'Red Devil' girls: Lose games, but gain name

The Junior Girls fastball club of Georgetown gained a new name but on the field the under 21 year olds have come up against some tough competition in two season games.

The Georgetown Junior Red Devils lost to the Hamilton Intermediates at home last Tuesday 14-7, then were downed by an older, more experienced Port Colborne team 12-0.

In the Hamilton game the Georgetown team made at least seven errors according to Brian James, who coaches the girls along with John Reyce.

"The first game jitters hurt, but we showed we could come back," James said. The score was only 9-7 for Hamilton at the top of the ninth inning, the coach said.

At one point in the ball game the Hamilton team was leading Georgetown 6-1.

James said he thinks the local girls can beat the Hamilton team later in the season. One bright spot for the Red Devils was their hitting.

An area that proved to be a problem was the infield who haven't played together for very long, but time will change all that, he said.

Janice Simmons went most of the distance on the mound for Georgetown, although Donna Sedore took her turn for a while in the middle innings.

At bat the girls were led by Joanne Auger who went 2 for 3 and scored every time she was on base. Claire McDowell was another hitting star for the team.

Against Port Colborne coach James said his team just met a "far superior" ball club. None of the opposition players were under 21 and their hitting was far superior, the coach said.

Janice Simmons started the game as pitcher but Joanne Auger finished on the mound for the Red Devils.

Tuesday the girls played the Hamilton Juniors at home at the Fairgrounds while the next game is away Sunday in Port Credit.

Hollywood on top

After three weeks on the Georgetown Industrial fastball circuit, Hollywood Tavern and the Merchants are at the top of the standings, head to head with eight points each.

In third position with a three win, two loss, one tied record is M and M Pro Sports while tied for fourth are Peel Steel, Varian, C and S Plumbing.

Steel Builders have a one win, four loss record for two points while eighth and ninth spot in the standings belong to Armstrong Collision and Akers-Clark respectively.

Merchants extend streak

The Glen Williams Merchants continue on their Intercounty fastball streak with three wins, the last Tuesday May 18 against Orangeville.

The Glen Men defeated the Orangemen 5-3. They hosted Alton yesterday but game results were not known at press-time.

Orangeville were a hard-hitting team, but the Glen out-hit them 8-6, co-coach Bud Haines said.

Tim Fields had a triple and went 2 for 4 in the game while Glen Fendley blasted a double and was 2 for 4 in the Tuesday contest.

Orangeville had a 3-2 lead before the Glen went ahead 5-3 in the sixth inning. The Glen had three errors while Orangeville had eight.

Coach Haines said that Jackie Bergmann had an excellent game in centre field, making good catches and holding off runners at second and home.

'Hot stuff' burned by beige

Monday night Ladies Powderpuff baseball game saw the Moody Blues receive "striking" pitching from Anne Puckering presenting a challenge to those strong Burgundy hitters.

Both teams gave a solid effort in a well played game.

Burgundy came out on top 17-10. Burgundy's eminent players were Priscilla Reyce and catcher Sue Williams.

Scoring nine runs in the third inning Corn Silk advanced over the Skylarks 24-6.

All Corn Silk players played splendidly with a special mention going to right fielder Nikki Carney for her fine fielding and for batting 5 RBIs.

Throughout the game the Skylarks received substantial support from Mary Lynn Hillier at third. Second base player Ruth Kuchinad, Kim Smith and left fielder Cathy Milne.

WEDNESDAY

Despite the black clouds changing over their heads, it certainly didn't dampen the girls playing Wednesday night.

Stopped at the top of the fifth the Black team defeated the Green Team 28-8.

Ladies powderpuff

Overall performance of the Black Team was excellent with Brenda Payton's superb pop fly catch at second base. Alice Henderson and Dini Adams gave consistent hitting and defensive play.

Green Team members Christine Clifton, Pat Akers and Candy Armstrong played a good game.

HOT STUFF

Hot Stuff scored 19 runs but that wasn't enough to beat the Beig B who scored 32 runs. The complete Beige B team were outstanding and contributing to this was Kathy Monk's home run.

Hot Stuff players Bernice Bishop at first and pitcher Patty Barber gave sound supportive play for their team.

Navy Blue and Orange battled it out but neither could surpass and so the game ended in a 14-14 tie.

