

'Total change' includes university

Stacey Hurley will now play tennis for the University of Minnesota in the 'Big Ten' circuit

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A new coach, a four-month layoff and a university scholarship are all part of a changing year for Georgetown's tennis star Stacey Hurley, considered one of Canada's top young players.

For the 16-year-old Grade 12 student, it was only last week she started her training program after deciding to change directions after the national tennis championships last August. Her opponents on the tennis circuit have been busy preparing for the Winter and Spring season but Stacey felt she needed some time off and subsequently did not train for four months.

STOPPED TRAINING

The decision to stop training was in part due to her disappointing placing at the national championships last August. Stacey, through the misfortune of the draw was pitted against the number two seed, Jana Kipac in the first round. In what she considered "the most disappointing" aspect of the 1980 tennis season, Hurley was competitive with Kipac until the last few sets.

Stacey was forced to re-evaluate her position when she dropped from her 4th seeded position to 11th. At one point over the 1980 season the computer ranking system positioned her as third for under 16-year-olds.

But since August the winds of fortune have changed for Hurley and she has a number of reasons to look enthusiastically forward to her tennis future.

At the moment, Hurley had hopped back up into the top ten and was ranked as the fourth seed. In the computer ranking for tennis a player's statistics are sent to a central computer four times per year and the results are tabulated for a yearly standing on the circuit.

Stacey, who says she is fairly familiar with her competition will be 17-years-old in July and then will move into the harder age group of "under 18". Since around the Christmas season Stacey started to play tennis again and because of her layoff from the game she says her attitude has changed for the better.

ATTITUDE BETTER

Stacey feels that her attitude on the court is better and she does not feel the pressure as much as she used to. She admits her game is still not 100 per cent but she has some catching up to do on her training.

One new change in her playing regimen is the switch in coaches from Don Steele to Susan Pridham. Pridham is a former student of Don Steele's and thus her philosophy and training methods are similar to his.

However, Pridham is younger (late twenties) and Stacey says she is much better at relating to her on the ways

and whereof of the tennis circuit for a young girl.

Two tournaments important for her 'come-back' this season will probably be the first summer open tennis tournament called the Polar Cup, May 1st. Another prestigious tournament will be in the middle of June called the Etobicoke Open.

But the all-important tennis meets are the provincial and national tournaments later in the summer. Hurley is also looking forward to the Ontario and Quebec Invitational tournaments in August and the Ontario Closed (only the best in Ontario are invited) in July.

The Canadian tennis championships will be the last tournament of the summer in late August. Stacey feels if she gets herself back in shape she can beat her previous national tournament nemesis, Jana Kipac.

UNIVERSITY AHEAD

But more important for Stacey than the Canadian tennis championships this summer will be training for her debut as a member of the University of Minnesota tennis team. Hurley was accepted on an athletic scholarship and will be joining the school in September.

Stacey began writing to universities in January and received a number of positive responses. In February she travelled to Minnesota to visit the university which boasts a population of over 50,000 students.



Stacey Hurley is ready for a competitive season.

The Minnesota tennis team is very competitive and are allowed to compete in the 'Big Ten' university circuit because they are the Region Six Champions.

Stacey fully admits she will be in for a 'total change', but she is looking forward to the coming tennis season, hoping to do as well as she possibly can and then prepare for her opportunity to play for the University of Minnesota 'Gophers' in a tough, competitive university league.

Raiders worried with league folding

A contingent from the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders will be travelling to Collingwood tonight to discuss changes that could affect the survival of the OHA Intermediate A league in Southern Ontario, according to Raider GM Dave Kentner.

The Wednesday meeting falls three days before the OHA annual convention in Toronto and Kentner suspects the timeliness of the Intermediate A league meeting in Collingwood may hint to discussions about the league folding.

Although Kentner says he is "reading between the lines" he is "reading between the lines".

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Dave Griffiths (No. 202) keeps up with the rest of the pack during his 2000 metre Steeplechase event. Dave and his teammates from GDHS were in Etobicoke last Saturday to

partake in their first outdoor track and field meet of the year. More pictures on page B4.

(Photo by Harald Bransch)

A cold day for track opening

By HARALD BRANSCH
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At the Lord Seaton-Bishop Power track and field meet the GDHS track team attended their first outdoor meet of the '81 season and blossomed with several encouraging individual results.

This meet, which was held at Etobicoke, unfortunately was on a day that was extremely windy and cold. This condition played a key factor in the outcomes of many races as drafting, running behind the person in front of you and let them break the wind, was the most important tactic of the race.

