

**1980 (5<sup>th</sup> Season)**

**Saint John Men's Touch Football League**

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# 1980 SEASON

TEAM	GAMES	WINS	LOSES	TIES	FOR	AGAINST	POINTS
Runner's World	13	12	0	1			25
Trojans	13	11	2	0			22
Kooler Kings	13	9	3	1			19
Labatt Blues	13	8	5	0			16
Raiders	13	6	7	0			12
Walking Wounded	13	5	7	1			11
Buccaneers	13	5	7	1			11
Surf City	13	5	8	0			10
Fairvale Aces	13	2	11	0			4
Snyder's Photography	13	1	12	0			2
	<b>130</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

*\* Standings From the Newspaper Article - Oct 22nd, 1980*

## Quarter Finals (Oct 23rd, 1980)

Runner's World	W	Surf City	L
Labatt Blues	W	Raiders	L

*\* Results From the Newspaper Article - Oct 27th, 1980*

## Quarter Finals (Oct 26th, 1980)

Kooler Kings	32	Walking Wounded	6
Labatt Blues	30	Raiders	0

*\* Results From the Newspaper Article - Oct 27th, 1980*

## Semi-Finals (Oct 28th, 1980)

Runner's World	50	Labatt Blues	0
Kooler Kings	14	Trojans	6

*\* Results From the Newspaper Article - Oct 29th, 1980*

## "A" Final

Runner's World	54	Kooler Kings	6
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*\* Results From the Newspaper Article - Oct 31st, 1980*

## 1980 REGULAR SEASON GAMES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AWAY at HOME</u>	<u>SCORE</u> <u>(A - H)</u>	<u>FIELD</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
09-13	Labatt Blues at Fairvale Aces	22-6		From the Newspaper Article - Sept 15th, 1980
	Walking Wounded at Raiders	31-6		
	Buccaneers at Snyder's Photography	35-6		
	Runner's World at Kooler Kings	25-12		
	Trojans at Surf City	47-0		
09-14	Snyder's Photography at Raiders	6-0		From the Newspaper Article - Sept 15th, 1980
	Trojans at Labatt Blues	6-0		
	Kooler Kings at Fairvale Aces	6-0 (DEF)		
09-16	Raiders at Buccaneers	15-6		From the Newspaper Article - Sept 17th, 1980
	Labatt Blues at Fairvale Aces	38-0		
	Kooler Kings at Runner's World	8-8		
09-21	Trojans at Snyder's Photography	41-0		From the Newspaper Article - Sept 22nd, 1980
	Fairvale Aces at Walking Wounded	14-6		
	Kooler Kings at Buccaneers	26-18		
	Labatt Blues at Raiders	50-0		
09-25	Labatt Blues at Snyder's Photography	59-0		From the Newspaper Article - Sept 26th, 1980
	Kooler Kings at Surf City	40-0		
	Trojans at Raiders	24-0		
09-28	Trojans at Kooler Kings	40-21		From the Newspaper Article - Sept 29th, 1980
	Walking Wounded at Snyder's Photogra	36-0		
	Labatt Blues at Buccaneers	46-6		
	Runner's World at Fairvale Aces	6-0 (DEF)		
10-16	Labatt Blues at Walking Wounded	39-6		From the Newspaper Article - Oct 17th, 1980
	Trojans at Buccaneers	40-9		
10-19	Runner's World at Labatt Blues	74-0		From the Newspaper Article - Oct 20th, 1980
	Surf City at Snyder's Photography	48-0		
10-21	Runner's World at Trojans	24 - 8		From the Newspaper Article - Oct 22nd, 1980
	Kooler Kings at Labatt Blues	24-14		
	Surf City at Buccaneers	24-14		

*August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1980*

## **RE-ELECTED**

Dave Somerville was re-elected president of the Saint John Touch Football League during their pre-season meeting last night.

As well, a supporting cast was elected for Somerville which includes Carl White as vice-president, Ken Bettie as secretary-treasurer and Mike Butler as referee-in-chief.

The league, which opens Sept. 6, is tentatively set to have nine teams competing in two divisions playing a 12-game schedule. Among the teams returning from last year is Runner's World, which copped the league title and advanced to the national championship.

The league's winner will also advance to the nationals, which will go in Ottawa the last weekend of October.

Somerville also said that there is still time for other teams to register for the loop. The deadline is set for Aug. 28 and it will cost a team \$200 to register. If a group is interested in putting a team in the league, Somerville can be reached at 693-9894.

