

GEORGETOWN GEMINI LARRY PETERSON, skirts around a Dixie defender in last Wednesday night's game in Georgetown. The Gems won this tilt by a 7-2 count, but were eliminated from further season play, when they

dropped a 6-3 decision to Dixie, in Dixie, on Sunday night. Dixie won the best of five quarter-final series, three games to two.

Gems ousted by Dixie

The Georgetown Sunny Acre Farms Geminis were shunted to the sidelines for the balance of the Central Ontario Junior "B" season as the Dixie Ventures posted a 6-3 victory, in Dixie, last Sunday evening and thereby captured the best-of-five first round playoff series, three games to two.

The Geminis had kept alive their post-season hopes by taking an impressive, 7-2 win from Dixie the previous Wednesday in Georgetown, but on Sunday, the Geminis couldn't get untracked and when they did the decision had already been rendered.

On Wednesday night at the Memorial Arena, despite the antics of the crowd, the Gems played their game to perfection and barely allowed Dixie breathing room, never mind scoring room. Gemini netminder, Rick Tomkinson played superbly and by the time Dixie finally did solve his magic, at about the midway point in the third period, the Gems were already in front, 7-0, and heading for the winners circle.

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never headed as they led, 3-0 after the first period, extended the lead to 6-0 after two frames, then coasted through the third stanza to post the win.

Mike Osborne had a fine game and in fact, has proven a tough playoff customer. Mike paced the Gems by notching two goals and collecting an assist. Single counters were snared by Terry Turner, another solid playoff performer. Chris Milne, Bill Kirby, Paul Martin and Mike Richmond, Bill Schutt and Rick Wilkowski scored for Dixie.

On Sunday, the death knell was sounded for the Georgetowners, by a basic facet of the game. Dixie killed penalties with a vengeance the Gems power-play unit just couldn't get out of first gear.

The first period ended, 3-2 in Dixie's favor, but the Gems knotted the game at 3-3 at the 5:11 mark of the sandwich frame. Dixie popped a power-play marker at the 13:34 mark of the second and that's how things stood leading into the crucial final period of play.

It was the failure of the Gem

power-play that really came to the fore in this period. In the third frame alone, the Geminis had seven power-play opportunities but converted nary a one.

While the Georgetowners were stumbling, Dixie potted two goals to put the game out of reach.

Doug Barnes, Mike Osborne and Bill Kirby were the Gemini marksmen in this, the local's swan song for the 1976-77 campaign.

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Throughout the playoff series with Dixie, players who were expected to come through didn't produce and Gem Coach Paul Robinson cited this as the main reason for his team's failure.

Robinson did, however, single out several players, who he felt turned in excellent playoff performances. They included, Rick Tomkinson, Terry Turner, Bill McGilloyay, Doug Barnes, Joe South, Mike Osborne, Paul Allison, Mike Richmond, Bruce Bailey, Larry Peterson and Brad Miller.

Geminis just need time they will be heard from

The 1976-77 Central Ontario Junior "B" campaign was filled with frustrations and not just a few disappointments for the Georgetown Sunny Acre Farms Geminis. The Gems finished in fifth place in the loop's regular season standings but then bowed out of further league play, when they were eliminated, three games to two, by the Dixie Ventures in the league's best-of-five first round playoff series.

The season did start out on a high note, however, for the locals and it looked like it might be a banner year. The Gems were only a second year club and in their rookie season, they finished an admirable third in regular season play and advanced to the loop's semifinal before finally, gracefully exiting.

The season started out well for the locals and in the early going, the Georgetowners were seriously challenging for first place. Then the month of December rolled around and the Gems began to flounder, a situation that pretty well carried through for the balance of the season.

The Gemini record last year was 19-15-2 and while they won just as many games this year (their record was 19-20-3) the expanded schedule should have allowed the team to notch more wins. In fact, the Gems have problems winning the "must" games against the league's top team.

Gemini Coach, Paul Robinson (who has stated that he will return to handle the club if the job is offered) obviously thought his team would put on a better show, but cited several reasons for the local's early demise.

