



Craig Nettlen, who runs the 12 week goalie clinic for minor hockey youths with his Dad, John, is part of the GDMHA development program which stresses the teaching of fundamentals to the young hockey players.

GDMHA Manual

The little book that grew

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After a five year effort to consolidate all aspects of minor hockey into one comprehensive book, the Georgetown District Minor Hockey Association finally have a manual that might well be the best one available for young hockey players today.

The manual has made such a good impression that the OHA is interested in perhaps using the manual in some form to distribute to all minor hockey centres. Both the Orangeville and Bolton minor hockey associations have requested copies of the Georgetown manual for their own scrutiny.

OHA INTERESTED

Tom Davidson, who recently spearheaded the manual's introduction into the Georgetown minor hockey program was in Toronto last October and presented a brief to the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) about the manual. The OHA now have in their possession two of Georgetown's manuals and have a committee working on reviewing its possible use for minor hockey in the province.

What has impressed coaches, instructors and hockey executives about the 100 page manual is that it has such an abundance of resource material on hockey development and training, in addition to a rules and constitution section plus useful information such as first aid instructions and emergency phone numbers.

MANUAL EVOLVED

The development of a minor hockey manual first started with the efforts of Bob Webster and Steve Curtis. Webster and Curtis were instrumental in the "centreboard" innovation whereby four tyke or novice house league teams can play games on half the ice surface for better ice utilization.

Over the course of three years, a Georgetown minor hockey manual was started that was modelled closely to the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA) manual, but there was no section on development or training to assist the coaches with their players.

The initiation of a comprehensive manual began last year when Tom Davidson suggested to the hockey executive

of the GDMHA that something be done to improve the development section of the manual. The next step followed logically enough: the executive appointed Davidson in charge of improving the manual.

Then Davidson, along with a committee, consisting of Gord Stewart, Paul Coulson, Gary Knight, John and Craig Nettlen (called the 'development committee') spent last summer working on a new manual.

OPTIMIST SUPPORT

With the generous support of the Optimist Club of Georgetown, 100 copies were printed for about a one third reduction of the actual cost (\$15.00) by donating their labor and printing facilities free of charge. Every coach in the GDMHA was given a copy along with hockey executive and five members of the Tri-County League.

What makes the present manual so unique is its extra sections on warm-up exercises, extra 'in-depth' hockey background for coaches on fundamentals and goaltending tips. In addition, the manual includes the innovative "point system" recently introduced to Banlams and teams above Banlams, and a constitution that all coaches must read thoroughly to define the rules by which the GDMHA is governed.

Tom Davidson, who completed much of the work in the development section of the manual, says the development committee included John and Craig Nettlen, because they felt more stress had to be placed on the training of goaltenders. The Nettlen father and son team went to work and volunteered their time to write a section in the manual for goaltenders as well as holding once a week goalie clinics for 12 weeks over the winter.

GOALIE CLINIC

"Most communities would give their eye teeth to have a goalie clinic like the one we have," Davidson says. "Milton wanted to participate in our goalie program." Davidson is particularly happy with the Atom program which stresses a six week development practice session for the boys which he hopes will teach all the basics and fundamentals of the game before the players participate in actual games.



The GDMHA development committee worked all summer on a new manual to bring together helpful information to coaches and hockey executives. The work doesn't stop with the manual, though; the real work begins at the rink where the information in the manual is put to practical use. Members of the development committee are (l. to r.): Pat Coulson, Gord Stewart, Tom Davidson, John Nettlen, Gary Knight. Front Row: Craig Nettlen.

Gems counter losses, beat Brampton 5-4

One week ago the Gems lost a lacklustre game against Oak Ridge, 12-1. During a Dec. 30 encounter with eighth place Thornhill, the Gems faltered 5-1. Against sixth place Orillia, the Gems didn't have any better luck as they lost 8-4.

But to counter their string of recent losses and prove to themselves and the fans that they can play excellent hockey, the Georgetown Gems rallied to a 5-4 win over fourth place Brampton, last Sunday.

Mike James, played a strong game for the Junior B Gems in their win according to coach Tom Daley. After the game, James said, "The team played with lots of desire in the last period."

"The team really wanted to show what we could do," James said. He thinks that his team needs to improve in their attitude and dedication department if they are to continue to do well and make the playoffs.

PLAYOFF SPOT

The Gems need eight points to catch Thornhill who have 30 points in the eighth spot in the Central League. General Manager of the Gems, Bob Tost, said after the game that "it's a known fact that the team can play hockey when they want to." Tost said that he still can't figure out why the team can't play good hockey every shift instead of sporadically as they did in the third period of the game to pull off their win against Brampton.

"They played a super 10 minutes of hockey in the third period," Tost said. Mark Hamilton paced the Gems in the first period to open the scoring for his team with 40 seconds left in the period. Hamilton stole the puck at the blue line and let go of his shot just outside of the face-off circle. At the end of the period, the Gems had outplayed the Brampton attack and kept the score at 1-1, with some good checking and passing.

