heslip shot the winner on passes from Aull and Large at 10 minutes.

The combinations of Rob Gennell, Paul Stanfield Doug Patey and Aull and Murray Wright, Gerry Schafer Kaszycki and Dan Cormier effectively fought off Raiders late powerplay bids.

Dixie met Richmond Hill last night after presstime. They journey to North Bay Friday and host Vaughan Sunday.

Motor City Marathon: a long distance delight

By MIKE TOTH
Take it from a girl who has become an expert on the subject: it's not only a memorable feat but a lot of fun to run 26 miles just for the heck of it.

And believe it or not, it's even more fun the second time around. "If felt a lot better than the first time I ever ran the distance," said petite Mississauga athlete Gail Killin, the only woman in Canada this year to successfully complete the most classic of all Olympic running events, the marathon.

The 19-year-old brunette, a graduate of Applewood Secondary School, was in the field of 80 competitors (only one of two female athletes) contesting the annual Motor City Marathon Race in Detroit Sunday.

Gail not only finished and trimmed a fantastic 45 minutes off her previous time, but crossed the line of several male runners.



GAIL KILLIN... marathon queen

"I'm very pleased with the race," said Gail.

The event attracted long distance specialists from Canada and several U.S. athletic institutions.

Mississauga had three entries: Westwood high school student Brian Turner (Peel-Halton steeplechase champion), Steve Caws and Miss Killin.

High School Football

Ford sparks Spartans to cliffhanger win

by JOHN STEWART and MIKE TOTH

Quarterback Paul Ford coolly directed an 86-yard march for a touchdown in the last minute of play and then calmly kicked the convert that gave the Lorne Park Spartans a sensational 29-28 come-from-behind win over the Erindale Raiders Friday.

The Cinderella finish capped the thrilling senior A high school football game which saw Lorne Park recover from a 28-9 deficit.

"What a game!" joyful Spartan coach Dave Hart said after the contest. "I told them at halftime that they would have to prove they were men and come back. They were boys when they started the game but they're men now," he praised.

Ron Fisher swept right end for two yards with 43 seconds left to give Lorne Park the tie. Ford's convert sent the Lorne Park crowd into a delicious frenzy and gave the home team the win and sole possession of first place with a 4-1 record.

In other games Friday, Applewood and Gordon Graydon slugged to a 7-7 tie and Glenforest beat the winless Port Credit Warriors 19-6.

At Lorne Park, Erindale enjoyed a profitable first half building up a 21-2 lead. Two illegal substitution penalties against the Spartans and a 30-yard pass to Mark Stobart set up the first major, a one-yard run by co-captain Kevin Kain.

The Spartans mounted a drive of their own and a screen pass to Fisher and a facemask penalty put the ball at the 10. A dropped potential touchdown pass and two runs left the Spartans short and a host of tacklers caught Fisher for a loss on fourth down. The home team's coaching staff felt there had been an illegal substitution on the play.

The eventual margin of difference between the two clubs was registered on the next play when defensive back Randy Whittaker blocked Steve McMurray off his feet in the end zone for a safety touch.

A 25-yard jaunt by McMurray, and a 27-yard pitchout to Dwight Edwards set up McMurray's eight off Raiders late powerplay bids.

He plays hockey for the Weston Dodgers as well. A leg injury kept him from dressing.

John Viana's fumble recovery gave Erindale possession once again in their own end of the field and Elliott immediately hit Edwards with a 35-yard pass. Edwards tipped the ball up in the air and grabbed it just before it hit the ground.

An end around by Edwards for 18 yards took the ball down to the two from where Kain bulldozed over on the next play. The half ended as two-way player McMurray intercepted a Paul Ford throw.

Dave Burnett returned the second half kickoff to his own 45-yard line and the

determined Spartan offensive unit took it in from there. A fourth down quarterback sneak and a third down pass to slotback Jamie Pointing got Lorne Park close. Glen Sakamoto, the Spartans low-slung, tank-like running back ran twice from the eight for the score to make it 21-9.

Erindale took command again when linebacker Mike Ladlav alertly fielded a Lorne Park outside kick and scooted along the sidelines all the way to the 17-yard line. Behind excellent blocking Steve McMurray swept right end on the next play for six points.

"I'd thought I'd blown it right there with the onside kick," he said.

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Mississauga gymnasts set for Michigan

A 12-member squad, which will include newcomer novice competitor Susan Brougham, will travel to Michigan to represent the Mississauga Gymnastic Club at an international meet Saturday, Nov. 10.

Gymnasts from Ontario, Michigan and Ohio will be vying for top laurels in novice and tyro divisions. The Mississauga contingent, to be led by head coach Sue Harris and assistants Janet Grant and Joan Payne, will consist of seven novices (under 15) and five tyros (under 14).

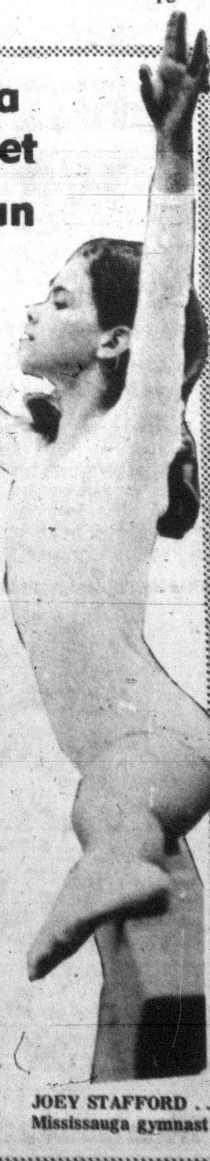
Miss Brougham, who has competed in the colours of East York in past years, has become a member of the Mississauga organization during the summer off-season.

She will join Marie Watts (one of Ontario's top prospects in her age group), Nancy Burch, Nancy Norris, Helen Gschwendtner, Lynn Pryer and Brenda Bollinger on the novice team.

The tyro quintet will consist of Sheri MacNeill, Joey Stafford, Leslie Kann, Sherry Strong and Karen Bollinger.

It will be the first competitive event of the new gymnastic season.

Mississauga is ranked among the top three girls gymnastic clubs in Ontario.



JOEY STAFFORD... Mississauga gymnast