The game was played with good hitting and accurate plays by both teams. Navy Blue strong performers were Bonnie Bottomley, Irene Little and Carcene Bishop.

Contributing to the Orange's good team effort were June Ford, Sharon Pshyk and Wendy Freeland.

Rep baseball

Eagles lose their lead

The Georgetown Junior Eagles rep hardball club lost 6-3 in their second game in three starts playing in the Halton County Baseball Association against Burlington Monday.

However, Georgetown at one point had a 3-0 lead against Burlington but according to coach Kevin Burke, "a couple of mental errors" hurt the team in the later stages of the game.

The team should have won the contest, the coach said. The Eagles were in the lead until the top of the fourth inning.

Kevin Hughes and Mike Friskney impressed the coach with their fielding and hitting in the game. But the big surprise for Burke was 15 year old Jay Anderson who "made four great catches in right field".

Nevertheless, the coach still wants to try out some new faces in further lineup changes. He said the team might sign two more players next week and cut two players from the Eagles.

Andrew Braun pitched for Georgetown and according to Burke, he had a solid game. Braun was relieved in the seventh inning by Mike Cottrill.

Gerry Milne for Georgetown had a great game in Monday's contest, said the coach.

The first run for the Eagles came when Milne singled in the first inning. With Mike Friskney at bat, Paul Guistini, who had walked earlier, stole home.

Kevin Hughes then singled which hit Milne home for a 2-0 lead. In the third inning Guistini walked while Mario Galvao sacrificed him to second base. Mike Friskney doubled and sent Guistini home for a 3-0 score.

Pee Wee Lions

Georgetown Lions Peewee Rep Baseball Team defeated Streetsville by a score of 7-6 at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday evening.

Behind by six runs after two innings Georgetown came to life on the timely hitting of Kevin Lindberg, Scott Mizener, Dick Jamer and John Lorito.

Chuck Pebbles and Jamie Brear supplied strong pitching with the win credited to Pebbles.

Playing well in the field were Dennis Doucette, Wayne McNiven, Greg Lane, Brent Falcone and Jason Arnold.

The Lions now have evened their record to a win and loss.

Mike Teetzel, 14, flies through the air on his BMX bike.

Hoogaars hope for local interest in BMX track

With the availability of a "bit of hilly property", appropriate zoning authorization, a bulldozer, helpful sponsors and volunteers, the Hoogaars family is hoping Georgetown can support a Moto-cross dirt track for bicycles.

Mary Hoogaars, whose two sons Tim, 10 and Mike, 4 have raced their specially-made BMX (Bicycle Moto-cross) cycles against international competitors, would like to see a local track here in town.

Hoogaars spent some time last week on the phone soliciting support from local businesses as sponsors to her new proposal. She has approached Foberts Real Estate who have offered to see if they might help with finding the land that is required.

As a concerned parent, Mary Hoogaars says her initiative to organize a BMX track (which would include a 700 yard winding course) is to provide a "safe place to ride bikes".

She realizes that sidewalks and street corners are hardly the place for youngsters to be testing out the maneuverability of the $140 specially-reinforced bicycles.

SAFE SPORT

But are the jumps and hairpin turns of a typical BMX course safe, a parent may ask? "Yes," says Mary Hoogaars. "I can honestly say it's safer for them than playing hockey."

The riders are protected with clothing plus the required helmets for track riding. They "just fall off the bike and roll," Hoogaars says. Usually first aid volunteers are on the sidelines, she says.

The sport of BMX racing is reported to have started after a movie called "Any Sunday" showed kids on bicycles imitating the real moto-cross motorcycles at the side of the track.

In 1972 the United States held the first American National championships which had 15,000 spectators. Canada will be holding their first national championships in bicycle moto-cross this year.

Newmarket has a BMX track while Milton just opened up a new track last week and hopes to sponsor a Can-Am race in July for three days.

REPAIR SHOP

Hoogaars says she and her husband would like to establish a BMX repair shop in Georgetown to complement the Moto-cross track they hope to construct. Mary's husband Peter was a major organizer in Holland of BMX races, she says.

Hoogaars would like to see a body of volunteers respond to help the area youngsters get a moto-cross track started. She says Joy Gwillam of the Recreation Department will meet with her to see if the town can assist.

Some grandfathers compete in BMX races, for prizes for as much as $1,000, Hoogaars says. With youngsters starting at age four and five, the moto-cross sport is truly a family sport, she says.

