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Pee wees at Brampton tournament

Lions give it their best shot

By COLIN BROOKES
 Herald Special
 The Georgetown Pee Wee Lions fresh from two victories at home travelled to Brampton on the civic weekend to play in the 12th annual Pee Wee tournament.

For their first game the Lions were matched up with a strong team from York. Steve McCarthy started pitching for Georgetown and shut York out through the first two innings.

The bottom of the third saw York get started with two triples and a double before Sean Milton playing at short stop cut down one batter with an excellent infield pickup and throw to first base.

Brent Hutt came in to relieve McCarthy, but when the dust had settled York had won 9 to 1. Ricky Fisher was Georgetown's lone hitter with a double.

The loss moved Georgetown to the consolation round and a game against Rexdale. HUTT PITCHES

The game against Rexdale began with Brent Hutt pitching. Both teams were held scoreless through the first four innings giving the spectators some excellent baseball action. The first inning saw Sean Milton and Greg Tuck come up with diving catches to prevent sure hits by Rexdale.

Brent Hutt came up with a super effort on the mound in the third inning to strike out two batters and hold a Rexdale runner at third base. In the Rexdale half of the fourth inning with two out and a runner at third, the batter hit a hard ground ball to the shortstop Sean Milton, who scooped it up and made the toss to first and retire the side leaving another Rexdale runner stranded.

ACTION STARTS
 The action began in the fifth inning with the Rexdale pitcher loading the bases on three consecutive walks. With Mark Moody on third, Pat McCarthy on second and Sean Milton on first, Steve McCarthy singles and brings Mark home.

Greg Tuck lays down a good hunt and get to first, but Rexdale managed to force Pat McCarthy out at home. Scott Misener then sacrifice bunts and scores Sean. With runners at third and second Kevin Linberg hits a big double to pick up two RBIs and give Georgetown a four run lead.

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The bottom of the fifth inning saw Georgetown play well defensively holding Rexdale to three runs. The highlight of the inning saw a line drive by a Rexdale batter deflect off pitcher Hutt's glove and caught by Sean Milton in a spectacular diving catch.

However, the umpire saw the play differently and claimed Sean trapped the ball on the ground and disallowed the out. It was beginning to appear our toughest opposi-

tion was going to be the game officials. The Georgetown sixth inning saw Mark Moody score on a Rexdale error. Steve McCarthy came in to relieve Brent Hutt during the bottom of the sixth allowing three Rexdale runs and making the score 6-5. Georgetown came to bat at the top of the seventh and last inning one run behind.

Greg Tuck leads off with a two-bagger, followed by Scott Misener and Kevin

Linberg grounding out Brent Hutt came to bat with the tying run at second and hit a strong grounder which Rexdale fielded and threw to first.

With throw on the way and Hutt in full flight down the baseline, it was going to be close. The first baseman made the catch, but Brent is there in time.

