



THE GEORGETOWN SUNNY ACRE FARMS GEMINIS. Front row, left to right, Paul Martin, Doug Barnes, (Captain) Chris Milne, Brad Miller, Rick Tomkinson, Mike Richmond and Marty Kendall. Back row, left to right, Trainer, Bill Moore, Trainer Ken Easley, Trainer, Doug Pemberton, Ian Syme, Charlie Kneppfl, Larry Peterson, Mike Osborne, Joe South, Terry (Tex) Turner, Paul (Murk) Allison, Tom Fendley, Bill McGilloway, Coach, Paul Robinson and General Manager, Bob Tost, Assent, Bill Kirby, Kevin Reeves, Bruce Bailey, Kent Kenner and Brent Ransom.

Georgetown figure skaters place well at competition

Last Saturday, February 19th, the second annual Halton-Peel Dancer and Pair Competition was held at the Century Gardens Complex in Brampton with 121 competitors from 38 figure skating clubs in Ontario taking part.

Georgetown's skaters figures prominently in the results of the nine events involved. Deborah Ann Duff and Kimberley Thompson captured first place in the first event of the day - Pre-Novice Dance for girl couples only. Leslie Pritchard and Janet Shepherd took third place in the Pre-Novice Similar Pairs and Teri Lamb and Eddie Howard won first place in Novice Mixed Dance and also took second place in the next higher event - Junior Mixed Dance.

The Georgetown team also included Debra Dougal and Darren Kemp in the Pre-Novice Mixed Dance, Karen and Ron Sparkes in the Pre-Novice Mixed Pairs, Carol Anne Lovell and her partner from the Acton Figure Skating Club, Cindy Brouillard, in the Pre-Novice Similar Pairs, Terry Major and Ron Sparkes and Charlene Grummett and Tom Simpson in the Novice Mixed Dance.

In other competitions, immediately prior to the Figure Skating Club's Carnival, Cathy Wild, a member of the Club last year in attendance at University this year, did extremely well in a University competition, while Lisa Smith placed first after free skating and second overall at the Great Lakes Winter Skating Festival held in London, Ontario. Congratulations are extended to all of the competitors.

In addition, congratulations are in order to the following skaters who successfully passed tests held in Georgetown on January 21st and 24th last. Preliminary Figure: Gail Eastwood, First Figure: Charlene Grummett, Second Figure: Kelly Barber and Third Figure: Eddie Howard. Helen Kristensen, Sandra Perceval and Stephen Perceval passed their Bronze Free Skate test and Kirsten Mogt passed her Silver Free Skate test. In the dance tests, Jennifer Henwood and Julie Allen passed Dutch Waltz, Gail Eastwood and Marjio McDonald passed the Swing Dance of the Preliminary Dance.

Of the Junior Bronze dancers, Donna Eriksen, Sharon Neill, Shelly Foskett, passed the Fiesta, Susan Cameron, Kim Thompson, Susan Kristensen and Jo-Anne Searle passed the Willow Waltz and Terry Major and Kim Thompson passed the Ten-Fox.

In the category of Senior Bronze dancers, Susan Kelly and Charlene Grummett passed the 11-step, Teri Lamb passed the European Waltz as well as the American Waltz of the Junior Silver dances.

Minor Atoms drop Milton

The Al Pitutti Minor Atoms defeated Milton, 1-0 last Tuesday (February 15) in a hard fought battle for first place in their league. Milton outshot the locals, 18-10, but a fine team effort allowed the Georgetowners to post the win.

The teams played to a scoreless tie after two periods; but then the Pitutti crew appeared to have the game in hand, with a goal with just two-and-a-half minutes left in the game. The goal was disallowed however, but a minute later, the Georgetowners scored what proved to be the winning marker.

Todd Cull, on an unassisted effort, scored for the Minor Atoms, Stephen Roy, in nets, posted his seventh league shut-out of the year.

The O.M.H.A. situation has finally been cleared up for the Minor Atoms and they will play Prestout in the first round of playdowns.

