



High-rise goalkeeper

Times Photo by GORM LARSEN

Mississauga Soccer Club goalkeeper Lou Battagin is airborne in an attempt to keep a Polonia attacker from scoring in Sunday's National Soccer League game in Mississauga. Livio Divito and Chuck Tanti help.

NSL coach resists urge to add his own experience

By CHRIS ZELKOVICH
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It's been said that a lawyer who defends himself has a fool for a client. Frank Gilmore believes the same holds true for a coach who plays himself.

After watching his inexperienced Mississauga Soccer Club drop a 4-0 decision to Polonia, coach Gilmore admitted that he has had thoughts of **Hinds first**.

Doug Hinds beat Olympic sprinter Marv Nash at an all-comers meet at Etobicoke Centennial Stadium last weekend. Hinds ran a 10.8.

playing. But he says that even though it hurts to lose games by inexperience, he'll resist the urge to play.

"I could play," he said following Sunday's National Soccer League Second Division game at St. Lawrence Starch Field.

"But what good would it do?"

"I've considered going in there myself, but that's not what we're trying to accomplish. These kids will have to learn the hard way."

Mississauga learned the hard way on Sunday. A pair of penalty shots, one by Zbigniew Hertel and one by Milan Zlatar, gave Polonia all it needed.

Stanley Polak scored on a poor defensive play by Mississauga while Zlatar scored the other goal.

The score was far from indicative of the play. The young Mississauga side dominated the second half and was even with Polonia in the first half. But an inability to score and a penchant for errors on defence led to the Polonia win.

"We're just not experienced enough," said Gilmore. "That second penalty shot was a classic piece of acting. That's something the veterans can do very well."

"But they're learning. I can see it coming together."

Mississauga was hurt by the absence of centre forward Frank Cassano, who showed up late and did not play.

But they were helped by the addition of midfielder Neil Jamieson, at 22 the second oldest player on the team, and right winger Chris Martin.

Golmore also singled out right fullback David Campbell for a strong game.

"We've seen three teams this year and he's the best right back I've seen," said Gilmore. "Chuck Tanti is also coming along at centre back."

Mississauga, which now has a 1-2 record, travels to Sudbury on Sunday.

Hosts win touch football gold

Raider Suggate can't be touched

By CHRIS ZELKOVICH
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Jean Grenon probably won't forget the Mississauga Invitational Touch Football Tournament for a long time. And he definitely will never forget Paul Suggate.

Suggate intercepted four passes and scored three touchdowns to lead host Mississauga Budget Rent A Car Raiders to their second straight tournament championship with a 27-19 victory over Ottawa Warriors on Sunday at Gordon Graydon.

"Every time I looked up he (Suggate) had the ball in his hands," said Grenon, who quarterbacked Ottawa to the final. "I'll have nightmares about him for a long time."

Raiders, unbeaten in the Mississauga Touch Foot-

ball League over three seasons, didn't have much trouble making the final.

They defeated Thornhill Crimson Tide 34-0 and Oakville Steelers 32-14 before meeting the pre-tournament favorites in the final. They built up an early 20-0 lead, on touchdowns by Suggate, and never looked back.

"This is a great team," said Suggate, a former professional lacrosse standout. "Every game we played, it was a total team effort."

Suggate intercepted a Grenon pass early in the game and caught a 20-metre touchdown toss from Wayne McPherson for a 6-0 Raider lead. After a touchdown by Raider Bob Glasgow was nullified by an offside, McPherson again hit Suggate for a touchdown and convert.

Rick Wilkinson's interception set up a touchdown by Suggate early in the second quarter before Ottawa finally got on the scoreboard.

But a key third-down catch by Suggate and a 30-metre run by McPherson set up McPherson's one-metre touchdown pass to Steve Pippert. McPherson hit Glasgow on the convert and Raiders led 27-6 at the half.

Ottawa stormed back, taking advantage of an injury to Wilkinson and defensive back Joe Dobko's ejection from the game, to score two touchdowns and come within eight points after three quarters.