BRAMPTON DOMINATES  
In the second period, it was Brampton who took complete control of the game. They scored on three consecutive occasions to dominate the period in the scoring department, 4-1. However, the Gems were only outshot in the period 13-10.

Mark Hamilton came alive to spark the Gems in two minutes into the period. He grabbed the puck at the blue line from a Mike James pass and rushed in on a breakaway closely followed by a Brampton defender. He was tripped up when he shot and landed head first in the end boards, but not before the red light flashed.

John Barnes scored on an unassisted goal when he stole a loose puck in the slot area and walked in alone to score on a well-placed wrist shot. At the half-way mark in the period, the score was 4-3 and the Gems were awakened.

Bobby Dean turned out to be the hero as he scored twice to pace the Gems to their 5-4 victory over Brampton. With 7:40 left to play in the game, Dean found the net with help

from passes from Mike James and Curt Fitzsimmons. Dean scored his last goal unassisted with only 46 seconds left to play in the game.

DEAN'S BEST  
Coach Daley said Bobby Dean played his best game since he joined the team two weeks ago. "In the third period, Bobby really started skating," Daley said.

Dean who played last year for the Gems, returned to his old team two weeks ago after playing for Newmarket this season. Dean has returned to Georgetown to finish off his semester requirements at high school. Manager Bob Tost said after the game that it was too bad that Dean was not with the team about 10 games ago.

In reference to the 8-4 loss to Orillia, Daley said the team strayed away from their game plan just as they did during the first two periods of last Sunday's game. "It's kinda hard to come back after being down 5-1 in the first period," he said.



The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders will be playing the NHL Oldtimers Friday Jan. 16 at 8:30 p.m. With such stars as Andy Bathgate, Pierre Pilote, Harry Howell and Mike Pelek, the game promises to be an exciting one.

The game should be unique for a number of reasons. First, the NHL Oldtimers do not usually play an Intermediate or Senior team when they tour the country - certain conditions had to be met by the Raiders first before the Oldtimers would venture into Georgetown.

Second, the Raiders, according to General Manager Dave Kentner, will be out to win the game. There will be a good chance to see some good skills from the NHL veterans, if only at a step or two slower than when they were in the major league.

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Raider Ellison gone

In an effort to reduce the Raider player roster to 21 player cards, the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders announced on Monday that Bruce Ellison and Keir Todd would be released.

Both players have said they will be willing to negotiate terms and playing conditions with the Raider's affiliate club in Milton, but they are considered free agents and may sign with another Intermediate A club if they wish.

The Jan. 10 deadline means that the Raider's organization must release two more players before this Saturday if the team decides to stick to having three blank player cards. That decision will probably be made after this Friday night's away game against Orillia.

Kentner says that his personal feeling is that any one of the four players (Ellison, Todd and two others yet to be named) released not only could, but should be playing Intermediate A hockey.

Winter programs

There is still space left for registration in the following programs sponsored by the Halton Hill's recreation department.

In Georgetown, girl's gymnastics is being offered at

all levels. The classes, on Mondays are available for beginners and intermediates. On Wednesday nights there is a program for senior gymnasts, while on Sunday afternoon at 12:30 a gymnastics program is offered for the boys.

There are openings in Georgetown for all classes in learn to skate and skating classes in general. Power skating is offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings for 45 minutes each class.

In Acton, there are many programs still to register in. On Tuesdays, there is a pre-school play shop. Jazz for juniors is run for interested folks on Wednesday in Acton and Thursday Limehouse offers a program. This is the first time Limehouse has had its own activity night and those interested are encouraged to participate in the Limehouse jazz for juniors.

Power skating and ladies self defence is offered on Wednesday. There will be a nutrition workshop offered in February, but participants must register before the February 14.

Those wishing to register can do so at the Acton office on Mill Street, phone: 853-1540. Georgetown residents can register at the Gordon Alcott office or phone: 877-5185.

BP vs. Norval?

Dave's BP coach, Bob Fendley, says his team is "definitely looking forward to the playoffs." The team had a poor start at the beginning of the season with one of the reasons being the number of injuries.

The team has been playing well considering they have had only nine or 10 players out for each game. Last Sunday, the team showed determination and desire to trounce

Bracken's 10-3. Fendley says his BP team will be tough in the playoffs and the Norval team will have to watch out, "because we're on the move."

"We'll do fine against Norval," he says. "They only beat us 4-2 and 3-2 during the regular season. We'll give them the best run for the money." The coach says John Blair in particular has been outstanding with the team. On Sunday he scored six of BP's ten goals. He says that if Blair hadn't missed four or five games, he would be right up with the scoring leaders in the league.

United vs. Norval?

For Collin Broadbent, who has coached the United Rentals for the past three seasons, this year is by far the best for his team. He thinks the Rentals now have a team that can win in the Industrial league.

Broadbent says that man for man, the Rentals have the same talent as the league-leading Hollywood Tavern team from Norval. The only difference, the coach says, is that the Norval team have been playing together as a team for many years.