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1980

# Touch Football

## Saint John Touch League

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Runner's World	2	0	0	67	19	4
1880 Trojans	2	0	0	53	0	4
Buccaneers	1	0	0	35	6	2
Labatts Blues	1	1	0	22	12	2
Walking Wounded	1	1	0	38	48	2
Snyder's	1	1	0	12	35	2
Cooler Kings	1	1	0	18	25	2
Surf City	0	1	0	0	47	0
Raiders	0	2	0	6	37	0
Fairvale	0	2	0	6	28	0

### Played Saturday

Labatts Blues 22 Fairvale Acres 6  
Walking Wounded 31 Raiders 6  
Buccaneers 35 Snyder's 6  
Runner's World 25 Cooler Kings 12  
1880 Trojans 47 Surf City 0

### Played Sunday

Buccaneers 35 Snyder's 6  
Runner's World 25 Cooler Kings 12  
Snyder's 6 Raiders 0  
1880 Trojans 6 Labatts Blue 0  
Cooler Kings 6 Fairvale Acres 0  
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September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1980

## **RAIDERS ROMP**

Raiders dumped the Buccaneers 15-6 in one of three Saint John Men's Touch Football League games on Tuesday.

Labatt's Blues blasted Fairvale Aces 38-0 and Kooler Kings tied Runner's World 8-8 in other action.

Brian Hebb accounted for seven points for the Raiders while Mark Magee had six and Jack Mailloux had two. Carl Brooks put six points on the board for the Buccaneers.

Kim Campbell supplied all of the scoring punch for Kooler Kings and Tom O'Reilly did the same for Runner's World.

# Touch Football Is Fun, Exciting

By **BRUCE MUNFORD**  
Staff Writer

The ball has just been snapped from centre and the quarterback is scrambling in all directions looking for an open receiver. Oh no, he can't find one. Sweat generated from fear begins to pour down his face as over a dozen seconds have rolled by.

It's just about that time . . . time when a monstrous 280-pound defensive lineman rolls in and man-handles the QB into the dirt.

But wait. There aren't any Mean Joe Greene's or Lee Roy Selmon's. Only a couple of guys ready to tag you on the back to end the play. It's a quarterback's dream!

Yes. It's also the Saint John Touch Football League. The little guy's league, the family man's league, the speedster's league, the anybody-who-wants-to-play's league. It is THE football league.

Thanks to Pat Palmer of the Saint John Recreation and Parks Department and a few others, the league was born in 1976 and has given the basic football-fanatic of Saint John a chance to play Terry Bradshaw or Lynn Swan for a day.

There are some who take the sport serious and are out to win all they can, but League president Dave Somerville said "there are others that say hey, let's go out tonight and have some fun and enjoy ourselves."

The league has expanded from eight teams its first season to 10 this year. Somerville pointed out that 185 players have registered for the 1980 campaign, the highest number ever, and he sees the possibility of the league doubling its size for 1981.

"There's no reason why Saint John shouldn't have

13, 16 or even 20 teams in the league," he expalined. "It's an inexpensive sport. The only thing the players need is a pair of cleats."

The game's rules is a drawing card in itself. The only injury worries are possible muscle pulls and twisted ankles from running. Each team has even men on the 110-yard field with the defensive players having to touch the man with the ball with just one hand to halt action.

The defence lines six men a yard behind the line of scrimmage with one player, known around the loop as a rusher, five yards back. Nobody can cross the line of scrimmage until after the rusher has.

On offense everybody is an eligible receiver, including the centre, after the ball has been snapped. Running plays can be used, but, as Somerville said, "90 per cent of the play is passing."

The games consist of 20-minute quarters with the first and third quarters straight time and the second and fourth straight time for the first 17

minutes. After that it's five plays and the gun sounds.

There is no blocking and Somerville, said, "everybody makes catches and everybody plays an important part."

The league has divided its 10 teams into two five-team Tiers. Tier A consists of the top five teams of 1979 — league champion Runner's World, 1880 Trojans, Labatt Blues, Kooler Kings and Fairvale Aces — while Tier B has the remainder — Walking Wounded, Surf City, Buccaneers, Raiders and new-entry Snyder's Photography.

A 13-game schedule is in effect with the squads battling their division rivals twice and their opponents from the opposite division once. The top four in each make the playoffs.

After a league winner is declared they will travel to Ottawa, Ont. for the national championships Nov. 7-9. Last year Runner's World posted an 0-2 record at the 56-team, double-knockout Canadian championship.

Both Moncton and Fredericton also have touch football leagues and will be sending their champions to Ottawa. This coming Sunday in Moncton, the Labatts provincial championship will be held between the league's three champions. The round-robin affair will see the top two advance to a sudden-death final.