Centennial girls split games

BY PATHEDEMAN The Centennial Girls Basketball team was in the lead against Holy Cross school through the whole game. In the first quarter Heather Reed of Centennial scored four points and rebounded one of her own baskets. Jenny Smith scored four points and Susan Bingley got one. Roberta L. of Holy Cross played a good game scoring four points in the first quarter and Mama H. got only one basket.

In the second quarter, Stun Bingley made many good passes to her team and scored four points. Jenny Smith got only one. During the third quarter Centennial's Herman Viera scored six points and sunk one foul. Diane Corbett and Heather Reed both scored one.

Susan Shearer made some good passes to her teammates. Roberta L. and Janice C. scored one point each for Holy Cross. Susan Bingley scored four points for Centennial also in the third quarter.

During the last quarter Lisa Meisma scored a two pointer and Holy Cross Michelle Meim scored one also. The Centennial squad played a super game on February 11, 1977 and deserved to win against Holy Cross 33-18.

The Centennial girls Basketball team lost to Stewartton 16-17 on Wednesday Feb. 17, 1977. Hermanna Viera of Centennial scored four points for her team. Diane Corbett sunk two fouls in the fourth quarter and Jenny Smith and Teri Lamb both scored one basket each.

Two other points were scored in the first quarter for that team. This game puts Centennial into second place in Tier A. Other players that played outstanding were Heather Reed, Susan Bingley and Virginia Walker.

Optimist Bants bounce back

After being eliminated in the O.M.H.A. playoffs, the Optimist Minor Bantams have played well against three top teams. Treating in the third against top place Brampton the team scored twice to tie. Bob Dean scored once in the first period to give Georgetown a short lived lead. Assist went to Rick Pool and Dave Pilote. Brampton quickly came back and scored three times to go into the third period with a 3-1 lead. Gerry Milne made it 3-2 from Bob Dean and after hard work Bob Dean tied the score on a goal from Dave Pilote.

The next game against Milton saw the Optimists score twice in the first and never look back. Lance Doucette scored the first goal with an assist going to Shawn Hall. The second goal went to Bob Dean assisted by Rick Pool and Jason Moog. Milton notched one in the second period but Mark Hamilton scored the first of two to give Georgetown a 3-1 second period lead.

In the third period, Milton scored twice while the Optimists got three. Mark Hamilton got his second from Mark Shearer, Bob Dean his second from Dave Pilote and Jason Moog, and Bob Dean scored the hat-trick with twenty nine seconds remaining to give Georgetown a 6-3 win.

The third game was against Ancaster. This game was against Keith Ledgers shutout lost by a call against a valiant effort by defenseman Brad McKeekin. The Bantams came back with four goals two from Chris Peavoy with assists to Scott Harris on the first and Lance Doucette with Bob Davey on the second. Rick Pool scored the third from Mark Shearer and Scott Harris hit the last from Mark Shearer to give the team a 4-1 win.

If the Peel teachers decide to remain on their work-to-rule schedule, then the T.A. Blacklock team would automatically qualify for OESSAA and the Rebelettes would be shunted to the sidelines.

Wong tops region Nancy Wong emerged as the only Area Regional Champion in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Regional Championships staged this past weekend in Kitchener. Nancy won the girls 12 years old Regional title and appears well on her way to repeating as a provincial champion. Last year Nancy won Ontario honors in her age group but must now await for the province-wide results to be compiled to see if her success can be repeated.

In Kitchener, Nancy successfully made 31 of 50 free throws in the Ontario part of the competition.

The other Georgetowners, who competed in Kitchener as District Champions, were Mark Lindauer, Grant Nairn and Hermanna Viera.

Gems backs to wall, host Dixie here tonight

The Georgetown Sunny Acre Farms Geminis, of the Central Ontario Junior "B" League, find themselves with their backs to the wall, in their first round playoff series against the Dixie Ventures.