But that's when Suggate took over. He made three interceptions, including a one-handed catch, in the

fourth quarter to end Ottawa's hopes.

Mississauga would have swept the 12-team tournament, except for a circus catch by Guelph's Mike Hogg and a last-play touchdown.

Guelph scored on the last play of the game to edge Mississauga Combo Tankers 20-19 in the consolation final.

Tankers took a 19-0 lead into the final quarter as tournament MVP Leo Franchino threw two touchdown passes to Dave Passfield, and one to Mike Madeley.

Guelph scored two converted touchdowns in the fourth but found themselves at their own 49 with three plays left in the game.

Following a n incomplete pass, Hogg made a spectacular catch of a

Bruce Ravensdale pass at the Tanker 10. Ravensdale hit Steve Redmond in the end zone on the final play for the victory.

Tankers lost 1-0 to Kingston before beating Thornhill 37-21 and Oshawa 12-1.

The tournament was sponsored by Carling-O'Keefe.

RESULTS

Toronto Packers 14	Niagara Falls 13
Mississauga Raiders 34	(Steve Pippert 14, Eric Adkin 14, Mark Lewis 6)
Thornhill Crimson Tide 0	Kingston 1
Combo Tankers 0	Ottawa 20
Ottawa 20	Guelph 6
St. Catharines 14	Oshawa 12
Oakville 41	Thornhill Raiders 0
Guelph 20	Niagara Falls 14
Kingston 13	St. Catharines 10
Tankers 12	Graham Wilkinson 6
Berry Compton 6	Oshawa 1
Thornhill Crimson Tide 34	Thornhill Raiders 25
Raiders 23	(Bob Glasgow 12, Rick Wilkinson 7, Wayne McPherson 6, Steve Pippert 6, Paul Suggate 1)
Oakville 14	Ottawa 24
Toronto Packers 7	Tankers 37
(Stanley Gray 19, Mike Madeley 12, John Chandler 6)	Thornhill Crimson Tide 21
Ottawa 13	Kingston 1

Fastball is serious business

By TOM MALONEY
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In the commercials it looks easy, and a lot of fun at that.

Stroll down to the local park, distribute mitts and start a friendly game of softball. Then go home, bring out the beer and have some laughs over the easy pitch that Charlie missed for a third strike.

In the Beaches Major Fastball League though, things are just a touch more serious. And that is why field manager Ron Clark sought to down play a post-game argument between himself and certain players that an outsider would be tempted to call a prelude to revolt.

Streetsville had just been moved down in convincing fashion by Newmarket hurler Bill Drennan during a 6-1 loss Friday night before approximately 100 spectators at Streetsville Park. Eight Streetsville batters went down swinging and only two balls managed to escape the infield — both

hit by centre fielder Mickey Dewes.

Monday night Streetsville hurler Rod Stuart displayed some magic of his own, retiring 17 Beaches Sox batters on strikes to lead a 3-0 victory.

Streetsville batters spent most of their time at the plate Friday waving at pitches that had somehow moved from one height to another without being noticed. Their perfor-

Canada, if not the world. However, frustration is natural, both on the part of the manager and the players.

And so it was that third baseman Andy Trencs and Clark, among others, did not look at all like the men in the commercials for a period of time after the game.

"Those kinds of things happen all the time," said Clark. "It was just an opinion he had on something

manence was understandable since Drennan is among the best pitchers in and an opinion I had on something."

Dewes belted a double and an inside the park homerun for Streetsville.

Newmarket had 13 hits, mostly off starter and loser Mike Leslie. Frank Laverdi, who hit .476 in the Ontario Fastball League last season, hit a homerun and two doubles. Juri Kudrasovs scored

on a wild pitch after his first of two singles to provide all the scoring Stuart needed Monday night.

Streetsville added two more in the second inning when Wayne Ellis drove in Doug Kalapaca with a single and eventually scored on a wild pitch.

