

Wood comes home to rest

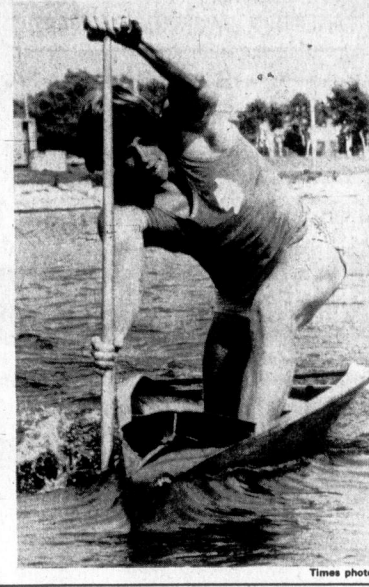
The Olympic Village is an exciting place to be — if you don't mind the tension. For Mississauga's paddler, John Wood, the tension became unbearable, and last week he returned to the relative tranquility of Mississauga to continue his final pre-competition preparations.

Wood, Canada's best bet to capture a medal in canoeing, competes today (Wednesday) in the Canadian singles 500 metre heats at the Olympic Basin at Notre Dame Island.

"There were a lot of people around at the Olympic Village, and a lot of tension building up due to the competitions," explained Wood. "I felt it would be better to return home where I could be more relaxed."

Relaxing at home for Wood meant spending his days in much the same way he has spent them for the last few months — training for the Olympics on the Credit River.

Wood was the only member of the canoeing team to return home. "For the others it was their first Olympics so they wanted to stay, but for me it's my third Olympics. The novelty is gone."



Times photo

Chiefs, Bengals clash tonight

By TOM MALONEY
The Mississauga Chiefs face the aggressive Hamilton Bengals tonight at Huron Park Arena in the second game of what promises to be an exciting quarter final play-off series. Hamilton, known for their physical style of play, was host to the first game of the OLA Junior A play-off last night.

Results of which were unavailable at press time. Hamilton, in their initial season of Junior A lacrosse, enter the play-offs by virtue of a third place finish in the Western division, ten points behind the second place Chiefs. The Bengals have lost three of four games to the Chiefs this year, winning 30-15 in one outing after the Chiefs had played a string of five games in six days.

Because of their previous record against the Chiefs and their inexperience in play-off action, Hamilton is expected to play a physically aggressive series but Chiefs' Coach Morley Kells does not seem to

fear this inevitable Hamilton game plan. "They are a young and physical team," admits Kells, "but we'll just have to keep cool. I believe that a team won't be intimidated if they don't want to be. We will just play our own game in our own style."

The Kells' style depends on a fast break offence and a "30 second defence." Ideally Chiefs forecheckers occupy their opponents for at least ten seconds up the floor, leaving the attackers a maximum of twenty seconds of possession in the Chiefs' defensive zone. According to OLA rules, a team is allowed a total of only thirty seconds of possession before they must give up the ball.

The fast break should take advantage of an off-balance defence which has not had sufficient time to get back into proper defensive position. "We have to stay away from chippy penalties," Continued on Page B5

Fogh just misses bronze medal



By CHRIS ZELKOVICH

Hans Fogh, who has won every major award in the flying Dutchman class of sailing but an Olympic gold medal, ended his flying Dutchman career Tuesday still short of his goal.

Fogh and crew Evert Bastet, both of Mississauga, placed sixth in the final race and fell to fourth overall. They missed a bronze medal by five points.

Germany's Joerg Diesch won the gold medal with 34.70 points, 17 less than silver medalist Rodney Pattison of Great Britain. The bronze medal went to Brazil's Reinaldo Conrad who totalled 40 points more than Pattison.

Fogh and Bastet were in third place heading into the final day and needed

only to finish ahead of Conrad to win Canada's first medal in the flying Dutchman class. But an early wind shift kept them behind Conrad and they finished sixth.