In the 4 x 800, the senior

boys team of Glenn Britton, Jim MacIntyre, Stacey Wheeler and Doug Smith and the midjet boys team of George Howie, Chris Ferguson, David Banks and Gary Hulbert won their respective races. The midjet race was won by mere inches.

The midjet girls team of Lee Ann Grassy, Lyn MacPhail, Karen Edgar and Ann Ramsey and the senior girls team of Sherri Finucan, Susan Kristensen, Heather MacLaren and Arlean Grey placed second. The junior boys team of Jack Harlow, Dalton Newcomb, Dave Griffith and George Gidman placed 11th of the 22 teams

competing.

MIDGETS FIFTH

The midjet boys' 4 x 100 relay team tied for fifth in their race and the midjet girls in same race placed eighth. They also placed sixth in the 4 x 400 relay and the midjet boys placed fourth in both the 4 x 200 and the 4 x 400.

Individually Lyn MacPhail won the 1500 metres and placed second in the 3000 m with a time of 10:58. In the junior girls' 3000 m drafting played an important role for Susan Kristensen as she edged out Sherri Finucan, also from Georgetown who had led the entire race, to take first place. Kristensen

also placed sixth in the junior 1500 m.

Heather Reid in the senior girls' 3000 m placed second. Karen Edgar ran to a sixth place finish in the open girls' 400 m hurdles.

In the junior boys' 3000 m Jim MacIntyre ran a 9:17 to place second. Doug Smith and Dale McGregor placed first and third respectively in the senior boys' 1500 m.

In the field events Susan MacLaren jumped to a fourth in the junior girls' long jump. The midjet boys' discuss had Curt Gresswell sixth and in the senior high jump Harald Bransch placed fourth.

Al Pilutti team at Gardens for Easter

Atoms play in big league

The Al Pilutti Minor Atoms travelled to Hamilton on April 15th to challenge the Hamilton Huskies - one of the International Division Finalists in the Timmy Tyke Tournament.

The locals played an excellent game against their rough and tumble opposition and defeated them 7-4. Goalies Sean Cotton and Curtis Green made several sharp saves in this solid team effort.

In the opening period, Chris Stoddart put Georgetown on the scoreboard at 6:10 followed quickly by Alan Giray at 5:52 with the first of his hat trick. Hamilton replied at 2:39 to narrow the gap.

SECOND PERIOD
In the middle frame, the locals netted two unanswered markers by Alan Giray at 7:39 and by Jason Knight at 2:27.

In the final frame, Hamilton struck at 9:20 but Travis Gardiner tallied at 4:53 to return Georgetown to its three goal lead. At 2:27 Alan Giray completed his hat trick giving the locals a comfortable margin. The Huskies came back with two quick ones at 2:01 and 1:07 narrowing the score to 6-4. Doug McDermott salted the game away at 0:17.

Assisting on the scoring plays in this contest were Andrew Hoddinott with a pair and Jeremy Felce, Adam Bennett and Doug McDermott with singles.

MAPLE LEAF GAME
At Maple Leaf Gardens on Good Friday the Minor Atoms faced off against tough opposition - the Hillcrest Summits from Toronto - and lost 3-1 in a tight exhibition game.

The home towners applied solid pressure from the opening face-off but fell behind 1-0 when Hillcrest netted a shorthanded marker.