Streetsville hosts John Oliver Thursday night at 8:30 and faces Oshawa at the Beaches Friday night at 8:30.

TOMAC takes a Page out of York record book

Nancy Page, who has been developing her swimming muscles over the past few years, may have to start working on her neck muscles.

The number of gold medals she keeps winning are bound to wear her down otherwise.

The 11-year-old swimmer entered 10 events and won nine of them in leading Mississauga Aquatic Club (TOMAC) to the team championship at York Aquatic Club's Invitational Swim Meet last weekend.

TOMAC was first in the eight-club competition with 504 points, 122 more than the hosts. Oshawa was third with 297 points and Waterloo fourth.

"It was very encouraging to see the younger swimmers do that well," said TOMAC head coach George Smith. "That's a sign of coming strength."

"We've now qualified 16 swimmers for the Ontario championships, which is the highest we've ever had."

Page, only 11, won the 400-yard freestyle (4:35.5), 100 backstroke (1:10.2), 200 IM (2:32.7), 50

freestyle (29.0), 100 butterfly (1:11.9), 100 freestyle (1:00), 200 backstroke (2:28.2) and 200 freestyle (2:14.6). She teamed with Carolina Sonzogni, Carolyn Taylor and Carolyn Day to win the 200 metres relay.

Taylor swam in Page's shadow all weekend, finishing second in an amazing seven races. She placed first in the 200 butterfly (2:35.8) to beat Page and also had a third-place finish.

Sonzogni won two races, the 100 breaststroke (1:19.5) and 200 breaststroke (2:50.6). Day had a second, two

thirds, fourth and fifth.

Michelle Darvill had a second and three thirds.

Keith Smout led the boys under 12 contingent with four firsts and four seconds. He was first in the 200 freestyle (2:07.7), 200 butterfly (2:29.2), 100 butterfly (1:07.4) and 400 freestyle (4:27.3).

Rudy Wolf, only 10, managed a fourth, two fifths and a sixth. Hiller Ruukholm managed a second, fourth and two sixths.

Jackie Keuper was the outstanding TOMAC swimmer in girls over 13 with a first, two seconds, three thirds, two fourths

and a fifth. She won the 200 backstroke in 2:31.1.

Lauren Hoyle won the 200 IM (2:27.5) and picked up a second, two thirds, a fourth and sixth.

Claudia Sonzogni had two seconds, a fourth, fifth and sixth.

Tim Gallagher had a strong weekend in the boys 13 and over division. He won the 200 backstroke (2:13.5) and 100 backstroke (1:01.9). He also collected a second, two thirds, two fourths and a fifth.

Richard Bennett won the 400 freestyle (4:02.8) and added a third, fourth and fifth.

Steve Eno had a fifth and sixth.

Hirtle hits hard

Don Hirtle's boxing debut will likely never be forgotten by Mario Vecette.

The Mississauga Boxing Club heavyweight needed only 25 seconds to dispose of Vecette, who was also in his first fight as a Northwest Rexdale Club boxer.

Hirtle's first left hook caused the referee to administer a standing eight count. The second left hook ended the bout.

The fight was part of a card held at the Monarch Restaurant in Rexdale. Hirtle earlier fought in an exhibition bout.

Fillmore flips Am-Can

In the past Mississauga's only claim to fame in judo circles lay in the throws and holds of Michelle Boileau, an internationally accomplished competitor.

However, the situation is beginning to change.

Kim Fillmore placed second at the Am-Can Judo Championships in Buffalo last Sunday, losing in the final match to fellow Sheridan Judo Club

member Patti Welch. Both were competing in the junior girls' 13-14 lightweight division.

Cliff Wardle of Mississauga finished third in the under 143 lb. weight division.

Cathie Fillmore was another Mississauga representative who fared well, finishing third in the senior girls' under 124 division.

Mandy Clayton of the Streetsville Judo Club competed in the senior division for the first time, meaning she was now subject to choke holds and arm locks not allowed in junior competition.

Clayton settled for third place in the small division after losing her second match against one defeat by a point.

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