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A common complaint you hear about sport today is lack of fan support. Promoters are sometimes at a loss for an explanation why attendance is down at certain sporting events.

In some cases, the sport itself is to blame and sometimes it's the athletes themselves, or their lawyers. Professionals should realize they are being paid to entertain the public. Anything less than maximum performance is bad for business.

Some of them have been producing something less than maximum recently. We refer to the strike by players in the National Football League south of the border.

Strikes are nothing new, of course. The world of economics is full of them. In the world of sport, the word strike IS new. It's not a nice word. It leaves a bad taste in your mouth.

Methinks they may be the authors of their own misfortunes yet to come. Look at it this way. Owners of big time professional clubs are in business for only one reason, to make money. Right?

Anything that interferes with their lucrative profits must be and usually is eliminated or they simply invest their money elsewhere. The players are making a good salary. If they dig too deep into the owners' pockets they're sure to find a hole. Result? Nothing!

You work hard for 25 years. You've saved your money and you buy a business, say a franchise in a pro sport. You hire 25 men, who are out of work, and give them a job, say playing football. Next thing you know, they're telling you how to run your business and how much money they'll take because of the great privilege you have having them work for you.

Fans might stay away because with unsettled relationships the players couldn't, or wouldn't, give their best performance. And who wants an inferior product? Some people won't buy a product that's manufactured by unhappy workers.

Biting the hand that feeds you isn't always the wise thing to do. We hope they don't wind up on relief. If they do, up goes our taxes again. C'mon, you guys, play ball before you price yourselves right out of existence.

★ ★ ★  
 There's a fine group of athletes playing in the Mississauga Fastball League. They provide first class entertainment Tuesday evenings at Huron Park, Thursdays at Port Credit Memorial Park behind the arena.

There's no admission charge but they do pass the hat each doubleheader night gathering a few quid to help defray some minor expenses. Tonight, Wed. July 10, there's a doubleheader at Port Credit Park, 6:45 p.m., previously rained out.

Players range from 20 to almost 40. Class of ball is just a notch below the Beaches, which means it's very good. Department is excellent. No fights, no big mouths, but a lot of good-natured bantering to go with the great pitching, hitting and fielding.

All the players are good or they wouldn't be there. You could select an all-star team which could stand against any in the province. Yes, Oakville, you too.

For catchers, you'd like the fine play of Carl Willigar (Cedar Grove) or Rene Artelle (ANAF). First base could be ably handled by Orv Crawford (ANAF) or Don Lee (Crestview IGA). At second, Bill Hannivan (ANAF) or Bill Goosen (Cedar Grove); third base, Fred Nash (ANAF) or Ken Gordaneer (Cedar Grove). Good shortstops would be Ed Wasag (Cedar Grove) or Bill Ashbee (G. H. Wood).

Moving into the outfield you could put heavy hitting Len Curry (IGA) or Al Mugford (Knob Hill) into left; Hal Kemp (IGA) or Wayne Gordaneer (Cedar Grove) in centre and Junior Anderson (ANAF) or Brian Ferry (IGA) in right.

Of course, there are other just as fine ball players. Brent Anderson, Mel Steinberg of Knob Hill, Cliff Miller, Bob Hamilton of G. H. Wood, etc.

There'd be no problem with pitching. Chaps like Jack Rainbow, Marty Baller, Ab Deasley, Matt Stefanic, Don Crawley, Keith Lancaster, Jim Clarke, etc., they're sharp and all have good assortment of curves, drops, rise balls and change-ups.

The league is interested in sponsoring junior fastball next year. Which is progress for sure. Make your inquiries from any executive member.

Get out to see these teams play. It's not bush league stuff, it's top notch fastball. The fresh air is great. So is the action.



Part of the action at last week's Mississauga-Falcon Soccer Night at Varsity Stadium. Youngster about to kick the ball is a member of the All-star Atom West team. They lost to Atom East 1-0.

## A little rain fails to dampen soccerites

Lightning flashed, thunder roared, the rain came down in buckets — but it was all over just in time for the half-time ceremonies honoring Sam Riddell, president of the Mississauga Minor Soccer Association.

The affair, termed Mississauga-Falcon Soccer Night, took place at Varsity Stadium, Toronto. The surprise to Mr. Riddell and co-honored guest, Mrs. John Morrison, was as great as the surprise the way the weather turned out fine after an early torrential downpour.

