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# Pennant drive good topic

Talking sports is one of the best opening topics of conversation one can find. More interesting than the weather and safer than politics or religion. Unfortunately the top sports topic of the past several weeks, the Montreal Expos' bid for the pennant, suffered a set back this week when they were eliminated from the race as of Sunday. Being relegated to the number two spot now, "what happened to the Expos", it has left open several possibilities as the top sports story of the week.

It is my job, as sports editor, to come up with that number one item of interest, that is on the lips of every sports fan this week. A difficult task, to say the least when you survey the week in sports, nonetheless one that must be done. Someone or something must take precedence over the others to gain top billing.

## Take your choice

Several newsworthy topics spring to attention in my mind. Two young girls can't play hockey with the boys in an organized hockey league but, they can and do play other sports with boys at school. Carolyn Grasby, a ten-year-old girl who was voted the most valuable player in a boys' league last year, and Allison Irvine, who has a smile that would melt any young male hockey player, are not being allowed to play with the boys for any apparent reason other than a constitution which says so. The hockey executive here in Georgetown, who can make or break (change) that constitution, don't seem too willing to do so, having voted over a week ago not to let the girls play. However they have agreed to final discussion on the subject Sunday, Oct. 21 at the Gordon Alcott arena during their regular meeting open to the public. Sound like shades of women's liberation? It may work. Recently a woman signed with the Indianapolis Pacers of the National Basketball league.

## Weekend story

Or, another big story could be the Junior 'B' Gemini getting a point on the weekend. It is a major step towards rebuilding the club after last year's disastrous season. They have some returnees from last year and a few new faces which are making for a good early season team. Another highlight of the week is the good attendance the Gems received Sunday night at their first home game. More than 200 spectators enjoyed a thrilling game between the Gems and the Acton Sabres. Granted some were from Acton, but only about 50 or so.

Also vying for top sports coverage are the Raiders Intermediate 'A' team. They head into yet another season as defending champions of the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) league. The team has had plenty of practice through more than a month of training camp and exhibition games. There are some new faces and some old faces. Steve Blundy stepped up from player to coach this year.

The Raiders signed some new talent from the International Hockey League and seem to be the spark an old established winner needs to keep them winning and not complacent, something they will no doubt have no trouble being in this year's new and improved league.

## Possible winner

One possible winner would have been Alex Donachy, former assistant manager at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. He was to have driven in the Atlantic series of the Montreal Grand Prix on the weekend. Regrettably his car backed out at the last minute before another could be obtained. It would have been nice to have our photographer Peter Post, who was sent to cover the race, send back a snapshot of Donachy and Gilles Villeneuve.

These are just a few suggestions. For the answer to what all sports fans in Georgetown will be talking about, turn back a page to this week's Sports Week cover.

# These girls want to play

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Allison Irvine and Carolyn Grasby just want to play hockey. They don't care where or with whom. Their parents and local minor hockey officials do.

The shy little nine and ten-year-old girls (respectively) are caught in the middle of yet another battle to let them play hockey with boys. The Georgetown and District Minor Hockey Association's GDMHA 20 members executive voted a week ago Sunday not to allow the girls to play Major Atom, stating that if they want to play they must play with the intermediate girls' team, a team comprised of girls from nine up to 13. Pat Stewart, president of the GDMHA, says their constitution makes provision for girls' hockey and that if the parents of the two girls wish to appeal, they can do so Oct. 21.

Pat Grasby, Carolyn's mother, says this constitutes sex discrimination, and says definitely that she and Allison's parents will be at the regular league meeting that Sunday to voice their objections and hope to change the ruling in the constitution. "We're going to give it a try," says Mrs. Grasby. "We've got some support of the parents of other boys who played with them last year (on the Minor Atom team). So if it helps okay. If not they'll just have to play girls' hockey."

Pat Stewart told the Herald this week that "I've got no more to say about it."

The two girls played with the boys last year in the Minor Atom house league because Allison wasn't old enough to play with the intermediate girls and Carolyn was given special permission to play by last year's minor hockey president Bob Davis. Carolyn was voted the most valuable player in her league last year.

