

Sabres find Halton baseball climate chilly

Mississauga Sabres got a chilly introduction to the Halton County Senior Baseball League Sunday when they were limited to two hits while losing a 4-0 decision at Campbellville.

On a blustery afternoon with the temperature in the low 40's, Sabres were stymied offensively not so much by the Campbellville pitching as by their own

inability to place their hits.

"We were hitting well," commented president Al Hicks, "but everything was right at somebody."

Losing pitcher Gary Nickerson worked seven strong innings but was victimized for all the opponent's runs. He walked two and struck out six.

The Sabres frustrations were epitomized

when Nickerson slammed what looked like a sure hit out towards left field only to be robbed by an outstanding defensive play by the Campbellville shortstop.

Nickerson, who said he was fairly satisfied with his performance felt only six of the 10 hits he gave up were well-tagged. "It was a pretty good performance for the club's first game," he said. "We certainly weren't disgraced."

Outfielder Jim Haggerman rapped a double and Al Craig singled for Sabres.

On Friday at Huron Park Mississauga's home opener may find the Sabres facing John McKenzie — their playing coach just last week — on the mound for Oakville. McKenzie asked for his release this week to play in his hometown.

Sports in short

Ex-junior on the mark in senior league debut

Dave MacInnes, a 19-year-old winger up from the junior ranks, made his debut in senior soccer a memorable one by slamming home an all-important goal which gave Cooksville a 1-0 win over Velebit-Oakville in the kick off encounter of the Toronto and District Soccer League second western division season.

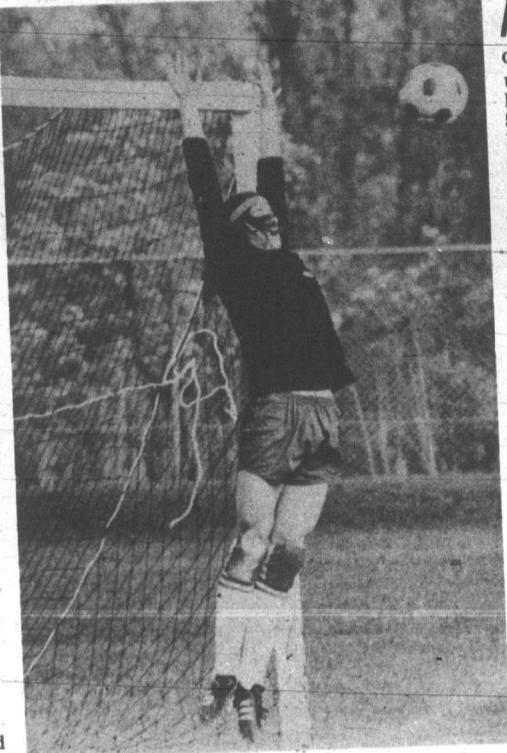
The new-look Cooksville squad, aiming for a spot in the sunnier climate of the first division in North America's largest senior soccer loop, contains two of last year's Mississauga United junior B team — MacInnes and classy striker

Henry Vandenberg. "We have several new faces on this year's team," said manager Gino Molinaro.

Joining MacInnes and Vandenberg in the lineup are goalie Lou Battaglia (former netminder with San Valentino); defenders Frank Pliotto, Phil Iaffiti, Mario Borsato, Piro Bartoletto and Gino Gelzotto; forwards Gino Schimonetto, Alfonso Cizero and Alcidi Pliotto.

Cooksville is jointly coached by Bruno Puzzer and Johnny Becevello.

The team plays its home games at Huron Park.



Cooksville Legion goalie Brian Sloane makes a save against Clarkson Celtic in a Mississauga Association League bantam division game Saturday. Legion won 1-0. (Times photo by Ron Pozzer).

Minor soccer

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unbeatable as West Acres hammered Cawthra Silvenzo 5-0 with Perry Kuchar, Mike Harwood, Alan Getty, Greg Cox and Don Fagin sharing scoring honours.

An exciting clash between Streetsville Dobies and Malton Spotton produced a total of seven goals. Dan McLaughlin was on target twice and Mike Langdon and Vernon Pellizzari once apiece to keep the Streetsville squad on top by a 4-3 count. Malton's tallies belonged to Steve Reichow, Gerry Hey and Brian Jones.

Dixie Pony, last year's atom Ontario Cup finalists, got off to an inauspicious start, dropping a 2-0 decision to Cooksville Huron Colts.

