

Eric off to Canadians

Although the wrestling season for the GDHS wrestling team officially ended with the All-Ontario held in London recently, coach Lew Martin elected to send two of his boys to the Free Style Championships which were staged this past Saturday at the University of Toronto.

Eric Fobert and Rick Rodgers were the two Georgetown boys who took part in the event. As it was an open competition to age 21, including university entries, Martin's thinking was that, regardless of how the boys placed, they would be gaining valuable experience for future tournaments. Rick Rodgers, who moved up a weight, from 98 lbs. to 105 lbs. for the tournament found the heavier division just a little bit out of his reach. He did win one match and while losing the others, gave a good account of himself.

As far as experience was concerned, 15-year-old Eric Fobert of Georgetown was the instructor, as he won the 123 lb. class and didn't allow any of his opponents to come

within six points of him. Eric out-classed all his challengers and for this event dropped down from 130 lbs. to 123 lbs. Although Eric has wrestled all season at the higher weight, coach Martin felt that Eric's optimum weight was 123 lbs. and Eric's win justified the belief. On his way to the win Eric defeated both the All-Ontario champion and runner-up in this class.

It's been quite a year for young Mr. Fobert. He was named Most Valuable Wrestler in two of this year's tournaments, is the All-Ontario Champion at 130 lbs., and, as of last weekend, is the Ontario Junior Free Style Champion at 123 lbs. There are still two more honours for Eric to shoot for this year, but at this point in his wrestling career they may be slightly beyond his reach.

As a result of his win on Saturday, Eric qualified to represent Ontario in the Canadian Junior Free Style Championships. They will be held this coming weekend in Vancouver. Should he pick up the Canadian

crowd, Eric would become part of the Canadian contingent in the World Free Style Wrestling Championships to be held in Bulgaria later in the year.

Coach Martin is confident that Eric is capable of capturing a medal in Vancouver, possibly the gold. However, Eric will be wrestling opponents with university and possibly international experience and for this reason must be considered an underdog.

Regardless of how he fares in the Canadians, Fobert must be recognized as one of the best wrestlers in his division in Canada.

As the average age for top international wrestlers is 22, Fobert's progress to date can only be regarded as amazing. Should he continue at this pace he will doubtless be one of the Canadian hopefuls for the 1980 Olympics. The Herald would like to pass along its congratulations to this outstanding young wrestler.



GRANVILLE MACKENZIE (in white) leaps high to foil a Nelson shooter's attempt at two points. The Rebels lost this game 68-28 to Lord Nelson. This loss, coupled with a previous Lord Nelson win, gave the Lords the league championship and relegated Georgetown to the sidelines for this year.

Minor soccer openings left

The Georgetown Minor Soccer Association reports that, in spite of fee increases, registration of players for the 1975 season came to a successful conclusion on Saturday. A minimum of 50 teams will take to the playing fields this year, including ten girls' teams.

The registration of coaches and manager was very good. As a result the association is in the happy position of being able to accept all the players who registered. In fact, in order to round out teams, there is still room for a few players who may have missed registration day but want to play.

A listing of these openings follows:

Girls division: A total of ten teams will play. Six more senior girls can be accommodated.

Major Atom; Qualifications: born 1963; Number of teams registered, six; Number of players that may yet register, three.

Minor Mosquito; Qualifications: born 1964; Number of teams registered, six; Number of players that may yet register, eight.

Major Mosquito; Qualifications: born 1963; Number of teams registered, five; Number of players, that may yet register, five.

Minor Peewee; Qualifications: born 1961; Number of teams registered, four; Number of players that may yet register, 11.

Bantam; Qualifications: born 1959 or 1960; Number of teams registered, six; Number of players who may yet register, six.

Junior B's; Qualifications: born 1957 or 1958; The same number of players are registered this year as last but registration will remain open. Anyone who would like to fill one of these openings should call Haddy Smedema at 877-8531 as soon as possible.

Every division in the boys' league will be represented in the Halton and Peel Interdistrict League. This includes minor and major representatives for the Atom and Mosquito divisions but only a Minor Peewee team in the Peewee division.

Soccer crests for the 1975 season have been ordered and will be given to the players at the beginning of the season.

The association now needs referees to handle the heavy 1975 schedule. To help solve the problem a referee's clinic will be held this spring. It will be staffed by highly qualified people and will be open to anyone interested. Please call Bryan Turner at 877-6421 and give it a try.

Juveniles shoot down Stratford

What held the promise of being a real test for the Georgetown Rotary Juveniles turned into a cakewalk, as they put down Stratford in four games in the first round of Ontario Minor Hockey Association playdowns. The first game in this series ended in a 4-4 tie but from this point it was a downhill slide for Stratford.

The Rotarians romped to an 8-1 win in the second game, soundly beat Stratford 5-2 in the third contest and last Friday night in Georgetown thrashed the hapless visitors 12-0. This gave Georgetown the series win, six points to one.