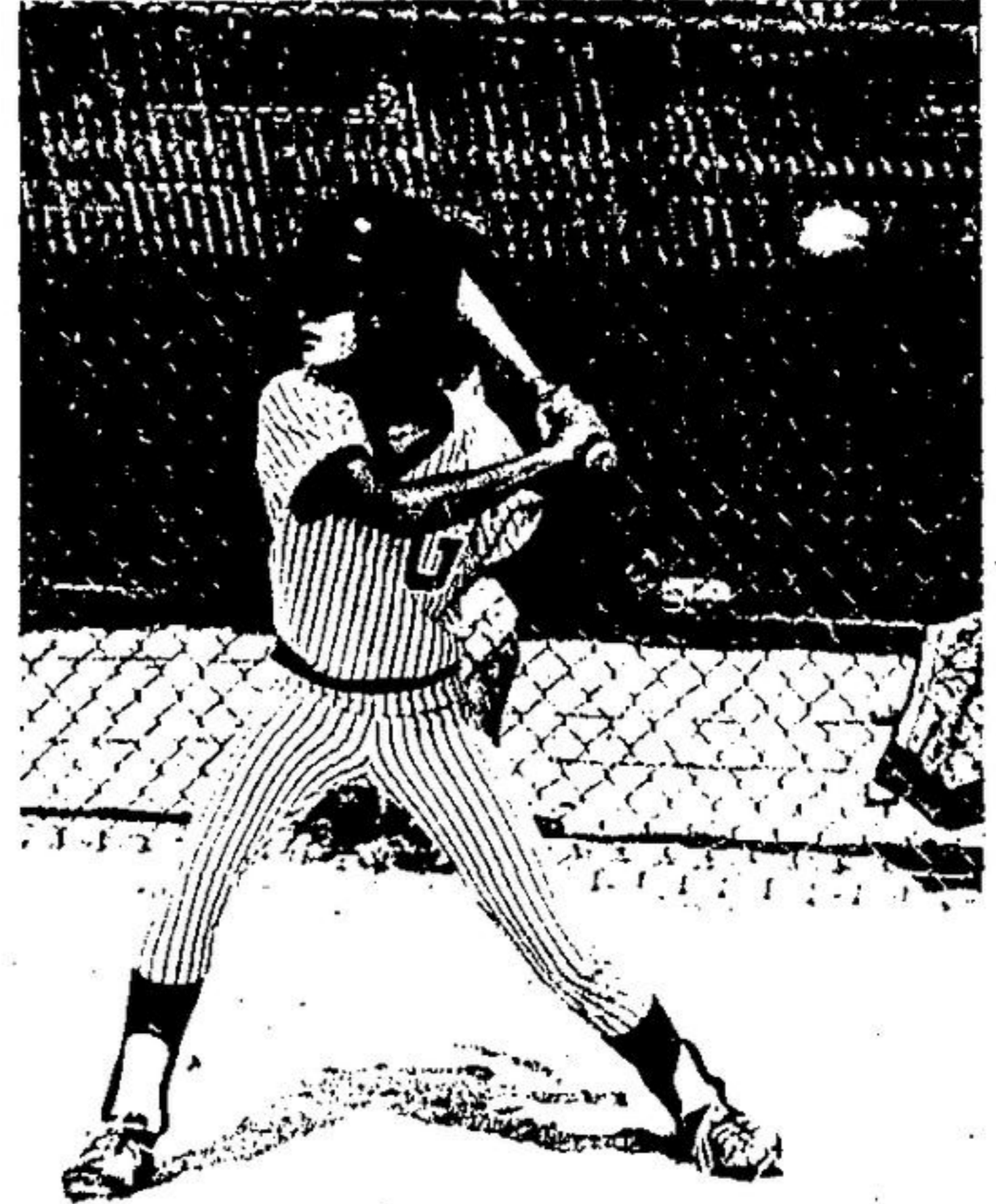
Once again our umpire friend saw it different and the game ended Rexdale 6, Georgetown 5.

Well done team for a great afternoon of baseball.

Lecturing his players after a bad start against York in the opening game is head coach Jack Fisher. The players are (left to right) Kevin Linberg, Ricky Fisher, Brent Hutt and Jason Brown.

