

'Switzer's Inn' hosts prospects

Gemini coach working full-time to find the right combination of imports

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To spend a night watching hockey with the Georgetown Geminals practice doesn't stop after practice when the equipment is hung to dry and the last player has left the dressing room.

The local Junior B hockey club seems determined to spend extra hours this summer preparing themselves for the 1981-82 season. Going back to coach Switzer's house to watch a video replay after Thursday's practice means travelling from Meadowdale's double rink in Mississauga to Switzer's Etobicoke home near the QEW highway.

Eight players came back from practice to watch the video films from 10:30 a.m. to midnight and see how they could improve their game.

The success of the coach's spring land training program and his current on-ice practices are an indication that the club has begun to inspire the players with the same type of enthusiasm that has enveloped the club executive since last April.

The Geminals are looking to rebuild their club from a small nucleus of returning veterans.

because of the number of hockey players living with him at the moment. Last week he had seven boys in his house. A number of the prospects were from Timmins. He's been taking the boys golfing and fishing on a number of occasions. Switzer's wife has also good-naturedly put the boys to work around the house.

To interview Switzer is to interview a man brimming with confidence about the prospects for a 100 per cent effort for next season. "I can guarantee entertaining hockey if not a winner," he says. The coach says the executive were ready for a different brand of hockey when they hired him and he's happy with their response and support.

His move to make former Gemini captain, Bob McCandless his assistant coach is, "the best choice I've made yet," he says.

Along with help from his scout Reg Herrod, whom he has known for some years, the former Toronto Red Wings Hamilton coach is looking for players who will exhibit an aggressive style. He's not interested in developing any fighters on his team, but he realizes that fighting is part of a game and you, "can't walk away from a sucker shot."

NORTH BAY

As well as driving to such places as North Bay to recruit players for his team, Switzer has been trying to arrange for the possibility of the Geminals entering a team

for a 10-day European tournament in Finland for either March or September '82. Recently he received the following telegram which outlines the potential for arranging a tournament with players coming from Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland plus Canada and the

United States. "All OK for Junior 'B' Georgetown team to play in Finland March '82 or September '82. Can arrange a challenge cup series for either times. April no good because of world cup. No other ice! Will work hard from you. Will look after other items concerning

minor items we discussed and advise when I can." Funding could pose a problem for the trip if it were to be organized, but the Gemini coach says his friend Reg Herrod almost single-handedly raised \$10,000 for a previous trip to Europe. NEXT WEEK: The use of Switzer's video machine



CAPTAIN VIDEO

Coach Switzer seems engrossed in his notes at one of Georgetown Geminals twice-weekly practices last Thursday while an anxious father Frank Renzetti concentrates on his son who is hoping to crack the local Junior B lineup. Dwayne Harrod stands poised with one of Switzer's video machines

as he follows the on-ice action. Since last May the Geminals have been bound and determined to erase their image as a mediocre hockey team and these early training sessions seem to prove the club's sincerity. (Herald photo by Dave Rowney)



ED DWYER

Coach Dave Switzer says he's excited about veteran Georgetown homebrewer Ed Dwyer and Mike McNemey plus some other returnees, but he's looking carefully at a long list of import players to give the Geminals the balance and depth to develop a solid hockey club.

Last Thursday at Meadowdale double rink near the 401 highway and Mississauga Road, 30 hockey players scrimmaged for one hour in front of the watchful eyes of coach Switzer, assistant coach Bob McCandless Jr. and club president Bob 'Zeke' McCandless. Most of those present were import prospects of which the coach must pick only seven - the rest of the team must consist of local talent.

MTHL SCOUTED
The Geminals will be making good use of their import allowance this year. All of the MTHL coaches (Metro Toronto Hockey League) have been contacted for player leads and a number of boys have been asked to try-out for the team.

The coach also has a variety of contacts elsewhere which have attracted players from the United States. Two impressive prospects are Mike Corbley, a 6'2" defenceman from New York and goalie Steve Sullivan from Park Ridge, Illinois.

Coach Switzer calls his house, "Switzer's Inn"



Forward Ed Dwyer (number 11) skates towards a former Dixie Beehive forward in a practice scrimmage last Thursday. The coach is impressed with a number of returning veterans and Dwyer is one of them. (Herald photo)

Mosquito Raiders back on the road

After two rainouts in a row the Minor Mosquito Raiders were back on the field this week.

Clarkson were the visitors and Georgetown with a win managed to sweep the season series.