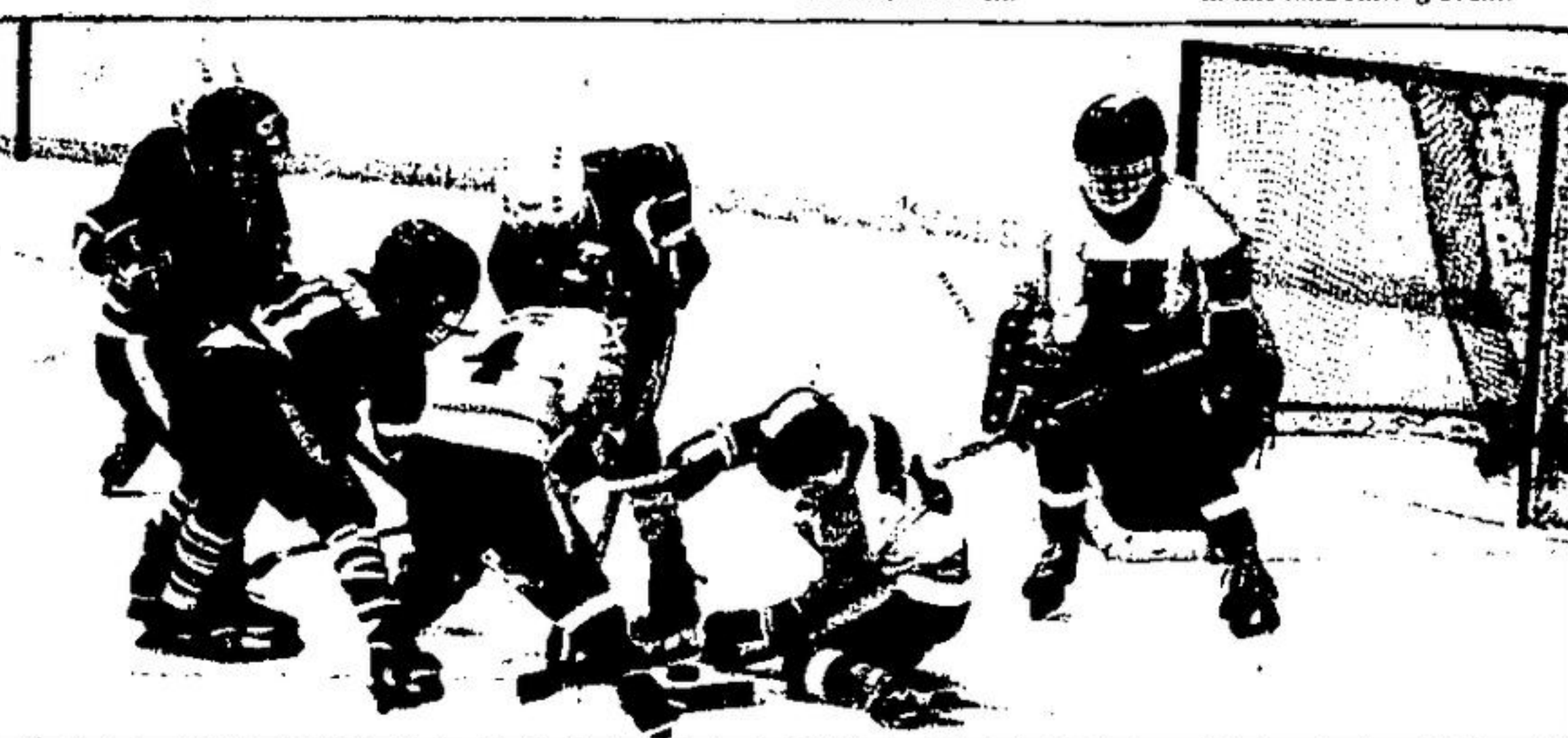
Georgetown came back with a big play when Doug McDermott and Alan Giray combined to set up Andrew Hoddinott in behind the Hillcrest defenders and he connected with a shot high on the short side.

During the second (and last) 20 minute running time period Hillcrest netted two more to end the scoring and the game. Georgetown had several good opportunities but could not beat the Hillcrest netminder.

Hillcrest and Georgetown, the top two ticket sellers, combined to raise \$9,000 for the tournament. For this reason they qualified for the exhibition match.

For their efforts, each player received a trophy engraved with "Ticket Champs" and of course, had the thrill of playing at the Gardens.

The real winners of this game however, and the tournament itself, were the crippled children. The Al Pilutti Minor Atoms would like to thank the Georgetown community for their support in this fund raising event.



The Georgetown Minor Atoms were able to say after Good Friday's exhibition match that they had played on the same ice as their heroes, the Maple Leafs. The Atoms were

guests at the Timmy Tyke hockey tournaments after selling the most raffle tickets for charity. Here they battle with a strong Hillcrest team.

(Photo by Rob Irvine)

Boys gymnastics team show strength in all-round finish at Peel-Haltons

By HARALD BRANSCH
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Hosting the Peel-Halton gymnastics meet, the GDHS boys gymnastics team displayed their impressive all-

round strength by winning the senior division and placing second, four points behind first place Oakville Trafalgar, in the junior category.

In addition to a strong team finish there were exceptional individual placings including Dave Boothe's first in the senior all-round followed by Mike Losacco of

O.T. John Thorpe from Georgetown placed third in the senior all-round. Kevin Kotani was the only Rebel to place in the junior all-round when he came third.

In total 14 Rebel gymnasts qualified to go on to the O.P.S.A.A. (provincial) championships in North Bay this year. The six juniors to qualify are Kevin Kotani, Keith McLaughlin, Paul Ian, James Orwin, Chris Schirm and Scott Kline.