Concerns on behalf of the hockey association are that girls will be more readily prone to injury when playing with tougher and more skilled competition. To this, the parents of the two girls claim that playing with boys their own age and ability is safer than playing with older and bigger girls in the intermediate hockey.

A league vote over the weekend wouldn't ban body checking in OMHA teams.

In an earlier case where a young Huntsville girl, Gail Cummings, had her plight taken up by the Ontario Human Rights Commission, it was recently ruled by the Ontario Supreme Court that girls cannot play hockey with boys.

Duke Smith, who coaches the intermediate girls team, says, "once was the day when there was no girls team but, I think they'll have just as much fun if not more playing with the girls."

Rob Irvine, Allison's father, says "this is not such a big town that we have to follow the letter of the law. It's common sense. If you can compete and contribute you deserve the option to play." Allison had three goals and many assists last year against the boys.

The controversy in the meantime the two young hockey players are practicing with the intermediate girls while their parents and local hockey executives try to straighten out the matter and best accommodate the girls' desires to play.



Would you want your son to be playing hockey with or against these girls?

# Delrex teams faceoff in flag football final

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Jack Heppes converted for BP but, Ego's attempt was wide. The game then settled into a tight defensive contest which was shattered when Scott Mason took a short flare pass from Jim McGill and scorched 90 yards to put BP up 13-7 at the half.

Ego came back strongly in

the third quarter and tied it up on a TD to Johnny Larose. Then it was BP's turn and they came back with Paul Egerton scoring a major and Heppes a convert.

The tension really began to build in the fourth quarter when Ego got close on another major by John Larose. BP got the ball back and McGill directed them downfield to

an 18 yard touchdown to Joe Wygergangs. The convert was blocked. With only two minutes remaining BP punted deep into Ego territory where they figured to pin the Eagles and ensure the win. Johnny Larose received and took off an electrifying 80 yard return to the BP 5 yard line where Paul Egerton finally tracked him down. From there John Vierra ran a curl into the end zone and Paul Larose had the ball on the money.

Ego's miracle comeback now rested on the 2 point conversion attempt. It was close but the receiver couldn't hold on and BP had won a thriller.

### TIGHT DECISION

Game three capped a day of fine football as Dairy Queen won a tight decision from Peel Fence 22-19.

Like the first two, this game was also marked by excellent defense. In the first quarter Jeff

Lockwood punched through a 30 yard field goal for Dairy Queen. Peel got on the board in the second quarter on a 15 yard TD by Jack Poot and a convert by Terry Crawford. Jeff Lockwood had another

field goal for the DQ and Bob Lockwood managed a touchdown. Peel led at the half however, on touchdown by Paul Sargent to make it 13-12.

That score held up through the third quarter and into the fourth until Jeff Lockwood hit for his third field goal of the game. Paul Sargent put Peel ahead again on his second major of the day but, Dairy Queen won it with a late touchdown to Dale Meznick which Lockwood converted.

### FINAL PLAYOFFS

Round two of the playoffs go in two weeks with Dave's BP meeting Dairy Queen at 10:00 and the two Delrex teams squaring off again at 11:15.

# Golden Age bowlers are active

George Burt and Grant Real battled it out for most of the mens' wins in the Golden Age Bowling League action this week, while Kay Brotchie dominated the womens' lanes.

Grant Real's best score of 235 won him the singles title, ahead of George Burt with 229. However, Real's scoring wasn't as consistent as Burt's, who had the three best scores for the day to win the triple high with 604. Real rolled in 585.

With handicaps Burt won the singles title with a 246 compared to Roy Haley at 231. Burt's strong showing for the day continued as he tied for the triple handicap

win. He and George Tress bowled identical 655 scores, 17 ahead of nearest rival Dick Grace.

In the ladies' division it was all Kay Brotchie as she won the triple high and the triple with handicap for the day while placing second in the single and single with handicap classes.

Anne Nicholson's 218 beat Brotchie's 184 to capture the singles title. Kay MacMillan was only one point behind Brotchie in the triple high with a score of 494. Elizabeth Castle topped Brotchie by four with a 256 in the singles with handicap class, who then came up short by 19 points to Brotchie's 699 triple handicap win.

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