Colts got shutout goalkeeping from Niel McKechnie and an even-split in the scoring department from the Hill brother combination of Pat and Steve.

MOSQUITO

Randy Cunneynworth, an outstanding pint-sized hockey player in the winter months, exchanged his skates for soccer boots and displayed tremendous scoring ability to lead Johns

Manville to an 8-0 whitewash over Clarkson.

Cunneynworth's contribution to the Manville effort was four goals. Ricky Kennedy added two and Bill Gerrie combined with Wayne Beaumont for solos.

In goal, Nicky Majic flashed shutout magic to escape without a mark.

High-flying Malton Concordia defeated West Point Rangers 5-2 with Andy Lincoln and Steve Gatzos scoring two goals apiece and Colin Anderson adding a singleton. Pat Halferty and Ed McManus kept Rangers in the game.

PEEWEE

Three players hit for two goals each as Lorne Park Bears recorded an easy 7-1 win over Settlers Taverners. Bill Ostron, Rick Woltman and Bruce Gottsman, were joined by solo goal-getter Frederic Maese.

Sam Gueltieri, Mike Lombardi and Terry Hornsby combined to spark Cooksville Leeson-Baxter to a 3-1 victory over Malton Maraudis.

Ian Henderson prevented the whitewash.

Dixie hockey elections

Ron Griffiths, 38, is the new president of the giant Dixie Minor Hockey Association, succeeding past-president Ed Washington.

The association held its annual general meeting this week, electing an 18-man executive board.

Joining Griffiths as vice-presidents Norm Davis and Arthur Maguire; treasurer Bill Ramsden; secretary Dave Walkes; registrar Graham Hunt; past

president Washington; and directors Ted Jacobs, George Reeves, Eric Smigelski, Jim Katahawa, Hugh Hillis, Eric Hebblethwaite, George Kelly, Murray Thomson, Jim O'Callaghan and Al Scheriff.

"We are already planning for the next season," said Griffiths, who wants to make it sure the off-season months will be spent productively to get the Dixie organization ship-shape.

Wood fourth in Tillsonburg

Canadian junior class champion Frank Wood finished fourth in the field of 250 cc bikes at the opening race of the Canadian motorcycle dirt track circuit at Tillsonburg Sunday.

The Streetsville Villa rider said he was pleased with the result.

"We have a lot of sorting out to do, but will be all right soon," he added.

Riding a Japanese Kawasaki, Wood finished runner-up to U.S. dirt track great Davis Sechl in his heat,

but could do no better than fourth in the final.

Third place went to Kawasaki teammate Morris Fraser.

In the feature race, Wood competed against larger Harleys, Triumphs and Suzukis on equal terms until the final laps, where size took over, forcing him to finish fifth, out of points.

Next on the agenda for the Villa competitor is a race in New York State, followed by the three-day Niagara series in June.

Erindale College star picked

Defender Kevin Grant, a 20-year-old student at Erindale College, has been picked to the Canadian select team which will meet England's famous first division club Arsenal in an international soccer match at Toronto's CNE Stadium Wednesday, May 23.

Names of the players in the Canadian pool have been released by coach Frank Pike.

Grant, a product of the Burlington minor soccer setup, made his international debut against Mexico — an Olympic preliminary round game in Vancouver in 1971 and went

on to earn a regular place in the World Cup team.

The visit will be the first one to Canada by Arsenal, the top-notch London-based squad.

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Rose Buds bloom

Rose Buds and Corner Pins shared the laurels as the South Peel ladies bowling league season came to an end this week.

Captained by consistent Aileen Lain, holder of the circuit's high average honours, Rose Buds bloomed just in time to become the playoff champions Helen Gillies, Carolyn Curtis, Virginia Gasparetta and Charlotte Duff were the other members of the victorious quintet.

The consolation title went to Corner Pins — Sheila Styan, Shirley Smith, Rose Hinman, Joyce Hillick and Peggy Langpot.

A total of 11 bowlers qualified for the closing round's 600 club: Virginia Gasparetta, 716; Shirley Smith, 705; Lorraine Gimza, 684; Audrey Chantler, 648; Sheila Styan, 646; Olga Robinson, 645; Charlene McLean, 640; Kay Molnar, 638; Doris Fisher, Mary Walker, 625; Jean Bradley, 611; Joyce Hillick, 607.

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