Starting with a nucleus of players from last year's team, United Rental brought in some new players this year that have helped the team to their present second place standing in the league. Two ex-Gemins have helped the team with the acquisition of Steve Crossman and Andy Broadbent. Chuck Williams joined the team after playing for the Milton Tridents.

Georgetown Midgets win Silver Stick

By BOB WEBSTER  
Herald Special

During the past week the Georgetown Sunny Acre Farms midgets won the South Central Ontario Silver Stick tournament. They now advance to the North American finals at Sarnia in January.

Georgetown disposed of Welland in their opener on Boxing Day, 3-2 on goals by Tony Oram from Gordie Adams; Paul White scored from Bob Morrow and Jamie South. Shane Lefebvre scored the winner on an unassisted goal with three seconds left in the game.

ARCH RIVALRY

Sunny Acre Farms set themselves to meet their arch rival Bramalea in what I as coach felt the winner would take all. Georgetown jumped into the lead early on goals by Larry Reaume from Bob Morrow and Paul White. Then Dave Norton scored from Peter Haller to make the score 2-0.

However, Bramalea seemed to come alive and the teams skated off the ice at the end of the second period tied, 2-2. Georgetown again went up by two goals as Tony Oram scored from Ken Ward and Shane Lefebvre then Paul White from Ken Ward and Peter Haller. Bramalea closed the margin to within the goal with 4:14 left in the game. Bramalea appeared to be in command as Georgetown had to play the balance of the game short-handed.

But then Kelvin Hackett took a pass from Shane Lefebvre, stuffed it around a

Bramalea defenseman at his own blue line and raced the length of the ice to pick the top corner on a super effort. It gave Georgetown the breathing room they needed. George Adams scored in the empty net from Peter Haller and Kelvin Hackett to make the final score 6-3 Georgetown.

FINAL GAME

In the final Georgetown versus St. Catharines (who were last year's OMHA finalists) the opposition coach had commented before the game that his team would not even work up a sweat against Georgetown. However, every Sunny Acre Farm player gave 100 per cent and then some - thus the final score 6-4 for Georgetown.

Georgetown jumped into a 3-0 lead in the first period on goals by Mark Palmer from Gordie Adams and Dave Norton. Paul White scored, assisted by Larry Reaume and Peter Haller while Rivy Kennedy netted another, from Peter Haller.

In the second period, St. Catharines outscored Georgetown 2-1 with Georgetown's goal coming from Bob Morrow from Paul White and Ken Ward. In the third period, St. Kitts tied the score at 4-4 before the three minute mark and Georgetown seemed to be in trouble.

Mike Marcolini scored, assisted by Paul White and Larry Reaume. Bob Morrow clinched it with a goal from Gordie Adams and Ken Ward with 32 seconds to play.



No. 8 Larry Reaume, Centre, shoots right. Goals: 7, Assists: 13.

Sunny Acres fired up for local tourney

As coach and speaking for the manager Bill Marcolini and my assistant coaches Finley Arnold and Gary McFadyen, we all are very proud of each player for the effort they gave throughout the tournament for what they accomplished and the way they accomplished it. We are all looking forward to representing this region in the North American finals of the Silver Stick as well as our town in the Midget Tournament upcoming on January 6, 1981.



No. 10 Peter Haller, Defence, shoots left. Goals: 7, Assists: 5.



Left to right: Gary McFadyen, assistant coach; Bill Marcolini, manager; Bob Webster, coach; Fin Arnold, assistant coach. (Herald photo)



No. 1 Adrian Jordan, Goalie. Games Played: 10, Goals Against: Aver. 2.20.



No. 4 Ken Ward, 6'2", 170 lbs. Defence, shoots left. Goals: 3, Assists: 6.



No. 15 Paul White, Left Wing, shoots left. Goals: 11, Assists: 9.



No. 30 Jeff Watterworth, Goalie. Games Played: 10, Goals Against: Aver. 2.80.



No. 14 Kelvin Hackett, Right Wing, shoots right. Goals: 18, Assists: 15.



No. 16 Anthony Oram, Left Wing, shoots left. Goals: 8, Assists: 10.



No. 9 Rivy Kennedy, Centre, shoots left. Goals: 12, Assists: 14.



No. 3 Shane Lefebvre, Plays Defence, shoots left. Goals: 5, Assists: 8.



No. 2 Jamie South, Plays Defence, shoots right. Goals: 1, Assists: 12.



No. 5 Mike Marcolini, Defence, shoots right. Goals: 2, Assists: 5.



No. 6 Gordie Adams, Centre, shoots right. Goals: 9, Assists: 17.



No. 7 Mark Palmer, Left Wing, shoots left. Goals: 9, Assists: 12.



No. 12 Bob Morrow, Right Wing, shoots right. Goals: 8, Assists: 8.



No. 11 Dave Norton, 5'7", 145 lbs. Right Wing, shoots right. Goals: 12, Assists: 9.