

Little Guy Can Be Big Hitter Despite His Size

Hitting is the 'heart of baseball'. A hit, even a single can break up a ball game and turn the tide in your favour. Hitting is an individual accomplishment and no two hitters hit exactly alike.

Each hitter should develop his own style to meet his own physical ability. There is no set pattern or style to follow. However, there are some basic rules and fundamentals which if carried out properly, will help a young ball player to be a better hitter.

Every young hitter should take notice of his physical abilities and adopt a style of batting which best suits him, and hit in the manner in which he is most successful. It is natural to assume that a little fellow wouldn't swing for the fence like a big powerfully-built player. However, the same little fellow might have tremendous wrists and hit just as many home runs as the big fellows.

1. The Bat and Grip: In selecting your bat, don't go by the weight of the bat, but pick out one that feels good to you. Be sure that it is one you can handle easily. The grip of the bat is also important. Take a comfortable grip on the bat any place that feels good to you, either on the end or 'choked up.' With two strikes on you 'choke up' slightly this will help you get a piece of the ball and not strike out.

2. The Stance: There is no set location of the feet in hitting. Make sure you can swing freely and that you are in a position that will enable you to reach with the bat any ball that is pitched in the strike zone. The feet should be spread comfortably and the body turned towards the plate. Hips and shoulders, head and eyes, should be distributed almost evenly over both feet. Hold the hands and bat high and keep the arms away from the body. Keep the bat well back with the hands clear of the body, making possible a crisp, clean, free swing. The knees should be bent slightly to avoid stiffness and the waist bent to provide a slight crouch. The front foot should be planted firmly and the back foot remain in contact with the ground during the swing, insuring maximum power.

3. The Step or Stride: Some hitters stand with feet far apart and take a short stride. Others stand with feet close and take a long stride. A short stride is ideal because you are not so likely to be fooled on a pitch and you can wait longer to swing. Don't overstride. This causes your weight to shift to the front foot too soon and take your bat

out of a hitting position. It takes away your power and throws your timing off. When taking your stride, make it easy and firm so the body maintains balance, contact the ball simultaneously with the finish of the stride, never before, never after.

The arms lag slightly behind the stride. The power to hit the ball comes from the shifting of the weight from the back foot to the front foot co-ordinated with the swing, and the follow through.

Georgetown Midgets In Six-Team Circuit

Georgetown Midgets travel to Brampton to open their 1967 Halton Midget Baseball League schedule Friday, May 24 and then play host to Burlington in the home curtain raiser Sunday May 28.

The Georgetown Midgets are in a six team league with Brampton, Burlington, Milton, Oakville and Waterdown. Their 20 games slate concludes Wednesday, August 16.

Georgetown Midget abseball schedule:

May 24-Georgetown at Brampton; May 28 Burlington at Georgetown; June 18 Waterdown at Georgetown; June 19 Georgetown at Oakville; June 25 Oakville at Georgetown; July 2 Milton at Georgetown; July 3 Georgetown at Waterdown; July 5 Georgetown at Brampton; July 9 Brampton at Georgetown; July 12 Georgetown at Burlington; July 16 Milton at Georgetown; July 17 Georgetown at Oakville; July 23 Brampton at Georgetown; July 24 Georgetown at Waterdown; July 29 Georgetown at Milton; July 30 Oakville at Georgetown; Aug. 8 Burlington at Georgetown; Aug. 12 Georgetown at Milton; Aug. 13 Waterdown at Georgetown; Aug. 16 Georgetown at Burlington.

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Tykes Open Season At Home May 20th

Georgetown tykes of the Halton County Baseball League will launch their 1967 schedule with a home game when they host Brampton Saturday, May 20. They'll play their first away game Saturday, May 27 in Milton. The 20-games schedule against teams from Brampton, Burlington, Waterdown and Milton will run until August 19.

Georgetown tykes schedule: May 20-Brampton at Georgetown.

May 27-Milton at Georgetown
June 2-Georgetown at Waterdown
June 6-Georgetown at Brampton
June 10-Waterdown at Georgetown
June 17-Georgetown at Burlington
June 24-Georgetown at Milton
July 1-Brampton at Georgetown
July 7-Georgetown at Waterdown
July 8-Burlington at Georgetown
July 15-Waterdown at Georgetown
July 18-Georgetown at Brampton
July 22-Georgetown at Burlington
June 29-Milton at Georgetown
Aug. 12-Georgetown at Milton
Aug. 19-Burlington at Georgetown

Hunters Regulars Back

Just about all of the 1966 edition of the Georgetown Hunters football team will be among the squad at the first 1967 practice in the Georgetown Park Sunday.