"I've seen a marked improvement in the play over the last year," said Somerville of the local league. "We're improving in all aspects."

Maybe a national title isn't too far off, but for now, some Saint Johners are having the time of their life. They've got something the professionals only dream about.

## Standings

### Tier A

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Runner's World	3	0	1	92	41	7
Labatt Blues	3	1	0	98	20	6
1880 Trojans	2	1	0	67	17	4
Kooler Kings	1	2	1	40	65	3
Fairvale Aces	1	3	0	16	62	2

### Tier B

Buccaneers	2	1	0	62	41	4
Walking Wounded	2	1	0	72	60	4
Snyder's Photo	1	2	0	12	51	2
Raiders	1	3	0	41	64	2
Surf City	0	2	0	12	81	0

### PLAYED TUESDAY

Kooler Kings 8 Runner's World 8  
Raiders 15 Buccaneers 6  
Labatt Blues 38 Fairvale Aces 0

### SCHEDULED TODAY

Runner's World vs Raiders  
Snyder's Photo vs Kooler Kings  
Surf City vs Walking Wounded



September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1980

# Trojans Romp

Dave MacGowan and Clark Fitzgerald both scored a pair of touchdowns in leading 1880 Trojans to a 41-0 trouncing over Snyder's Photography in one of four Saint John Touch Football League games played Sunday.

Dave Griffith's two majors lifted Fairvale Aces to a 14-6 win over Walking Wounded, Kooler Kings edged Buccaneers 26-18 and Labatt

Blues flattened the Raiders 50-0.

Tom James and Carol Olsen also scored touchdowns for the Trojans while Jim Devine added a two-point convert and Gerry McGarth, Carl White and Fitzgerald single-point converts.

Kevin McQuinn rounded out the Aces scoring with a two-point convert while Steve Porter scored a touchdown for the Walking Wounded.



September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1980

# Shutouts Recorded

Lopsided scores were the order of the day in the Saint John Touch Football League Thursday.

Labatt Blues, with Vic Ryan and Wally MacInnis scoring three touchdowns each, whipped Snyder's Photography 59-0 while the Kooler Kings trounced Surf City 40-0 and the 1880 Trojans toppled the Raiders 24-0.

MacInnis added two, one-point converts to his points total with Brendon Carson, Terry Fennell and Leroy Hatfield scoring majors. Glen Hurley finished off the scoring with one, one-point convert and one, two-point convert.

Kim Campbell and Steve Ryan had two six-pointers each and Paul Fuller and Bruce VanVert added single touchdowns, in the Kooler Kings easy win. Ryan and Fuller each had two-point converts.

Dave MacGowan, Ian Taylor, Terry Fitzgerald and Derek Dixon all scored touchdowns as the Trojans registered their the third shutout of the day.

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1980

## **TROJANS ROMP**

Dave McGowan scored three touchdowns to power 1880 Trojans to a 40-21 victory over Kooler Kings in Saint John Men's Touch Football League action on Sunday.

In other games, Walking Wounded blasted Snyder's Photography 36-0, Labatt Blues trimmed the Buccaneers 46-6 and Runner's World picked up a win over Fairvale Aces by default.

Gerry McGrath, Carl Olsen and Tom Kanes all had one touchdown for 1880 Trojans while Olsen had two one-point converts and Kanes and Taylor had one apiece.

Kim Campbell hit paydirt twice for Kooler Kings while Bruce VanWart had the other touchdown. Campbell had a one-point convert and Paul Fuller added a two-point convert.

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1980

LeRoy Hatfield put 13 points on the scoreboard for Labatt Blues and they went on to trounce Walking Wounded 39-6 in one of two Saint John Men's Touch Football Association games on Thursday.

1880 Trojans blasted the Buccaneers 40-9 in the other contest.

Vic Ryan added 12 points for the Blues while Derm Hartley contributed eight and Terry Fennell had six.

Clark Fitzgerald scored 12 points for the Trojans with Carl Olsen adding eight and single touchdowns coming from Ian Taylor, Jim Devine and Tom James. Dave McQuinn had two points.

Ken Bettle had seven points for the Buccaneers and Don Yeo scored the other two.

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1980

# Bucs, Wounded Tie 6-6

Runner's World and Surf City both picked up easy wins Sunday to highlight play in the Saint John Touch Football League.

Runner's World easily got by Labatt's Blue 74-0 while Surf City had an equally easy time of it against Snider's Photo, winning 48-0. A game between the Buccaneers and Walking Wounded ended in a 6-6 tie.