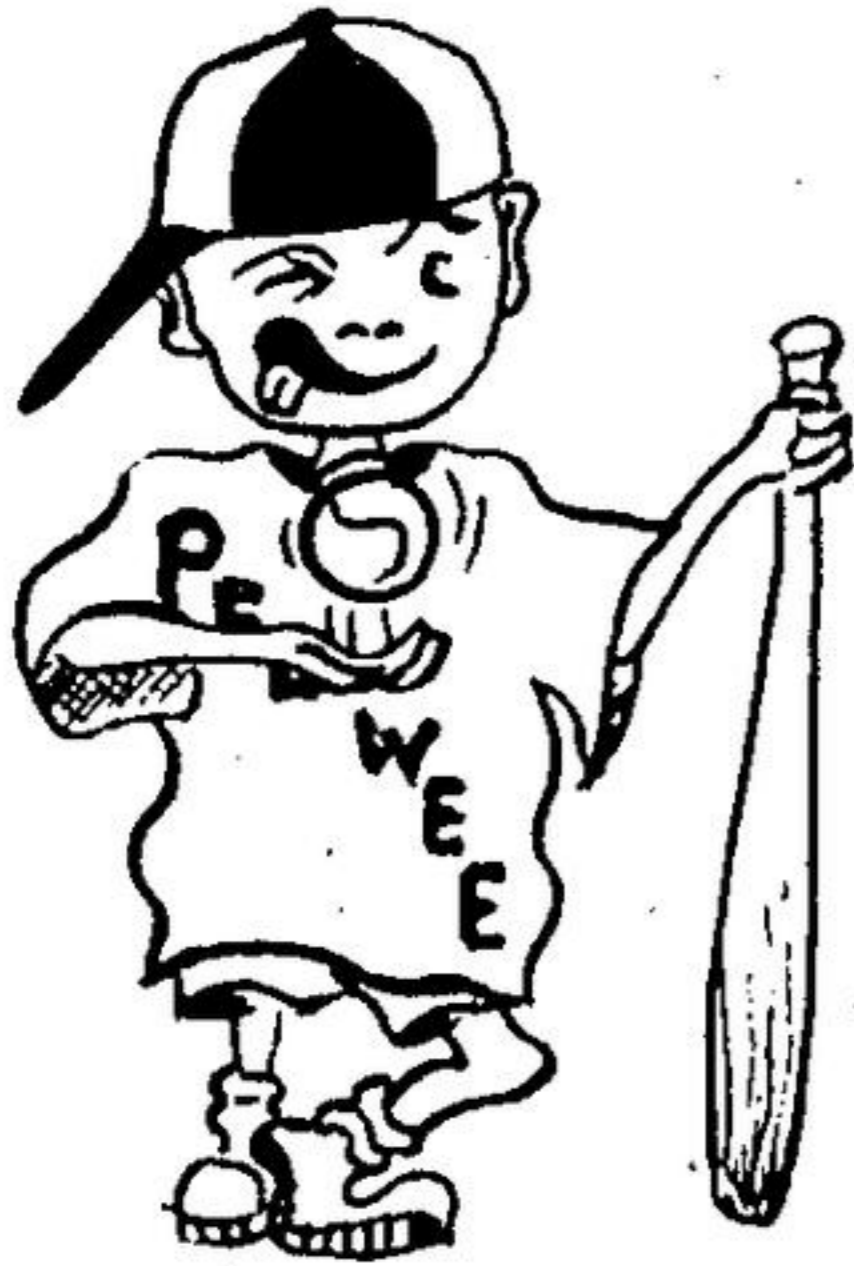


(Herald photo)



Kevin Linberg closes his eyes on this pitch which as he holds back from hitting Kevin and his teammates finished their regular season with a tournament in Brampton last Saturday. (Herald photo)

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Industrial fastball action in second Limehouse invitational

Merchants defeat Guelph in tournament

By HANK BOUWMAN
 Herald Special
 The Georgetown Merchants walked away with the championship trophy as they shut out McIlwraiths Neighbours from Guelph 2-0.

The consolation championship saw Unisal edge past Desmonds 5-4 in a very exciting finish. Georgetown Merchants allowed only one run against

throughout the tournament behind some strong pitching performances by Chris Peavoy and Bob Robson. In their opening game they defeated the Grand Valley Cards of the Hillsburgh League 11-0. The Indusmin Rockets of the Limehouse League put up a good battle before going down to a 6-1 defeat at the hands of the Merchants.

In the championship game Jim Parker, the lead-off batter crossed the plate which proved to be all the runs the Merchants needed as they won the game 2-0 over McIlwraiths Neighbours. Chris Peavoy slammed a solo shot over the left field fence in the third inning to give the Merchants their second run. Bob Robson

fanned eight batters in recording the win for the Merchants while McIlwraith pitcher Doug Neath pitched well and recorded six strikeouts. Merchants catcher Jim Parker was credited with two homers in the 11-0 victory over Grand Valley Cards. The first shot was a grand slam over the fence while the second was a inside the park homerun.

UNISAL TOPS
 The consolation championship game seen Unisal take a 1-0 lead into the sixth inning against Desmonds. Dennis Kirton the Tournament M.V.P. winner led off the game with a single and scored on Glen McKenzie's double to take a early 1-0 lead. Desmonds pitcher Jim McBride won the most valuable pitcher award for the tournament as he allowed only five Unisal hits in their final game. Unisal pitcher Ken Pilgrim struck out two batters in recording the victory while Desmonds pitcher Jim McBride fanned seven batters.

UNISAL TOOK A 2-0 lead in the top of the sixth as Dennis Kirton crossed the plate. Desmonds came back in their half of the inning to tie the game at 2-2. Ray Bosch, Bill McGrath, and Dennis Kirton crossed the plate for Unisal to take a 5-2 lead into the bottom half of the seventh. Desmonds battled back as Dave McGiloway tripled and scored on Doug Pratt's single. The score was narrowed to 5-4 as Doug Pratt crossed the plate. The tying run was left on third base as Jules