SENIOR QUALIFIERS
Leading the senior qualifiers is Dave Boothe, followed by John Thorpe, Brad Ferguson, Scott Hall, Duane Wilson, Peter Morris, Steve Brown, and George Farrow.

Coach Fred Kotani said the seniors were so strong that they were expected to win. In some cases, such as the pommel, vault, and parallel bars Georgetown athletes placed first, second and third. Last year the seniors won the Peel-Haltons but not by as great a margin as they did this year.

The juniors were also a great surprise for Kotani as they were only beaten by four points by Oakville Trafalgar over eighteen separate entries. He considered that placing much closer than he had expected for this young team.

The final meet of the year will be held April 24 at North

Bay and will be the OFSAA finals. Coach Kotani is optimistic that the Rebels will place in the top five and realistically could place third or second. He said the winning team will undoubtedly be Algonquin and, barring any hidden schools, the only other teams to compete with are Delhi or Peterborough, both of which Georgetown have competed favorably against.

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PEEL-HALTON RESULTS

Senior Floor	
1st	Dave Boothe 9.4
3rd	Brad Ferguson 9.0
4th	John Thorpe 8.85
Junior Floor	
5th	Keith McLaughlin 8.05
6th	Scott Kline 7.8
Senior Pommel Horse	
1st	Dave Boothe 8.95
2nd	Scott Ball 8.35
3rd	Duane Wilson 8.25
5th	John Thorpe 7.8
6th	Tim Kuhl 7.6
Junior Pommel Horse	
5th	Kevin Kotani 6.70

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Discipline and hustle are key words for new coach

Deep in the bowels of the McGibbon Hotel, the Georgetown Junior B Geminis announced to a waiting local press contingent their latest measure to improve the future standing of the hockey club.

Last Thursday the Geminis executive introduced their 1981-82 head coach Dave Switzer from Mississauga. Switzer, who comes to the junior B club totting an impressive array of credentials and new ideas was chosen from a list of six candidates.

All of the executive present last Thursday were enthusiastic at the hiring of Switzer and feel confident he can inject new coaching blood into the club. Dean Taylor, one of the five Geminis committee members on the selection group said he was impressed with Switzer's background which holds promise for a new approach to training and execution of

plays for the team. **SOLID BACKGROUND**
The Stratford-born coach played Junior B hockey for his home town and has been involved in coaching for ten



New head coach Dave Switzer, promising an aggressive style and innovative changes to Geminis attack.

years. Switzer has a solid background in coaching

Switzer's solid hockey background and attitude have given the Geminis the man they wanted

minor teams around Toronto with each of his teams never failing to make the playoffs. He was coach of the Toronto Red Wing Bantam team that played so well in Georgetown's Bantam tournament this year and he has taken teams to Europe and is a student of European systems.

Past president of the Geminis, Bob Girdwood, was impressed at the Georgetown Bantam tournament at how well disciplined Switzer's team was. "You can tell how well disciplined a team is by how they come off the benches," Girdwood says. Girdwood says the new coach has wide hockey contacts and that Switzer was personally responsible for sending 14 players to the Oakville Jr. B.

blades, of which they kept seven.

Switzer's forte will be his discipline and apparent devotion to the team, the consensus seems. General manager Bob Tost says the Geminis are, "looking for more than a coach. We're looking for 100 per cent commitment and Dave comes with few outside distractions. He knows the direction he is going."

PREPARATION STARTED

Already the new coach has stated in his preparation for the coming Geminis season and he says he has received over 100 letters of inquiry from players wanting to play for the Georgetown team. One of the more inventive innovations in Switzer's style will be the use of video

machines for games and practices for instructive purposes. Switzer bought two video cameras out of his own pocket. He first thought video machines wouldn't be useful, but a discussion with former Leaf coach Roger Neilson helped to influence his decision to use them. Switzer has known Roger Neilson since 1976 and is a friend of present Leaf coach Mike Nyenluck as well as Daryl Sittler (they played hockey together) and Pat Hickey. To name a few of his big-league connections.

Switzer, who is a sales rep for Bradwood of Toronto is married and has two children, David 3, and Daryl, 4 months. He has been wanting to coach a Junior B club for a number of years and

has been watching the Georgetown team from the background for some time.

SKELTONS IN CLOSET

The new coach wants to put



Geminis GM Bob Tost: "Looking for more than a coach - 100 per cent commitment needed."

all past skeletons back in the closet and look toward the future in developing a new team. Switzer wants an