Tim Hoogaars has won the French, Dutch and British national BMX championships since he started racing two years ago. His parents moved from Arizona to Holland before arriving in Georgetown recently. Tim has also won the Can-Am championship at Niagara Falls.

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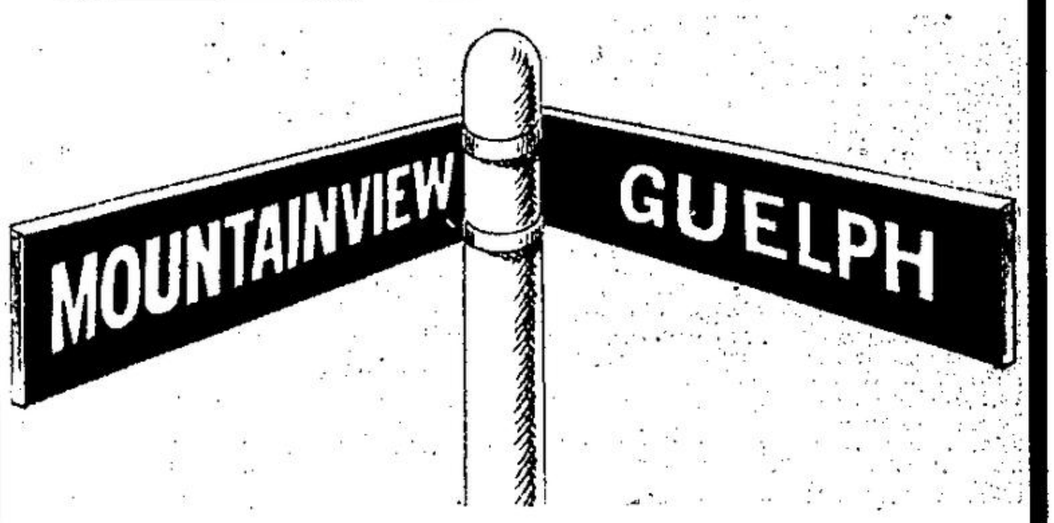

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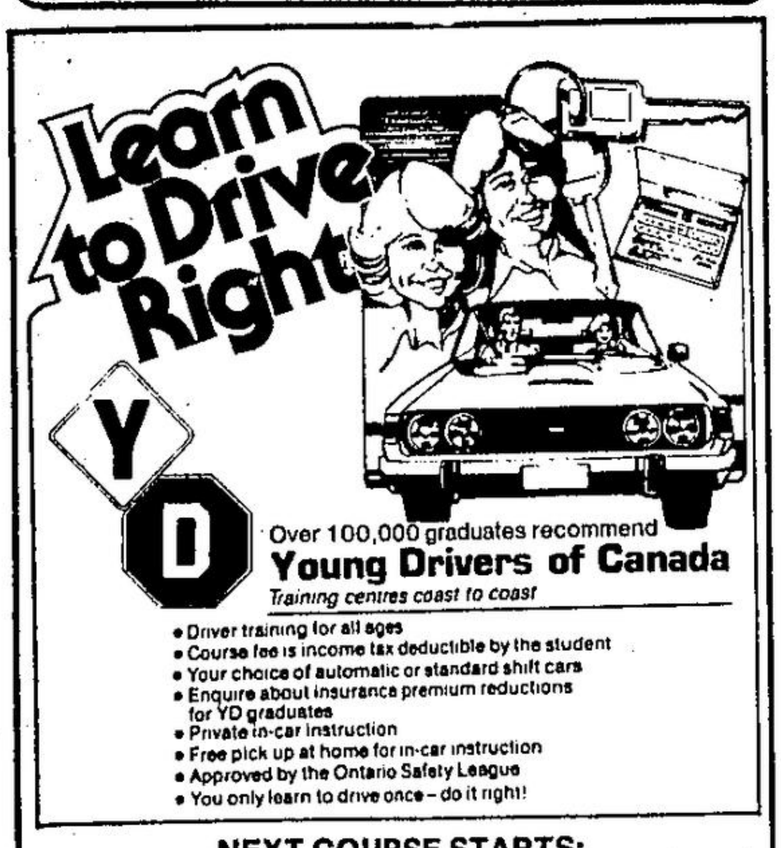

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