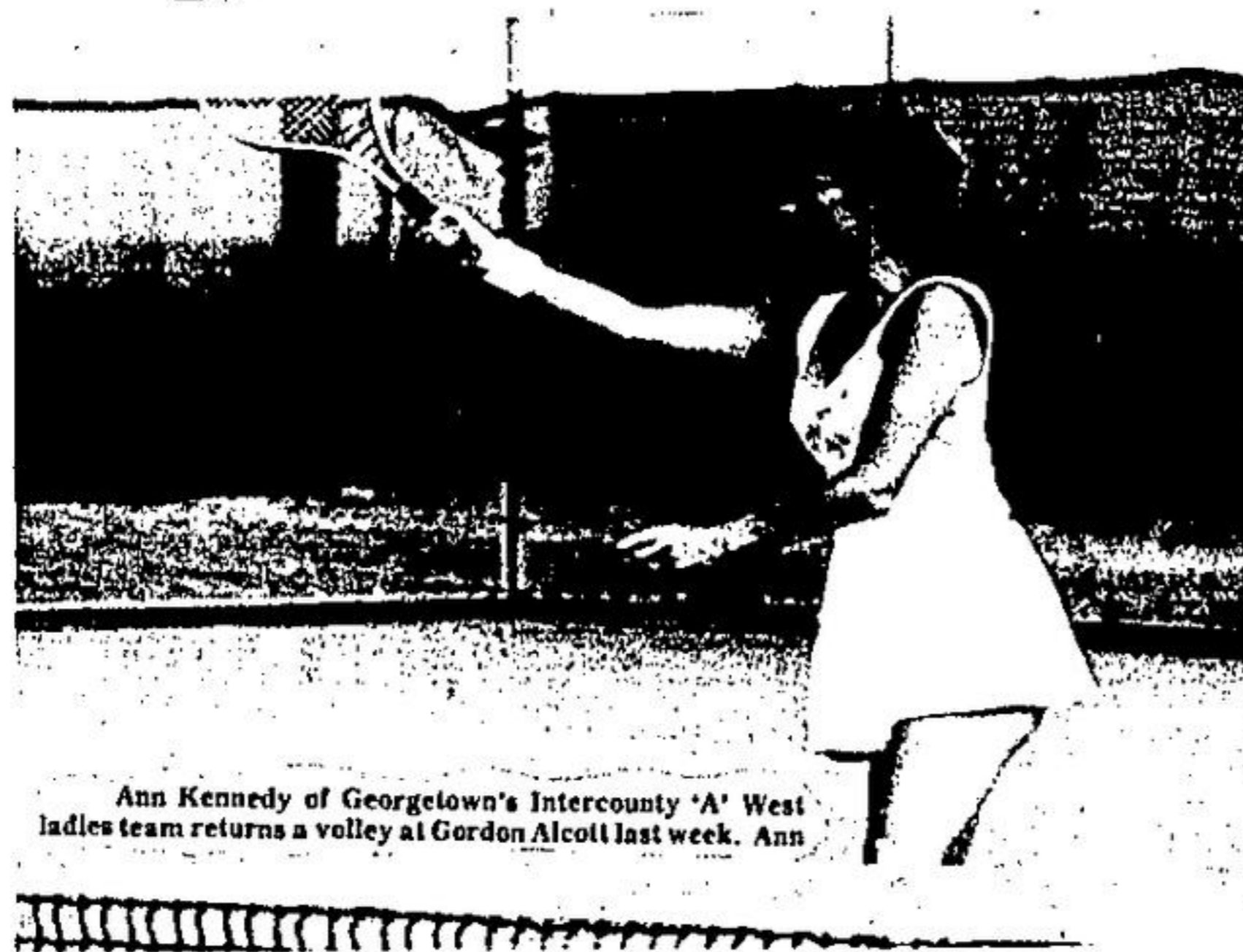
Sports in brief

Raiders bolster exec.
 The Georgetown Raiders hockey club is busy bolstering its executive roster for the upcoming season. The club announced Tuesday that Bryan Day, Stan Larusso, Tim Chisholm, Al Walker, Ron Faulkner and Harry Allen will be joining the Raiders' administration bringing the total number of executives to 15. It's the largest front office ever, club president Bob Hooper states, and at least three or four other people are expected to be added to the executive in the future.

Dog day afternoon
 Last Tuesday night proved to be a wash-out for the two local major baseball squads in Halton Hills. The Intercountry Glen Williams fastball squad were rained out of their game against Erin while the Legion Royalettes of the Metro Toronto Ladies league were idle when they should have been playing Cooksville.

Rob in Thunder Bay
 Rob Brown of Georgetown competed in the Ontario Junior Golf Championships last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but he didn't make the cut against the best 90-odd junior golfers after he took ill. Rob shot a 78 in the first of four rounds, but a flu bug kept him from completing the tournament. He was competing in the 14-18 year old age category. Rob said he was happy to be at the tournament which was held in Thunder Bay, but he was disappointed at not being able to finish.

'A' ladies turn their game around



Ann Kennedy of Georgetown's Intercountry 'A' West ladies team returns a volley at Gordon Alcott last week. Ann

The Intercountry 'A' West tennis team of Georgetown have finally turned their game around by decisively defeating York Old Mill last Wednesday in three matches while only losing one.

