

## SPORTS

## Avco wins second slo-pitch title



Jim Waters of the Highway Motel team takes a mighty cut at the ball in last weekend's Huntsville slo-pitch ball finals. Avco won the exciting playdown for the second straight year.

Avco Financial Services captured their second Avco Cup slo-pitch title in a row Saturday afternoon at the McCulley-Robertson Ball Park.

With the championship game tied in the bottom of the seventh inning between Avco and Deluxe Bus Lines, Avco's Bob Pepler scored the winning run.

Pepler was on second base when a routine pop fly was caught for an out, however, Pepler ran to third where the throw squirted past the third baseman and allowed Pepler to score the winning run to give Avco a 6-5 triumph and the Huntsville slo-pitch title.

The victory capped a dramatic series of playoff games during the day. Both teams reached the finals by virtue of some late inning heroics during their respective semi-final matches.

Avco squared off against Prelude Realty in one semi-final. Prelude seemed to have things well in hand against the regular season champs, scoring eight times in the top of the seventh inning. However, Avco

clawed back with eight runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning to even the count.

Avco prevailed over Prelude 12-11 in 10 innings to advance to the championship game.

In the other semi-final encounter, Domtar was ahead by a comfortable 9-3 margin with two out in the bottom of the seventh inning, however, Deluxe Bus staged an incredible comeback, scoring seven runs to win 10-9.

Earlier in the day those four teams won their respective quarter-final matches, as Avco defeated Lee's Service Centre 5-1, Deluxe Bus upended Double 'H' Feeds 14-3, Prelude dumped Leigh's Esso 8-2, while Domtar squeaked past Municipal Trust 6-5.

The road to the championship round for the eight teams began September 12 in the roundrobin format as all 18 teams vied to enter the final 8 on Saturday.

The final eight teams survived the opening roundrobin affair September 14. Domtar, Deluxe Bus and

Prelude advanced to the final 8 each with perfect 5-0 won-loss records. Avco and Lee's each finished with four wins and one loss, while Leigh's and Double 'H' each had three wins and two defeats.

Meanwhile, Municipal filled the final eighth spot with two wins, two losses and one tie. The other 10 teams were eliminated from further playoff action.

## Silhouettes open season

The Huntsville Synchro Silhouettes are starting the season with a "Sample Some Synchro" Thursday at the Huntsville Centennial Centre pool.

If you are a swimmer who has always wanted to try this new water sport, now is the time. The Silhouettes are inviting you to come for an hour of fun, exercise and to learn a little about synchronized swimming.

There will be no charge - it is a free sample. Girls may participate from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and ladies from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Regular classes will commence Tuesday, Sept. 24th, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and ladies from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Thursday Sept.

26th, girls from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Synchronized swimming is a relatively new water sport developing grace, fitness and endurance. A sport that can be enjoyed by both sexes and all ages.

Recreational swimmers will enjoy learning new skills while at the same time improving their physical fitness in a fun environment. Swimmers enrolling should have at least blue level of basic knowledge of strokes. Recreational swimmers usually swim once or twice a week.

Program includes Star awards, Pansy Forbes, Synchro-Fit-Circuit, water shows and fun meets. For additional information you may call the aquatic office at 789-6421.

## Ladies softball league wraps up season

The Huntsville Ladies Softball League wrapped up their season with their annual banquet Friday.

The Huntsville Travel Jets walked away with the Station House trophy for the overall league winners as well as the Jim Brooks trophy for winning the "A" division playoffs.

George Bell Northstars won the Sylvia Leeder trophy for the "B" division champions.

Huntsville Place Maulers captured the Ruth Constable trophy as "A" runner-ups and the Brenda Slater trophy for "B" runner-ups went to West Side Fish and Chips.

Most sportsmanship team trophy, donated by West Side Fish and Chips, was won by the Pendale Panthers.

The Blair Lovell Memorial trophy

was won by Karen Gibbons and the Laurie Farnsworth Memorial trophy was won by Pam Graham.

M.V.P. trophies were presented by the coaches to: Lori Kroll (George Bell Northstars); Tara Hicks & Joanne Bennett (Huntsville Travel Jets); Patir Mitchell (Station House); Donna Peacock (West Side Fish and Chips); Shelley Allred & Debbie Yeo (Pendale Panthers); Pauline Fisher & Lynn Godfrey (Turners Garage); Linda Rosbottom (Huntsville Maulers); Deidre King & Shelley Smith (Haley's Masonry).

Most improved players were: Kathy McPhee (Station House); Linda Gill (George Bell Northstars); Lisa LeBar (West Side Fish & Chips); Tracy Lovegrove (Huntsville Place Maulers); Karen Stewart (Haley's Masonry).

## Soccer championships to be played on German-Canadian Club pitch

GCC Huntsville will play host to the Muskoka and District Soccer Association's playoffs beginning Sunday morning.

The league's first place finishers the Huntsville Shoppers Drug Mart Strikers will face last place Bracebridge Centennials at 1 p.m. at the GCC Huntsville field, five miles south of Huntsville off Brunel Road.

Meanwhile, Muskoka Inter will

open earlier in the day at 11 a.m. against second place finishers Barrie. All eight league teams will be participating in the playoffs.

The four winning teams from Sunday's action will playoff for the championship and runner-up trophies the following Sunday, September 29 at the GCC Huntsville field.

The four losing teams will playoff in a roundrobin tournament, Saturday, September 28.

## Huntsville wins oldtimer's soccer tourney

The Huntsville Oldtimers team won a soccer tournament in Aurora on Saturday.

In the championship game against Bradford United, the Huntsville club scored with 16 seconds to play in the contest to even the count 2-2, and then won on penalty kicks 4-3 in extra time as Huntsville netminder Danny West sparked in goal stopping two penalty shots.

Huntsville opened tournament play with a 1-1 tie against the host team Aurora, and then defeated the West Rogue (Toronto) 2-1 to advance to the championship final.

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