The best of five series got under way last Thursday and the Ventures drew first blood by posting a home-ice, 7-1 win. Last Saturday night in Georgetown, however, the Gems recovered from a second period lapse, rallied in the final period and pulled out a much-needed 6-4 win, to tie the series at one game apiece.

The following night, Sunday, Lady Luck turned away from the local Junior "B's" and Dixie was able to skate off with a hard fought, 4-3 win. Gemini Coach, Paul Robinson felt that his charges were too tight going into the series opener in Dixie on Thursday night. The Georgetowners appeared to have their game under control in the early part of the first frame, but then four Dixie goals, in less than 10 minutes, to the 16:24 mark of the period, took the fire out of the Geminis.

Dixie continued to roll while the Geminis floundered and by the time Ian Syme converted passes from Chris Milne and Paul Martin, in the 4:08 mark of the third frame, Dixie had already posted six markers and were in complete control of the game. Dixie scored the final goal at the 12:48 mark of the third to round out the game scoring.

Robinson felt that several factors led to the team's defeat. First of all, one of the key players in the Gemini game plan, Larry Peterson, didn't dress because of an injury and it was felt that this affected the team. Also, the Gemini mentor was of the opinion that several of the club veterans didn't play up to par and in a crucial short series like this, the older players have to be the ones to come to the fore.

Saturday night's game in Georgetown, however, was a different matter and the local favorites were at the peak of their game. The Gems led, 2-1 after the first period, but then faltered in the sandwich frame and Dixie rallied to take a 4-3 lead.

In the third period, the Georgetowners reverted back to the formula that had given them such success in the opening period and blasted home three counters, to nary a reply from Dixie, to take the game going away.

The key to the Saturday win, according to Robinson, was the extremely efficient positional play and the tenacious checking that the Geminis displayed. Paul was very disappointed that turned out to cheer the Geminis on but felt certain that a larger contingent of hometown fans would be on hand Wednesday for the fourth game of the series, in Georgetown.

Larry Peterson was back in uniform on Saturday night and provided the leadership that was lacking in the Thursday night encounter. Robinson felt that Terry Turner played one of his best games and singled out the line of Mike Richmond, Mike Osborne, and Paul Allison as playing a large role in the teams win. Again, however, Paul did not feel that he got the best of play from his veterans.

Terry Turner and Chris Milne notched a pair of goals on Saturday, with singles going to Tom Fendley and Doug Barnes.

SATURDAY'S LINEUP: Rick Tomkinson, Larry Peterson, Joe South, Terry Turner, Charlie Kneppfl, Doug Barnes, Bill Kirby, Bruce Bailey, Tom Fendley, Mike Richmond, Mike Osborne, Paul Allison, Chris Milne, Paul Martin, Bill McGilloway, Kevin Reeves, Ian Syme and Brad Miller.

The third game of the series, played in Dixie on Sunday night proved to be a hot and heavy encounter. Tempers had started to flare in Georgetown on Saturday night (in the stands as well as on the ice) and in a series-situation where grudges are allowed to fester, these things happen. Unfortunately it was the Geminis that suffered, in the end, because of penalties.

The Geminis jumped out to a 3-1 lead after 20 minutes of play and appeared to be setting into their game plan that had been so successful on Saturday.

Throughout the second period (neither team scored) both teams played a close checking game, but the Gems still held a two goal lead and looked capable of carrying through the final period in much the same manner, so necessary to claim the win.

At the 3:45 mark of the third, Dixie scored, to narrow the Gemini lead to one goal, then a bit of foolishness took the

game out of the Georgetowners hands. Terry Turner, who had played so well the previous night was assessed a five minute highsticking major and in the interim, Dixie scored twice to jump in front, by the eventual winning margin, 4-3.

The Geminis were still in a position, however, to battle back, but another penalty assessment killed all hope. With just 40 seconds left to play, the linesman made a questionable offside pass call. Gem Captain, Doug Barnes was so incensed at the call that his berating manner earned him both a 10 minute and game misconduct. This meant that the locals were forced to play short-handed through the crucial dying seconds and effectively sunk all hope of a rally.