Doreen Thomson and Pat Harris were the only pair to have trouble against their opponents as they lost 2-6 and 4-6. Linda Rice and Isla Allison teamed up for wins of 3-6, 6-3 and 6-3 while Ann Kennedy and partner Mary Bottsachen won cleanly in scores of 6-2 and 6-2.

Brenda Sianett and Lois Elliot were impressive in their 6-4 and 6-4 victories.

Mixed tennis

Gordon Alcott's Georgetown 'C' Mixed entry in Intercountry tennis proved to their Regency Racket opponents that Georgetown had the better knack for scoring points.

Georgetown won five matches of six with Sid Harris and Andy Zraquils losing the only match in scores of 2-6 and 4-6.

Bill Kent and John Rice won handily in scores of 7-5, 1-6 and 6-4 while Jim Taggart and George Croft were decisive victors with 6-1 and 6-4 sets.

Mireille Taylor and Jim Taylor defeated their opponents 7-6 and 6-2 while Pat Harris and Tony Hull outplayed Regency 6-0 and 6-2.

Isla Allison and Linda Rice slashed their opponents to the tune of 6-0 and 6-0.

Finish schedule

Georgetown Pee Wee Lions are finishing their season in fine style. Last week they defeated Clarkson by a score of 9-8 and this past Wednesday they beat Burlington 15-8.

Brent Hutt was the winning pitcher against Clarkson and

'Better to look at positive than dwell on negative'

GBA coach gets pat on back from player's improvement

It took some time before Georgetown Baseball Association's Frank Moore could devote the time to become a coach in the BGA's Tyke league, but now he's involved four nights a week with baseball.

Moore is a highly respected coach in the Tyke league who devotes his time to teaching his young players the art of T-Ball and hardball. "I went to university at night, but as soon as I graduated, I wanted to coach," Moore said. His two daughters, Darnell, 10 and Tiffany, 7 signed up for a season of baseball last summer and father was soon enveloped as coach, father and instructor. Moore looks to the positive side of coaching when he explains his duties on the field. He says that rewards from coaching come from advancing a C-level player to a B-level player.

One player he remembers wasn't as involved in the game as he could have been. Moore asked the boy to pitch for the team and he was soon in the thick of the game, enjoying himself more than before.

Afterwards the boy told his coach he was sorry for a few hits the opposition batters had won off of his pitches. Coach Moore praised his effort and emphasized the good parts of his pitching game, such as his accuracy. Instead of using negative comments, he used positive reinforcement to encourage the young player to improve further. He also helped one youngster who was bat shy and used to jump away from the ball if it was an inside pitch. After some helpful instructions, the boy hit two runs the

next day, said Moore. "The rewards come long before the playoffs," says the coach of his 10-year-old Tykes. "I've had my pat on the back just watching the

kids improve," he said, "but I get as much of a kick out of winning as they do." SCARED He remembers once his daughter didn't want to go to

bat because there were two runners on base and the count was two out. Her father the coach just told her that she had to give it her best shot - that's the importance of sports. His daughter, revitalized by her father's talk, proceeded to strike out. Moore sees baseball and other sports as a good training ground for children in teaching them character-building skills. The success and defeats in sports help youngsters later on in life for when they perhaps are turned down for their first job, Moore says. They'll remember what it was like losing in baseball and that if you try your best, you have everything to be proud of. He finds parents asking him how he has the patience with coaching, but that aspect of the job doesn't

bother Moore. The youngsters on Moore's team are treated to something that perhaps not all coaches do for their team.

He keeps statistics on each of the player's batting averages and periodically hands out those results to the youngsters. This way the kids and the coach can see if an individual is improving and perhaps what weak points need to be looked at. Moore was born and raised in Toronto where he played a type of rep baseball for a York township team. Former Toronto Maple Leaf coach Roger Neilson was his brother's coach one year at Talbot Park, Moore remembers. Moore and his wife Judith have lived in Georgetown since 1972. Although enrollment is down in the Tyke league this year, Moore hopes that baseball will remain as popular as it has in the past number of years.



Baseball's Frank Moore



First baseman Mike Coffey of the Georgetown Merchants makes a spectacular catch to put Indusmin Rocket baserunner Joe Perelra out. The throw came from Chris Peavoy at shortstop and this particular play was remembered for the difficult decision the umpire had to make. Perelra was out as the umpire proved to have made the right decision. The Merchants won the Limehouse tournament by defeating Guelph 2-0.

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