On Wednesday, Stratford made a game of it for the first two periods. At that point Georgetown was clinging to a 3-2 lead. Mike Osborne opened the scoring for Georgetown at the 4:43 mark of the opening stanza. Stratford tied the count

Al Gimpel new head of Glen ball

The Glen Williams Minor Softball Association is setting the wheels in motion for this year's rapidly approaching softball season. Elections for this year's executive were held recently and it comprises: president, Al Gimpel; vice-president, Marion Cuthbert and secretary-treasurer Vonne Pierce.

At this same meeting, registration fees were finalized. This year the fees will be \$5 per player, to a maximum of \$18 per family. The first registration session will be held this Saturday, March 15 at St. Alban's Hall in the Glen from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Registrations will continue, a week from this Saturday on March 22 with the same times scheduled.

As usual, the main concern of the association is the state of the Glen Williams ball park. Ice and water damage seem to be particularly heavy this year and a clean up and repair operation will get under way as soon as the weather permits.

Wrestlers gaining

For the second week in a row, the Centennial Public School wrestling team was forced to take a back seat to the wrestlers from Robert Service Public School of Scarborough. According to coach Jim Hall, however, his wrestlers have shown a marked improvement over the last two tournaments and could be in a position to knock off the Service wrestlers if the trend continues.

The weekend's tournament was held at J.B. Turrell Public School in Scarborough. There were 11 teams entered. Centennial represented the only out of Toronto entry. Robert Service finished on top of the heap with 157 points, while Georgetown was the runner-up team with 135 points. The local team had 24 boys competing and, from this number, 14 of them gained placings within the top four.

First place winners were: Joe Ibulki, 98 lbs.; Steve Cropper, 108 lbs.; Rick Balaako, 123 lbs.; and Ian Mackenzie, open class. Three team members placed second: Frank Miedjinski, 69 lbs.; Brian McCormick 90 lbs.; and Peter Milne, 115 lbs. Five boys locked up third place standings. They included: Jim Allen 69 lbs.; Dean Scalen 83 lbs.; Kevin Brown, 106 lbs.; Dave Taggart, 130 lbs.; and Jim Carmichael in the 115 lb. class, and Jeff Skingley in the 130 lb. class each picked up a fourth place standing.

Baseball begins to roll

The Georgetown Baseball Association will be holding its annual meeting for the election of officers on March 16 at 1 p.m. at Cedarvale Park. This meeting is open to the public, and it is hoped there will be a large turnout.

This meeting will also give the public the opportunity to express their thoughts concerning the operation of the league. By this time a letter will have been mailed to all last year's ball players and their parents advising them of the meeting.

Registration for the '75 season will also start at this time. Registrations are open to all boys or girls from 6 to 16 who wish to play. As yet a fee for participation has not been set. However, the GBA does not think that there will be a large increase, if any, from last year's fee of \$8. per child for House League and \$13 for Rep Ball.

A reminder concerning costs. There are still some sweaters and other equipment still out with various people, and to keep our costs down, we ask that these things be turned on Sunday, Mar. 16 as well.

"We need you, Your Kids need you. Don't let them down."

Chappel, Wolder rinks win division

By Diane and Jeffrey Duck

Two North Halton Rinks combined to win the Division 9 championship for the OCA Governor General's Trophy. The division playdowns were held at the Orangeville Curling Club this past weekend.

Saturday's play saw our rinks defeat Milton in the morning game and the Grand Valley octet in the afternoon. The teams returned on Sunday to defeat Brampton in a last end squeaker.

The teams of Andre Wolder, Jeffrey Duck, Joe Gerrard and Gary Knight; Harvey Chappel, Jim Lusby, Tracey Barrager, and Doug Collison, are the first division winners in any OCA event for almost a decade from our club. Thinking positively, they are only four wins away from bringing home the All-Ontario Championship and the Governor-General's silver. The finals will be played in Barrie and St. Thomas on March 21 and 22.

Last Saturday also saw a successful Mixed Open Bonspiel at our club. In the early draw Don McConnel of St. George's placed first while Bill Erwin's rink from Humber Highlands was runner-up. The David Reid foursome from High Park were high, one game winners. In the late draw the John Selby rink curling out of High Park took top honors with the Ray Steele rink from our club a close second. Stu Wheeler from Tam Heather took the high, one game honor.

We still have some agricultural buffs (farmers) in our club. Jack Hamilton Harold Fobert, Jack Burrows and Bill Smealon made the long trip to Erin last Wednesday, took on the arena ice and all the rest of the farmers, won all three games, and brought home the Farmer's Spiel Trophy. They won enough oil to last each of them for two years, so maybe they are in the market for a tractor or two.

Our ladies continue to do well in out of town 'spells. Last Wednesday Joan Mustard, Dot Currie, Sherill Collins, and Louise Nugent visited the very competitive Guelph Curling Club and won the high, one game winner's position in one of the draws.

Georgetown Baseball Association 1975 Annual Meeting

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