Barnes, Terry Turner and Paul Allison were the Gemini marksmen, defenseman, Joe South collected two assists. Coach Robinson felt that the closeness of the game in Dixie, should help to bolster his team's confidence. "We came so close to a win, Robinson stated, "that now I think the guys really believe they can win in Dixie."

This might turn out to be a moot point, however, if the Geminis don't survive through Wednesday night. The Gems are hoping that an army of supporters will turn out, this Wednesday (tonight) game time, 8:00 p.m. at the Memorial Arena, for the fourth game of the playoff series against Dixie. Should the Gems collect a win on Wednesday, the fifth and final game of the series is slated for Thursday night in Dixie.



Sports Comment

Groundhogs, peering tremulously for their shadows, while perching on the porch of their winter burrows and old Indian legends handed down through the ages, notwithstanding, there is a definite sign that alerts the watchful, signifying that Spring is not too far around the corner.

The sign, that even the most pessimistic of Spring watchers can't ignore, concerns that almost all-encompassing summer pastime, "Baseball" or "softball" or "fastball", whichever nomenclature is preferred.

Although the sport is considered a summer endeavour, the first hint of Spring brings the "ball" enthusiasts out of the woodwork and meetings are scheduled, problems ironed out, timetables verified and practice slots arranged.

Last week these eternal harbingers of Spring decided that the time was right, regardless of the gloomy weather prognosticators, and work has begun in earnest to assure that once the now-frozen and winter-blanketed fields are ready, the sound of "Play Ball" will echo through the area.

Bryan Lewis, President of the Georgetown Industrial Baseball League, has called a league meeting for this coming Monday, and pointed out that "Even though the pitching rubber at the Fairgrounds was still under snow, preparations had to be made for the upcoming season."

Ted Wilkes, the main man behind last year's All-Ontario Juvenile "A" Girls' Champions, the Georgetown Legion Royals, announced that his charges would be competing in the Junior ranks this year and this will allow area fastball fanatics an opportunity to see some of the best and most talented female players in the province, perhaps the nation.

Bernie Dore, Manager of the Armstrong Georgetown of the Halton Ladies Softball League stated last week that his team program was running right on schedule. Last year Bernie instituted a youth recruitment and stated that if things went well, within three years, his team would be capable of claiming the league crown. In the 1976 league finals, Dore's girls were brusquely put down by the Hillsburgh Seniors, but the youth program is being steadfastly followed.

Bernie has had 12 players working out regularly and of the 12, Dave reports that the majority are promising youngsters and this bodes well for the club's future. One small fly in the ointment however, will undoubtedly be the recruitment of a competent coach. Peter Hayes, who has served the club so well over the past few years, will not be returning, so Bernie is on the lookout for an adequate replacement.

Gord Rea, the man who has operated the Georgetown Chryslerers for the past several years (the local team that pulled out of the Halton County loop in mid-season last year) reports that the club is in fine shape and handling overtures from several leagues concerning membership. Knowing Gord, and his feelings for the team, it wouldn't be too surprising to see a Lazarus-type return in area ball circles for the Chryslerers.

This Halton County League has a meeting scheduled for this coming Monday and hopefully, they will finally be able to call a truce to their almost continuous inter-league warfare. A little class, in terms of the way the league polices itself, would bring back a great deal of the credibility that the loop has lost because of internal bickering.

Still with the Halton County circuit the Glen Williams team, that displayed high-calibre ball last year and appeared finally to rid itself of the eliques and special-favors squad, has not been heard from as yet. No doubt, Bill Zilio and the lads are heads down in preparation.

There are other nitch and bash organizations that have yet to signal that they also are in deep consultations concerning the upcoming summer ramp. However, it would be assinine to assume that they are not also holding proverbial Councils of War.

Last year's programs, for all-concerned went well 1 in the long run. There were a few slip-ups, it should be mentioned, but for the most part, things went according to plan. For those ball organizations that are assuming that there is still plenty of time to take the wraps off the 1977 scenario, think twice. Now is the time to re-hash what went wrong last year. As the song goes, "Be it ever so small,..."