John Wagstaff led Runner's World in its triumph with three touchdowns and one two-point convert with Tom O'Reilly scoring three touchdowns. Peter Cleven was next in the scoring parade with two major scores and two-two point converts with Darrell Delong and Peter Breen each having one touchdown and Ted White and Graeme Maguire each collecting two-two point converts.

The score was 38-0 at halftime.

For Surf City Brian Kierstead and Kevin Cherry each scored two majors with Doug Huskalson and Dave Griffin both collecting majors and two point converts. Gerry Heakema added one touchdown with Mike Richards garnering two points.

The winners led 36-0 at the half.

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1980

# Champs Go Undefeated

Runner's World topped 1880 Trojans 24-8 in one of three Saint John Men's Touch Football League games on Tuesday and finished the season in first place.

Kooler Kings defeated Labatt Blues 24-14 and Surf City dumped the Buccaneers 24-14 in other action.

Runner's World finished with a 12-0-1 won-lost-tied record for 25 points, three ahead of the Trojans in the A division. Kooler Kings finished at 9-3-1, Labatt Blues at 8-5-0 and the defunct Fairvale Aces at 2-11.

The B division was won by the Raiders with a 6-7 mark while Walking Wounded was second at 5-7-1, Buccaneers third with an identical mark,

Surf City at 5-8 and Snyder's Photography at 1-12.

League playoffs begin on Thursday with Runner's World meeting Surf City at 6 p.m. and the Trojans and the Buccaneers playing at 7:30. Both games are scheduled for Shamrock Park.

On Sunday at Princess Elizabeth School, Kooler Kings play Walking Wounded at 10 a.m. and Labatt Blues square off against the Raiders at 11:30 a.m.

Mike Butler scored two touchdowns and kicked two singles, while Peter Breen had a touchdown. Peter Cleaven and Tom O'Reilly both scored two point conversions. O'Reilly was the regular season scoring champion with

108 points in the 10 games he played in.

Carl Olsen had a touchdown for 1880 and Dave McGowan a two-point convert.

Steve Ryan scored a touchdown and a two-point convert for Kooler Kings and Bruce VanWart had a touchdown.

Wally McInnis scored a six-pointer for the Blues.

Richard Pitts danced his way to paydirt twice and scored two, two-point converts with Doug Huskison getting one touchdown and Gerry Heuksema getting a two-point convert.

Gary Bettie scored a major and two-point convert for the Buccaneers and Kevin Wynn had the other touchdown.

*October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1980*

# **Kings, Blues Win Grid Games**

Kooler Kings and Labatt Blues both advanced to the semi-finals of the Saint John Touch Football League with wins Sunday.

Kooler Kings downed Walking Wounded 32-6 while Labatt's blanked the Raiders 30-0. Semi-final action Tuesday at Shamrock Park pits Runner's World against Labatt's at six o'clock and the Trojans against the Kooler Kings at 7:30.

Kim Campbell and Steve Ryan each scored two touchdowns for Kooler Kings with Campbell also scoring a two-point convert. Paul Fuller added the final touchdown for the winners with Bill Murray countering with a major score for Walking Wounded.

For the Blues Brendon Carson was credited with one touchdown and two single points with Vic Ryan scoring a major, Marcel Barrieau a major and a single, Derm Hartley a major and a single and Leroy Hatfield a two-point safety touch.

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1980

# Finalists Decided

Graeme Maguire romped for four touchdowns to lead defending Saint John Men's Touch Football League champion Runner's World to a 50-0 whipping over Labatts Blues in a semi-final contest Tuesday.

The other semi-final saw Kooler Kings upset 1880 Trojans 14-6.

The semi-final winners will now battle Thursday night at 6 o'clock at Shamrock Park in the league final with the winner advancing to the national championship Nov. 8-9 in Ottawa.

Peter Cleven scored a major and two two-point converts for Runner's World.



October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1980

## **RUNNERS ROMP**

It may have been the final, but it wasn't even close last night as Runner's World romped to a 54-6 triumph over Kooler Kings to take the Saint John Touch Football League championship.

Runner's World, which also finished first in the regular season, leaves next Thursday for the Labatts Touch Bowl that starts Friday at Ottawa.

Forty-eight teams will be at Ottawa for the three-day event.

Peter Breen paced Thursday's easy win three touchdowns while John Miller contributed one major score, one two-point convert and one single point convert.

Tom O'Reilly was next with a pair of touchdowns with Ted White scoring one six-pointer and adding a convert while Graeme Maguire and Mike Butler managed single points each for the winners.

Bruce VanWart countered with Kooler Kings only scoring with a touchdown in the second half.

The winners led 42-0 at halftime.

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1980

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