



Throwing yourself into the game is what counts, as team members of the Ten Mile Turkeys can demonstrate.



Co-captain Debbie Halter keeps her eye on the ball while her fellow team members wait to see if her efforts will keep the target ball out of their zone.

Ten Mile Turkeys take a tumble

Students scramble for TV cameras

A good case of nerves cost the Ten Mile Turkeys the game, according to Rosann Medelis and Debbie Halter, co-captains of the elementary school's target ball team.

But they're ready to take on any comers, after losing a squeaker to Channel 2's Jim Price, former Detroit Tiger and originator of a challenge series on the six-o'clock news.

This Thursday, the 10 sixth-grade team members can watch themselves lose, 3-2, to Price and Ten Mile School staff members who offered a helping hand to the former baseball catcher.

"The practice game was a tie," Rosann boasts, "but we didn't count that. We would have had him without the cameras," she says, and the other members of the team agree.

"It was fun, but scary," said Todd Hirschfield, who scored one of the Turkeys' goals. The other was scored by Sean Boyd.

"He held the ball a long time and waited for a good shot," Debbie explains, referring to Price's winning technique.

Unfortunately for the students, it was their own sixth-grade teacher, Karla Walkley, who scored the one goal Price didn't get on his own.

TARGET BALL strategy involves the line-up of 10 team members on each side of the gymnasium. A ball is thrown into the center, and the object of the game is to keep the ball from crossing over the line at the toes of the team members.

The catch is that you can't kick or in any way touch the ball itself. Players must guide the center ball's movement with other balls.

"You've got to be a pretty good thrower," Debbie admits. "We took the 10 best players from the two sixth grades."

In addition to the captains and goal scorers, the team was composed of Guy McCormack, James McDaniel, Jeff Fultz, Missy Maloney, Frank Brum, and Kim Bass.

Questioned about their loss, the players admit nerves did them in.

"We thought we'd smear them, but we were just too nervous," says Todd, and Sean pinched his face to alleviate the nerves, which might account for his goal.

The team members get in plenty of practice, since the school gym is open Thursdays after school for the upper level grade youngsters.

Physical education teacher Eleanor

Snyder, an 18-year veteran at Ten Mile, believes the after-school program allows the students to avoid the competition of other programs.

SHE ALSO BELIEVES target ball is a great game for youngsters.

"They aim at something and no one gets hurt, but they still get their aggressiveness out," she says.

Sometimes she alternates the large

target ball for a tennis- or volleyball-sized orb, and the students and Price's team used all three sizes in their game.

The challenge match was a result of a letter written by the girl co-captains to Price, challenging him to the game. When he called the school last week, everyone was surprised but delighted.

"The kids thought it was kind of a blast, especially playing against the teachers because they always play against each other," Ms. Snyder adds.

As for the students, they're awaiting other challenges.

"We could whip any other school," several players countered, who refuse to accept the Turkeys' record as it stands.



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It's a fast game without body contact—that's the score on target ball as played at Ten Mile Elementary School.

Midas dealer joins Easter Seal Society

Monte Nagler, owner of the Midas automotive center at 2249 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington, has joined other Midas dealers in a nationwide effort to raise funds for the 1977 campaign for the National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

"We are delighted to do our part for such a worthy cause," Nagler said, in support of the nation's oldest and largest

voluntary health agency serving more than 400,000 handicapped persons in the U.S.

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