In addition to returnees listed last week playing-manager Junior Beaumont has been assured by Dave Cunningham, George Doucette, Bob Freestone Terry Rogers and Bill Somerville who helped found the team last season, that they will be trying for their regular positions.

Coach Mike George, who will be the club's field marshall this year while manager Beaumont takes more of an active player role, is looking forward to both quality and quantity at the opening practice. The team has advertised asking any would-be players to take a shot at a berth

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Minor Ball House Leagues Crumbling, No Executive

About 200 Georgetown and district boys ranging in age from 8 to 18 will have nowhere to play baseball this summer for the first time in seven years unless somebody appears to put the pieces of the Georgetown Minor Baseball Association back together.

A general meeting called for Sunday ended without a slate of officers being named for the upcoming season because next to nobody showed up.

Interested parties can keep the minor setup from going down for the third time by calling W. Anderson at 877-6418 or R. Platts at 877-9101.

R. Platts is retiring president Bob Platts, senior officer for the past two years, and a worker in the minor ball picture since its first season.

He told the Herald he will be unable to carry on in the post since the nature of his job has changed leaving him without the available time necessary

Bill Korzack, another main

stay in the Georgetown minor ball setup in past years, is devoting his free time to helping with minor ball in Glen Williams where he lives.

To date nobody has volunteered to fill the gaps.

"It will be very unfortunate if the house league has to fold," Bob Platts commented to The Herald. "A great number of boys have received a lot of enjoyment from minor ball in Georgetown and although many of them will still play on Georgetown minor entries in the Halton Minor Baseball Leagues, there will be just as many more who will go without baseball. Not everybody goes away for summer holidays and I know a great many count on this to occupy their time."

He said that if enough people show they are sincerely interested in saving the organization by replying to the mentioned phone numbers another meeting will be held. An announcement will appear in this paper if that happens.

Junior C Hockey Finally Over

Hahns Beat Tigers

The team that bounced Georgetown Raiders from the Junior C Hockey picture met the same fate on the weekend.

A record crowd of 2,465 saw New Hamburg Hahns capture the Ontario Junior C Championship with a 4-2 victory over the Aurora Tigers at New Hamburg.

Bob Ruthig, Orest Romysky, no. Paul Sherer and Rick Faulk scored for New Hamburg John Boyce and Don Dixon had the Aurora goals.

The win gave New Hamburg a 4-3 series win. Friday night's recorded crowd made the total attendance 14,790.

KEN HODGE GOING FOR ONT. TITLE

At the opening races at Harewood April 29, Ken Hodge of Stewarttown, placed third in the unlimited class.

During the winter he converted his Norton 750cc road machine to a road racer. He plans to enter the Ontario championship race May 22 at Harewood.

Last year's junior champion of unlimited class in Ontario, he was promoted to expert class for this year.

SEIZED TACKLE AUCTIONED OFF
One hundred and four fishing rods and reels seized in this area were auctioned off at Hespeler Thursday and Friday.

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Hundred & Ten Tee Off N.H. Men Open Season

One hundred and ten male golfers pushed off the North Halton Golf and Country Club men's section 1967 season in an opening day competition there Saturday.

The field was split into three sections, 18 holes for new members, 18 holes for old members, and 9 holes for new and old members.

Top prize winners were: 18 Holes New Members: low nets, Ralph Love, Doug Young, Stan Blears, Fred Zorge, and Malcolm Freeman. Low gross, Jack Timpon, Ron Cash, S. Hands, Frank Buchanan, R. Flavell.

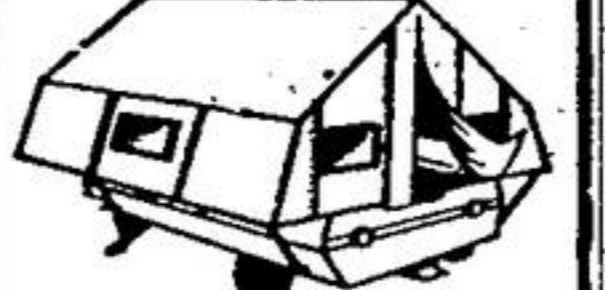
18 Holes Old Members: low nets, Ted Worrall, Ray Owen, Wb Bradley, Sharky Grozelle, Bill Mair. Low gross, Don Currie, Bert McMann, Harv Chappell, Eric Ross, Jim Linton.

9 Holes New and Old Members Low nets, Jim Jones, Barney Wilcox, Ralph Bludd, Gord King Low gross, Bill Latimer, Jim Evans, Scotty Patterson, Stuart Young.

Prizes were awarded at a dinner afterwards.

The men's section held their first regular ball sweep today (Thursday). Saturday is Mixed Opening Day at the Club.

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