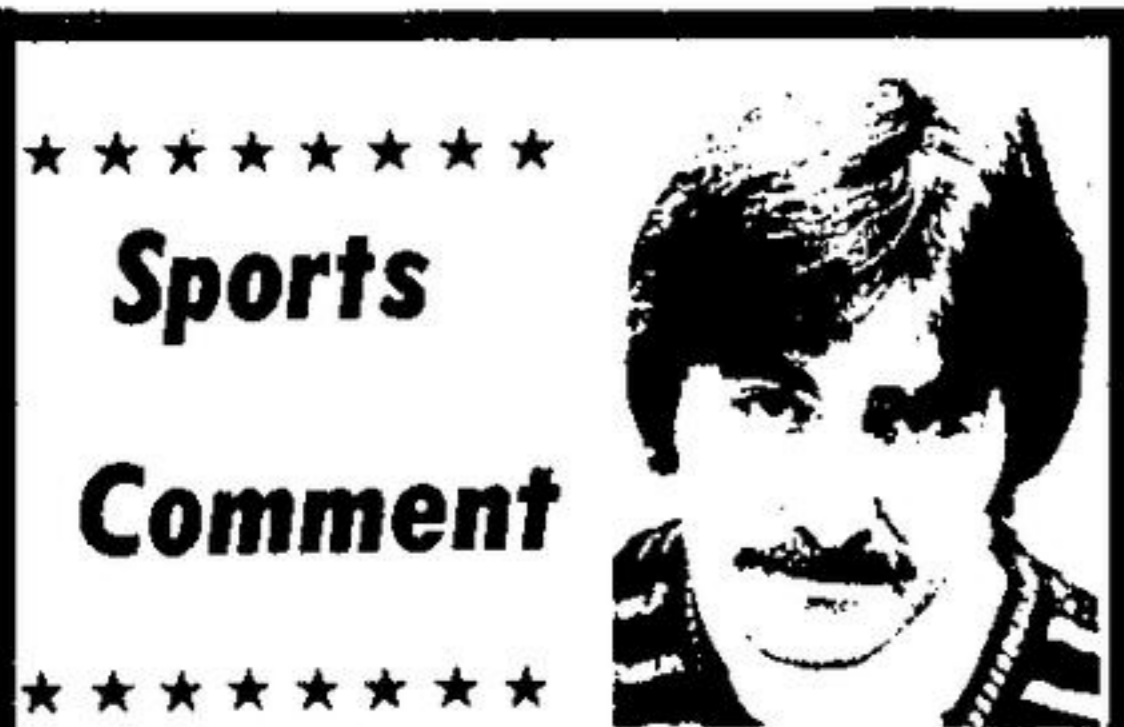
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Sports Comment

Ugly incidents at Memorial arena

By COLIN GIBSON, Sports Editor

Circumstances combined last week to give Georgetown another black eye, in the minds of area hockey people. I refer to the troublemaker referring to two incidents which occurred in Georgetown in the Junior "B" playoff series between the Geminis and the Dixie Ventures at the Memorial Arena.

The first incident occurred Saturday, February 19, when a fight broke out in the stands, behind the Dixie bench. The referees ushered the teams to their dressing rooms and tackled on the balance of first period play, 19 seconds, onto the second period. The police were called into quell the disturbance and that's where matters stood leading up to last Wednesday night's game.

This is where the aforementioned combination of circumstances, allowed what could have been a tragic incident, to happen.

It was clear to a number of people, the least of whom were arena personnel, that several Georgetowners were at the heart of the problem on Saturday night. A Dixie fan (he was involved in both incidents) has to shoulder a share of the blame, but for the most part, it was local individuals who were singled out as the troublemakers.

Prior to Saturday night's game, Memorial Arena personnel informed the Junior club of this and requested that these people not be allowed entry to the game. The team rents the facility from the town and the arena personnel are only on hand in a supervisory capacity. It is therefore, the team's responsibility to either allow or bar anyone from attending games. The troublemakers from Saturday were allowed in, and the first mistake was made.

Just into the opening frame, it was noted that again, trouble was brewing behind the Dixie bench and subsequently a call was placed to the police requesting assistance. Ten minutes later, with the situation obviously deteriorating, still no police and a second call was made.

Then the fracas started and when it was over, a woman had been punched in the face and a young girl hit in the head with a hockey stick.

The police finally arrived, a full 20 minutes after the first call had been placed in fact, one of the cars that arrived was from the Acton detachment. The trouble was effectively over by the time the police arrived and according to one constable, no charges would be laid. Luckily, neither of the women was seriously injured, but that doesn't change the fact that they were assaulted.

HERALD sports

COLIN GIBSON, SPORTS EDITOR

GDHS Wrestling Rebels must settle for second

BY BRENT COLLIER

Industrial league expanding

The Georgetown Wrestling Rebels competed in the All-Ontario Championships Saturday in St. Catharines.

The Rebels won the tournament, but according to a senseless rule, the trophy belongs to Winston Churchill Collegiate of Toronto. The rule states that two wrestlers on the same team cannot compete in the same weight class. Georgetown, therefore, had three wrestlers, wrestling independently.

The three scored 21 points, more than some of the other competing schools, that were not counted.

The team, as usual, was at its best. The team spirit impressed all other coaches. Bill Davis edged Frank Miedzinski out at 90 lbs., the score in the final match between them was a close 7-6.