The first half was scoreless as Georgetown looked rusty because of no play in two weeks. Early in the second half the Clarkson goalie, who had kept the score tied, made his first mistake and Danny Lane netted the winner converting a nice pass up from Dave Wood. Billy Murphy scored an insurance marker on a pass from Rick Fitzpatrick to put the final count at 2-0.

Johnny Stefan back from a month off got the shutout

with strong support from Trevor Harkley at centre fullback. Peter Atherley also had a good game with some good play at halfback.

Friday night at Mississauga the Raiders got off to a good start on a goal from a penalty kick by Rick Fitzpatrick but then Georgetown scored on themselves to tie the score at 1-1.

Again Johnny Stefan with some big stops kept the Raiders close but the home team managed a goal on a rebound.

In the second half Mississauga completely dominated the game and scored three more to put the final result at 5-1. Allan Jonassen had a strong game as did Davin Ciglen on defense.

Tennis ladies

The Intercounty 'A' West ladies tennis team from Georgetown continue to shine in recent action as they chalked up another victory last week against Rosethorne.

The Georgetown team won three matches while only losing one. Audrey Houston and Kay King were the only unfortunate ones as they were downed in straight sets

of 6-2 and 6-2. Marilyn Serjeantson and teammate Doreen Thomson were on the winning side of 6-4 and 6-3 sets against their opponents.

Linda Rice and Isla Allison were also successful as they beat their Rosethorne counterparts 6-2 and 7-6. Brenda Sissett and Mary Boltchen topped off the scoring with two 6-3 and 6-4 victories.

North Halton Ladies golf

The third and final round of the North Halton Golf and Country Club championships for the Ladies' golf section were played last Sunday at North Halton. Competition was based on medal play - total score on the three rounds.

The "A" Flight champion was Marje Richardson while the runner-up was Gail MacIntyre. Taking the "B"

runner-up was Patty Hall and Gerry Caird finished as the runner-up.

The "C" Flight champion was Phil Monckton while Betty McHardy deserved her runner-up trophy for her play. Kathryn Latimer captured the "D" Flight championship as Win Bradbury finished a close second to gain runner-up honors.

His word as bond



Erwin Gross is one of the most dedicated, honest and respected people I know, in any walk of life.

A man of whom it is truly said, "his word is his bond". A commitment made is fully kept. He is unselfishly single minded with all projects be they business, home or soccer. Erwin loves his boys soccer team and has remained team manager since the competitive side was formed six years or more ago.

No team has probably played more games and tournaments due solely to his efforts. Reaching the final of the 1979 Beatrice Ontario Cup is not the last goal for his boys - winning the open Ontario Cup is only part way towards the peak he has in mind.

Also six years ago, Erwin joined the Youth Soccer executive as equipment and facilities director and was instrumental in the upgrading of our fields. He has remained on the executive ever since.

The first ever president's award of the Youth club was presented to Erwin for his untiring services.

Erwin is one of the original driving forces and guiding lights of the Meteor Soccer Club, now a major organization in the Inter County League. The Meteors are named after the Meteor Foundry, of which Erwin is co-owner with brother-in-law Erwin Wittich.

SOCCER

By ALEX TOUGH

The past couple of years have kept Erwin busy with moving his Georgetown and Rexdale plants to a larger single complex unit in Dixie. During this period none of his other projects suffered.

Inger Gross has supported her husband with the same enthusiasm and loyalty. Together, Erwin and Inger have given their services with distinction, with honour, and without asking anything in return.

Erwin and Inger, this is my public thank you and tribute to you on behalf of us all and I am glad that I was able to say some of these things to you a short time ago.

Sadly, Suddenly, Erwin took his leave of us last weekend. My memory of you will remain a long, long, long time. As a mark of respect there will be one minute's silence prior to the Ancient Mariners v Team and Meteors v Pineview matches at Cedarvale this evening.

Mixed tennis

Against Malton the mixed 'C' fared well by shutting out their opponents 6-0. Jim Taggart and John D'Allison were victorious in 6-3 and 7-5 sets while Bill Kent and John Rice were equally as decisive in their 6-3 and 6-3 wins.

Tony Hull and Don Taggart registered 6-4 and 6-3 wins while Jim and Murielle Taylor dumped their opposition 6-1 and 6-2.

Ed and Marilyn Serjeantson also had good fortune against Malton by winning in straight sets of 6-1 and 6-2. Isla Allison and Linda Rice defeated their opponents 4-6, 6-4 and 6-2.



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