It didn't dampen the spirits of some 500 Mississauga soccer fans, however, as they went to see the presentations, four teams from their own league and a professional contest between Toronto Falcons and Detroit Cougars.

Mayor Robert "Bob" Speck drove a hard shot to kick off the evening. Falcon owner, Joe Peters, didn't exactly rush to Chief Bob with a contract. The way his Falcons subdued Detroit he didn't have to. They won 1-0 on a nice goal by Iris DeBrito in the first half.

**SIGNED BY PELE**  
 Mayor Speck welcomed the Mississauga fans to the game with one of his patented short, snappy

speeches. W. G. "Jerry" Love, director of recreation for Mississauga, was MC for the affair.

Mrs. John Morrison was presented with a beautiful trophy (John Morrison Memorial) which she gave to the Mississauga Soccer Association for annual competition.

Mr. Riddell, his trophy being from the Toronto Falcons, will also award it to Mississauga for annual competition. In addition, he was presented with a soccer ball to keep, autographed by famous Brazilian soccer star, Pele.

**EAST BEATS WEST**  
 In the exhibition games, both east all-star teams won. The East Mosquitos, coached by Ted Spykers, Andy Kilgour and Jeff Haynes, edged the West Mosquitos 1-0 on a fine shot by Paul Anderson. The West team had Andy Deme, Derek Wallcroft and John Odyk as coaches.

East Atoms, coached by Don McPhail, Tom Jones and Sid Pollock, also won 1-0 from the West Atoms on a penalty kick by Mark Knechtel. West coaches were P. Sellers, J. Smillie and Mike Pollard.

Falcon executive, Ivan Walker, took a good look

at all four clubs searching for prospects. There were lots of them. After the two interesting games, played at the same time on half the field each, the boys lined up to shake hands.

**LINEUPS**  
 MOSQUITO WEST: Garry Butters (Lyndwood Rovers), Rick Van Werten (Lyndwood Rovers), Garry Richardson (West Acres), Norm Poinau (Lakeview), David Monroe (Cooksville), Sandy Gray (West Acres), Alwyn Van Den Berg (Cooksville), Chris Martin (Lakeview), Rick Ryan (West Acres), Kevin Newsham (Lakeview), Bruce Williams (Cooksville), Dean Buid (Lyndwood Rovers). Coaches: Andy Deme, Derek Wallcroft, John Odyk.  
 MOSQUITO EAST: Wayne Britton (Dixie), Peter Piccininni (Dixie), Doug Cooper (Clarkson), Jack Odyk (Lyndwood Thistles), Perry Melia (Clarkson), Ken Kilgour

(Lyndwood Thistles), Marty Sandid (Dixie), John Bell (Lyndwood Thistles), David Riddell (Mississauga), Allan Gardiner (Clarkson), Bob White (Mississauga), Paul Anderson (Mississauga), Leo Van Werten (Lyndwood Rovers). Coaches: Ted Spykers, Andy Kilgour, Jeff Haynes.  
 ATOM WEST: Steve Flynn (Eriandale), Allan Bonnistiel (Hawthorn), Wayne Dunn (Park Royal), Peter Sterne (Park Royal), Bobby Reckenbach (Mississauga), Barry Siler (Willow Glen), David Montelfh (Mississauga), Jim Smillie (Willow Glen), Howard Bennington (Cooksville), Perry Kotek (Cooksville), Scott Snarr (Eriandale), Mike Gora (Hawthorn). Coaches: P. Sellers, J. Smillie, Mike Pollard.  
 ATOM EAST: Larry Seriman (West Acres), Jeff Tonkin (Sherway), Louis Mastromatto (Dixie), Randy Koster (Dixie), Gerry Yates (Forest Glen), Donny McPhail (Lyndwood Falcons), Kim Albrecht (Sherway), Mark Knechtel (West Acres), Kevin Walker (Lyndwood Falcons), Dave Holder (Forest Glen), Stephen Roe (Lakeview), Wayne Cockerill (Lakeview). Coaches: Don McPhail, Tom Jones, Sid Pollock.



Mayor Robert Speck presents soccer ball, autographed by famed player Pele, to Sam Riddell at Mississauga-Falcon Soccer Night.