Rick Rodgers repeated as champion at 98 lbs. He defeated all comers easily. At 106 lbs., Peter Fournier placed fourth.

John Gibson, of Georgetown was elected president of the newly formed, Ontario Amputee Sports Association at the group's organizing meeting held in Toronto on Saturday.

Other members of the executive, include, Brian Murphy, of Toronto, vice-president; Paul Scraggins, Toronto, treasurer; Joan Worsley, Toronto, secretary; Allan Dean, Aurora, technical chairman; Dr. Irving Grossfield, Toronto, medical

adviser, Ken Adams, Toronto, prosthetic researcher and Melody Ward of Guelph, publicity Director.

At another meeting, held in Toronto, two weeks ago, Mr. Gibson was elected President of the Canadian Amputee Sports Association. The Georgetown resident left on Sunday, for Spain, where he will be attending the general assembly of the International Sports Organization for the Disabled.

Joey Ihuki failed to win a match in this weight class. The story of the tournament was at 115 lbs. Brian Pendergast and Bill Fournier, in the toughest weight class, placed second and fourth. Brian lost only to Canadian champ George Gonowski. Both deserve much credit for their effort. Ted Phillips at 123 lbs. wrestled well but failed to place. He did score important team points, however.

Steve Turner placed third at 178 lbs. Steve lost one match in the entire tournament but came back to defeat his opponent in a re-match.

As a team, the Rebels were edged out by Winston Churchill, 65-62.

Over the year, the Rebels came up with a super effort, and deserve more credit than can be given them. In our minds, they will always be the top team in the province.

Sports Travelcade in Halton Hills

The Ontario Sports Travelcade, a mobile source of information on more than 60 sports, will be in Georgetown, this Saturday and Sunday at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. The van will be open to the public for viewing, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

It is staffed by expert personnel who can offer advice, booklets and teaching aids on any of these activities. There is a chance to view any film you may want to see on your particular interest, or photo copy information out of books. Along with the travelcade, several clinics are planned.

A Modern Rhythmic Gymnastic clinic will be staged at Georgetown High School, on Saturday, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. A soccer coach, Level 1 clinic is set for the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, on both Saturday and Sunday and it will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days.

On Tuesday, March 8, a Golf Clinic will be staged at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The M.Z. Bennett Public School in Acton will be the scene of a Judo Clinic on Tuesday, March 7, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Gibson takes Ontario position

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Orangeville cancels 4 Town tourney

On Thursday evening, February 24th, the Orangeville Hockey Association (hosts of this year's 4 Town Tournament scheduled for Saturday, February 26th) phoned Georgetown and District Minor Hockey Association president Joe Pentesco to advise him that they were unable to come to terms with their rep organization.

Therefore, they were unable to affiliate themselves with the OMHA and, therefore, not able to get OMHA sanction. An internal squabble between the two Orangeville hockey groups, house league and rep, led to a protest being lodged with the OMHA regarding the 4 Town Tournament and Orangeville's participation. The OMHA advised the GDMHA that since the Orangeville House League was not affiliated with the OMHA, Georgetown participation in the tournament with Orangeville would mean suspension from the OMHA.

The Georgetown and District Minor Hockey Association affiliated as a local league with the OMHA two years ago and all the 4 Town Select Teams are OMHA carded. Taking into consideration that Orangeville did not solve their internal problems as they had stated they would at an earlier time, the GDMHA executive felt that they had no alternative but to protect the status of its players with the OMHA and not participate in this year's tournament in Orangeville.

Everyone involved in this traditional tournament was disappointed at the turn of events, especially the players who were to participate. A meeting with Acton and Streetsville is being arranged to look into carrying on the tradition of the 4 Town and possibly holding the tournament later in this season.

The tournament draw, for which players sold tickets, was drawn in Orangeville on Saturday February 24th and the winner was Mr. Dave McIntyre of Acton.

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March 5-8

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Gordon Alcott Arena:
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In addition it will be open Sunday morning 10-12 noon

M. Z. Bennett School (Acton):
March 7, 8 1-5 p.m. 6:30-9 p.m.

Also planned are the following clinics:

SOCCER COACH LEVEL 1 - Gordon Alcott Arena
March 5, 6 9-4 p.m. Cost \$5.00 person

Please indicate your interest in these clinics beforehand by phoning 877-5185 ext 19

★ **MODERN RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS - Georgetown High School**
Saturday, March 5 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

★ **GOLF CLINIC - Gordon Alcott Arena**
Tuesday, March 8 7 - 9 p.m.

Proposed format includes: film on the Masters video taping of your swing basic group instruction - bring a club

★ **JUDO CLINIC - M. Z. Bennett Public School - Acton**
Tuesday, March 8 7 - 9 p.m.
Basic instruction - wear loose clothing

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