The loss of a medal was a bitter disappointment for the 38-year-old Fogh who had planned on moving into the soling class after the Olympics. Fogh won the European Cup earlier this year and appeared to be one of the favorites for a gold medal at the Olympics.

"Well, I'm disappointed," said the Danish-born sailmaker. "But we look at it this way — we were in a position for a medal heading into the final day and that's not bad. Finishing fourth isn't the worst position although it is the most

frustrating."

This was Fogh's fifth Olympics and the second in which he has placed fourth. He won a silver medal in 1960.

"The loss has made me want to go on more than ever," Fogh said. "It would have been nice to take that little bronze medal home but I have to be satisfied with fourth."

"I'll be back." Fogh's only consolation was that the Danish crew won the gold medal in the soling class using a Fogh sail.

The fickle wind of Lake Ontario played havoc with Fogh and Bastet throughout the seven races. It held them to fifth place after five races until a good wind shift pushed them into third in the sixth race.



HANS FOGH

But it was their undoing on the final day.

"We knew we had to finish ahead of Conrad and we were watching closely," said Bastet. "He moved ahead of us to the right and we followed him but the wind shifted and we fell behind."

Oddly enough the wind, which gusted from 15 to 18 knots Tuesday, should have helped Fogh and Bastet as they're usually at their best under windy conditions.

"There were a lot of people who sailed well out there," Bastet said. "Maybe our mistake was not staying close enough to Conrad."

Conrad finished third in the final race behind the Russians and Australians. Fogh and Bastet were consistent throughout the seven races but not consistently good. With the exception of the fourth race, which saw them place thirteenth, they finished no lower than sixth and no higher than third.

Pattison, for example, finished eighteenth, twelfth and eleventh in the final three races but still compiled enough points on the first four to win the silver medal.

These Olympics mark the end of the Fogh-Bastet team that won scores of major races during the last seven years. Fogh will begin preparing for his soling career next year and doubts that the 25-year-old Bastet will join him.

"He's young," said Fogh. "And has a lot of time in this class."

Although Fogh missed the biggest prize of the flying Dutchman, he has a good chance of succeeding in soling. He won the world soling championships in 1973 and is determined to put everything into winning.

"I'm not quitting," he said. "We've put two years into preparing for the Olympics. I'm not going to stop now."

No one thought he ever would.

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Playoffs like new season as Junior B's win opener

By GREG SNOW
Playoffs are invariably referred to as a 'brand new season' and Ron Wannamaker, coach of the Mississauga Sullivan Homes Junior B's is happy his players started the 'new season' with a better mental outlook than the one they had at the end of the old season.

Friday, the Homes completed their regular schedule against the league leading Scarborough Saints and played flatter than a slice of processed cheese in dropping a 19-18 decision.

The loss dropped the Homes into third place and gave the home advantage to the second place Brampton Excelsiors in the quarter final playoff series.

But the B's came up running in Brampton on Sunday

and squeaked past the Excelsiors 11-9 to take a one game lead in the best of seven series.

"I don't know what was wrong with us tonight," said a bewildered Wannamaker after Friday's loss, "the game was important to us but we were flat and they just out-hustled us."

Nowhere was this fitness more evident than in the performance of the Homes power play during the first period.

Mississauga gave up two goals as the man advantage backfired.

"Our power play just stunk," was Wannamaker's accurate conclusion. "We were too hesitant."

The Homes spotted the Saints a 6-1 lead in the first period before they started to make a game of it. They trailed 7-6 at the end of the first and 13-12 at the end of the second.

Rick Whidden tallied four times for Homes, Bob McMahon and Jeff Skinner each got hat tricks.

Sunday, the Homes put all their hesitancy behind them and led by the strong goaltending of newcomer Craig Thompson scored seven goals in the second period and held on to beat Brampton.

Thompson was appearing in his seventh game for the Homes after being picked up from the Rexdale C's and his unique style frustrated the Excelsiors.

"Craig has a really unusual style," says Homes' assistant

coach, Dave Keldie, "he's always standing up to the shooter and he has great reflexes and really covers the net."