HERALD sports

COLIN GIBSON, SPORTS EDITOR

Junior Rebelettes gain experience

The starting unit of the Juniors included, Bev Boulton, Margo Craig, Janet Gunby, Carol Peacock, Sherri Crossman and Carol Carter. Pat Pearce felt that these girls, really developed over the season, not only in their skills, but also in their ability to jell together as a team.

Other team members, who also showed great improvement over the season, included, team Captain, Carey Worrall, Sue Ewan, Donna Reed, Janet Hingley, Silvana Girardi, Elaine Taylor, Leanne Mackie and Lesley Rand.

Miss Pearce concluded her report on the Junior's season by stating, "I am confident that next year will be a very successful one for the Junior Rebelettes. With the terrific spirit of all the girls and the support of Manager, Cindy Lehman, we should see a winning team next year."

Sports travelcade to visit area

The Ontario Sports Travelcade, a program in instituted by the Culture and Recreation Ministry, will be paying its second visit to the Halton Hills area.

The Travelcade will arrive in Georgetown, March 5 and will remain for two days. It will be located at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. On March 7, the Travelcade will journey to Acton for two days and will be located at M.Z. Bennett Public School.

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Midget 4 Town Tourney staged in Streetsville

Tournament time and tradition have arrived again for the Georgetown and District Minor Hockey Association's 4 Town Select teams. The tradition of an Annual 4 Town Tournament is back with the 1977 edition being hosted by Orangeville this coming Saturday, February 26.

Acton, Streetsville, Orangeville and Georgetown are the towns participating in this day long tradition, scheduled to be played in the Orangeville Sports Complex. Acton begins at 7:15 in the evening. Georgetown's midgets, the Neilson Crispy Crunchers, currently hold a one game lead in their semi-final with Acton with game two scheduled for tonight (Wednesday) in Acton. Streetsville have already eliminated Orangeville in the other midget series.

7:15 a.m. Bantams Orangeville vs Acton
8:10 a.m. Pee Wee Orangeville vs Georgetown
9:05 a.m. Atom Streetsville vs Acton
10:20 a.m. Bantams Streetsville vs Georgetown
11:15 a.m. Pee Wee Streetsville vs Acton
12:10 p.m. Atom Orangeville vs Georgetown
1:25 p.m. Bantam Consolation
2:20 p.m. Pee Wee Consolation
3:15 Atom Consolation
4:30 p.m. Atom Finals
5:30 p.m. Pee Wee Finals
6:30 p.m. Bantam Finals
7:30 p.m. Midget Finals Streetsville vs Winner of Acton and Georgetown.

Major Bantams hot and cold DRG Gage Stationery major bantams played three games last week, blowing Milton right out of the park 7-0 and dropping games to Oakville 5-1 and Brampton 5-2.

The bantams best game was their 7-0 win over Milton, where they dominated the play up front and Scott Muir dominated the nets to earn his big shutout. Every player worked for the win and that is evident in the scoring which was spread around the team. Goal-getters were Scott Osborne, John Lehman, Herb Kewley, Mike Kitts, Steve Robbins, Bob Hopley and Glen Cunningham with assists from Barry Simpson a pair, Hopley also two, Kevin Thompson, Rob-

bins, Kewley and Brian Simpson. Mark Bingham on defence and the Scott Osborne, Dave Veitch and Dan Reynolds line were prominent with their checking and penalty killing.

Visiting Brampton saw the DRG's play flat, dull hockey and always in second gear. Osborne and Hopley scored the locals markers Kitts, Reynolds and Veitch scored for Georgetown. This coming week, the DRG visit Ancaster on Wednesday and host Brampton on Thursday.

LOOK! A JUDO CLINIC

WHERE: M.Z. Bennett Public School

WHEN: Tuesday, March 8, 1977 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

PRICE: Free

WHO: Anyone interested in learning some basic moves in Judo. Several black belt experts will be on hand for demonstration

Wear loose clothing.

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