

Canadian wrestlers take third

The Canadian National Schoolboy Team recently returned from San Diego, California where they made a very respectable showing in the World Schoolboy Wrestling Championships.

Georgetown was represented at those championships by wrestlers Bob and Mike Sweezie and Doug Gillespie as well as Centennial Middle School physical education teacher Jim Hall, who was one of the team's coaches.

Gillespie, who was wrestling in the 90 pound division, finished fourth in the competition. He defeated wrestlers from Mexico and

Australia and lost to opponents from the United States and Peru.

Bob Sweezie wrestled at 83 pounds. He was eliminated from the championship round, but in the consolation he wrestled very well and took a third.

TOUGH DRAW

Mike Sweezie wrestled at 77 pounds and finished fourth. He had a very tough draw. He went up against a wrestler from Venezuela and lost 11-8. That wrestler ended up with the Silver medal. He also lost a tight match to a wrestler from India by a 7-5 score. The Indian ended up with the bronze medal.

There were two divisions at the championships: bantam and midget. Canada finished third in the midget, fifth in the bantam and fifth overall.

The United States, Venezuela, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Australia, El Salvador, India, Japan and Peru were represented at the championships.

The United States claimed first place in both bantam and midget divisions, but Hall, who was also a coach on last year's Canadian team, said that the competition was much stiffer this year.

"Many of the teams had very strong

wrestlers," Hall said. "The United States won both divisions, but they did not run away with it like they did last year."

Hall said that although the Canadian team had a better overall placing last year, he thought this year's squad was stronger.

GOLD MEDAL

A highlight for the Canadian team was the winning of a gold medal, something that no other Canadian squad has done in a competition of that calibre.

Gary Warton of Scarborough won a gold medal wrestling at 149 pounds in the bantam

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To replace Inglis

Blundy named Raider coach

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Georgetown Raider veteran Steve Blundy has been named the coach of the Georgian Bay Intermediate "A" Hockey League team for the 1979-80 season.

The announcement was made by Raider president Bob Hooper this past Saturday. Gerry Inglis, who came back to coach the Raiders to the OHA Intermediate "A" championship last year, has decided that he does not want the post this season. After last season he told The Herald that coaching had become too hard on him.

Blundy, who has played six seasons with the Raiders, said that he has not decided whether or not he will be a player-coach yet. Last season he was plagued with injuries, but came back to have a strong playoff session.

TAKE CARD

"I will probably give myself a card at the beginning of the season," Blundy said. "However, at mid-season when it comes time to send some of the cards back, mine will probably be one of the ones going."

Blundy says if he does play it will be for situations when the Raiders are shorthanded, as was the case for many of the team's early season games last year.

"I was prepared to play this season," he said. "But now that I have been appointed the team's coach I think I will have enough things to do without playing regularly."

Blundy said he would be very happy to see as many players as possible back from last season's squad.

"I liked the type of team we had last season," he said. "I would like to have the nucleus of that team back."

Blundy said that another Raider veteran, defenseman John Boyce, will be his assistant coach. Boyce came back to have one of his better seasons last year. The defenseman will also play for the team.

"John will help me in selecting the team and also handle the bench duties in

case I can't be there for a game," Blundy said.

Blundy is in the athletic department at Sheridan College, and aside from coaching the Raiders he will also be the mentor of the girls team there.

"Most of the games with the school are during school hours so it should not conflict with my job with the Raiders," Blundy said.

TOUGH LEAGUE

The new coach, who recently turned 34, said he expects competition in the new league to be very tough.

There will be seven teams in the league this year, Georgetown, Dundas, Port Elgin, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Orillia and Barrie.

"Barrie and Orillia should have very strong teams and we've already seen that Collingwood, Owen Sound and Port Elgin have very strong organizations," he said.

"I think that because we are the defending champions every team will be gunning for us," the new coach said. "You can bet that Port Elgin will be running at us the first trip we make up there." The Raiders defeated Port Elgin in a tough series for the league championship last year.

Blundy said he has not had a chance to talk to many of the veterans, but he expects most of them to be back.

"I just got the job last week and at the same time my wife

had our first child (a boy) so I have not had a chance to do much yet."

Blundy also said that he has not decided how many players he will have at the team's training camp. He said that he would like to see only players who have a real shot of making the club there.

"I don't want to have guys there who have no real chance of making the club." He said that he will probably not sign any players until training camp begins. The scheduled date for the team's first practice is August 26 at Alcott Arena.

One of Blundy's priorities will be securing top-flight goaltending. "We have been real lucky in the past few years in having excellent goaltending," he said. Last year Peter McDuffe guarded the net for the Raiders and previous to that Mario MacDonald was between the pipes. Blundy said if possible he would like to have both the netminders on the team.

LEADERS BACK

The coach said that he expects team leaders Juri Kudrasovs, Ray Tonelli, Colin Gordon and Ray Evans will all be back.

One veteran who will definitely not be back with the Raiders is Tom Daley, who recently signed to coach the Junior "B" Georgetown Gemini.



(Herald photo)

WINS IN QUEBEC

Stacy Hurley, shown above in her follow through after serving, and her partner Lynn Salo took the doubles' championship in the under 16 class at the Quebec Junior Open. The pair also took the titles at the Ontario Closed and Ontario Open. Hurley will next compete at the National championships to be held in Montreal. See story on page 28.