Despite playing well, the Homes gave Wannamaker some tense minutes in the third period, about eighteen and a half of them to be exact, the time it took them to score.

"I think we were just trying too hard to put it past them," Wannamaker said, "and we just got frustrated when we couldn't."

Though he managed only one goal into an empty net in the last seconds of the game, Speedy Ron Smith was a standout for the Homes.

Smith, praised by his coaches as "probably the best natural goal scorer on the team" was double teamed throughout the night but still lit out on some exciting breakaways.

The Homes got some welcome scoring help from Kim Bishop and Ron Flint, two players who haven't been shooting well of late but both managed two goals against Brampton.

Carl Shaw with a strong offensive and defensive performance got a hat trick.

The second game of the series was played last night at the Clarkson Arena. Action resumes tonight in Brampton with Mississauga playing host on Friday night.

"This should be a good series," said Wannamaker, "Brampton doesn't play chip-

pie lacrosse, but I think our chances of getting past them are pretty good.

In the other series, Scarborough tackles fourth place finishers, Ennismore.



Times photo by RON POZZER

Hansa International was delivered a 2-0 defeat at the hands of a German side SV 20 Brilon.

Germans give Hansa 2-0 defeat

Hansa International has enjoyed its own way this season in the Toronto and District (T&D) second division racking up nine wins and one tie in 10 starts.

To celebrate Hansa's tenth anniversary the club invited a touring German side SV 20 Brilon to take part in the club's tournament.

Brilon did what no other club has done to Hansa in some time—the visitors beat them 2-0.

"Brilon is an extremely medical team," explained Hansa coach Jack McGrogan, "we tried to increase the tempo and pressure them but they concentrated on football and refused to be ruffled."

Hansa, on the strength of Shay Pierney's late game goal, defeated T&D First Division club Edelweiss 1-0 in the first round.

The loss upset Edelweiss so much they refused to stay and play Hamilton's Alemannia in the consolation game. McGrogan noted. Their rosters stayed however and

razzed Hansa during its game with Brilon, he added.

Hansa's second eleven defeated Ensign Motors 4-3 in Lakeshore League Cup play.

Geoff Whitehead Jr. scored three times to lead Hansa into the semi-finals of the Lakeshore Cup. Mike Casngi rounded out the scoring.

Arrows spear coach, name home

The Mississauga Golden Arrows have finally got themselves a coach and just maybe they've got themselves a home.

Tony Callam, 36, who is not new to introducing hockey clubs to this city will guide the Arrows in their inaugural season. In what he calls, "The worst job I have done," Callam coached the Junior B Dixie Ventures during their first season in the Central League a year ago. The Ventures finished last in the seven team loop.

Callam may not be actually introducing a new club to

Mississauga this year. The closest Mississauga's senior A entry may come to the city is within 500 yards.

"We'll be holding training camp and playing our home games at Westwood Arena," says Arrow President Les Gall, unhappily.

Westwood Arena is located slightly west of Highway 27, 500 yards east of the Mississauga border in Etobicoke.

What happened to Meadowvale? (The Golden Arrows last announced home.)

"According to very reliable sources I have heard Meadow-

vale will not be built," says Gall. "There is nothing on the site now. They have not started construction."

Unable to contact Meadowvale Arenas owner Allen Moses, early last week, Gall went ahead and made arrangements to play at Westwood arena.

"We have arranged a financially better deal at Westwood," said Gall. "I don't think there is any chance we would change our minds and move to Meadowvale. If we are financially successful at Westwood where there are 1,000 seats plus, it

would be disastrous to move to Meadowvale where there will only be 500 seats."

According to Gall, the Arrows will open training camp at Westwood September 12, and tentatively play their first exhibition game September 17. The regular season will begin October 16 with the Arrows hosting Orillia Terriers.

"We will be hurt a little playing in Westwood," says Gall, "but we have lined up some promotions that hopefully will sell the team."

On Monday, Moses denied his arena complex will not be

Davison's dreams turn to ashes--but no sod

Ray Davison has a dream. The vice-president of the Clarkson Sheridan Soccer Club envisages green lush competition soccer grounds on the CFRB lands on Royal Windsor Drive in Clarkson.

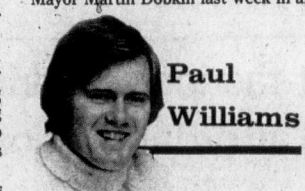
Davison dreams of properly graded and sodded soccer fields—one for games and one for practices—along with a snack bar, stands and dressing rooms. The area would be fenced in to ensure the best possible conditions during competition.

Optimistically, Davison sees his dream becoming a reality next season if the funds become available.

Meanwhile, the club is using city fields for its house-league games, tournaments, Ontario Cup matches and Halton Peel League action. But not without a great deal of grumbling.

Davison fired off a letter recently to City Council describing the Clarkson Park pitch as a pig sty and accusing the city parks and recreation staff of

being unco-operative and uncommunicative. Davison and club officials met with Mayor Martin Dobkin last week in an



Paul Williams

attempt to get some action on the club's problems. Dobkin seemed sympathetic, explained Davison, and in favor of competitive soccer grounds. He promised to get answers to the Clubs' beefs from the recreation and parks department.

But Ed Halliday, Mississauga's sports czar and the man Dobkin will be asking to answer the charges of

"poor playing conditions and unco-operativeness," also has a problem. He has a budget.

For example the parks department chunk of his department's budget which is used to pay for creative play equipment, baseball backstops, soccer goal posts, tennis courts, benches, etc., was cut to under \$200,000 in 1976 from \$316,000 in 1975.

Halliday is getting so used to telling sports organizations there isn't enough money to go around that he probably repeats it in his sleep.

But that argument doesn't hold water according to Davison. "All that is needed to bring Whiteoaks and Meadow Parks up to standard is less than \$75," he says.

The \$75 would be used to buy sod at 40 cents a square yard, sod needed to replace a few bare spots. But what about labor costs?

"We would supply the labor ourselves at no cost," says Davison.

"I've gone out on a limb and volunteered the services of 50 coaches. We would fill up the bare patches, take the rocks out or break them up, put soil in and lay the sod."

The club would then be willing to water the fields and roll them if necessary. However, doing everything needed to keep the fields in good shape hinges on getting the necessary equipment from the city.

Fred Smith, the city's Director of Parks believes that most of the pitches used by the soccer club are in "reasonable shape" but concedes that a couple of fields need some work.

An effort to improve Clarkson Park by top dressing failed last fall, he explained. "We are in the process of resodding Clarkson right now and I hope it will be playable by the end of the season."

Smith in turn accuses the Clarkson Sheridan soccer group of being unco-operative. "At a meeting last fall we

told them if they wanted to form a work party we would drop topsoil for them if they gave us a week's notice. We also told them we would arrange to pick up any rocks they wanted to dig up," says Smith.

Hose and outlets were to be made available to the Association so they could water the field although "it would be a fair chore."

"Since that meeting we haven't heard from them," says Smith.

"They have heard from us," says Davison. "But we get no co-operation. We have volunteers who are willing to maintain the fields. One of our referees has designed a marking machine for lining the fields and another has gone out and bought wood for corner posts. We have asked the city for hoses and standpipes so we can attach the hoses to the water supply which is six feet below the ground and machines so we can roll the turf."

Silly answers are all the Association gets, according to Davison.

Groups such as the Clarkson Sheridan Soccer Club can't be blamed for asking the city to improve facilities as long as their requests are reasonable.

On the other hand, "financial restraint" is the favorite term heard around city hall these days and there isn't much money for fancy projects.

But it is a waste of the taxpayers' money when Hillside Park is rife with weeds and bare patches a year after it was sodded through lack of maintenance—especially when a local sports organization is on record as saying that it's ready to maintain the fields.

All that's needed is sod and top soil and the equipment to keep those fields in better than "reasonable" shape.

And that's not really much to ask.