



Georgetowners Alison Irvine (left) and Tara Burroughs (right) did well at the Arco Jesse Owen Games over the weekend. Melissa Morey was first in the 1,500 metre run while Tara came first in the shot put. Alison was second in the 400 metres. (Photo by Rob Irvine)

Locals in Niagara

Three runners in track meet.

Three Georgetown runners were entered in the Niagara Falls Optimist Track Meet in association with the Arco Jesse Owen Games over the weekend. Melissa Morey placed first in the 1,500 metre run while Alison Irvine was second in the 400 metre

run. Tara Burroughs was first in the shot put, while collecting a second place finish in the 800 metres and a third in the 400 metres. The top two competitors in each event qualify for a Buffalo meet in two weeks.

Last month in a previously unreported event, Tara Burroughs came in first in the 400 metres with a time of 1.06 to be crowned Ontario Atom-age champion in that event at the Ontario track and field championships in Brantford.

Lions begin to roar

Georgetown pee wee Lions have won two out of their last three games. Last week a victory over Brampton, 10-9, and this week a 7-6 win against Milton have shown that hard work pays off. Mississauga Royals defeated Georgetown on Monday 6-4 in a pitcher's struggle between Jamie Brear of the Lions and John Sanderson of the

Royals. Chuck Peebles was the winning pitcher in both of the victories giving him four wins against four losses. Kevin Lindberg collected five hits in the last three games with Jason Arnold, Brear, Peebles, Ahmar Mirza, John Lortie, Dick Jamer, and Scott Mizener following close behind. Playing well in

the field for Georgetown were Dennis Doucette, Greg Lane, Sean Mitton and Wayne McNiven. Coaches Ben Lindberg, Blaine Mitton and Gary Mizener are pleased with the recent improvement in the ball club and look forward to the team doing well in the three tournaments scheduled for this month.

Red Devils outplayed 8-5

Against Erin last Tuesday night, the Georgetown junior girls softball team, the Red Devils, were outplayed by Erin 8-5. The game was called after the seventh inning when pitcher for the Red Devils, Joanne Auger sprained her ankle. A defensive star for the team was Sylvanna LaRose, according to co-coach Brian James. A Red Devil base runner appears to be in trouble here at second base in game action last Tuesday night at the Fairgrounds.



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The Geminis speak out

We feel that now is the time to clear up the matter of 'merge' or no merger. At no time did the Executive of the Georgetown Hockey Club express the desire to merge with the Acton Sabres.

The origin of the merger idea seems to be independent reporter Robin Inascoe who, at the end of the 1979-80 and 1980-81 seasons argued for this to happen and who tried quite hard to get the two executives talking merger.

However, at that time, there was no interest by either group.

The first positive move was made near the end of the 1981-82 season when the same Acton Executive member approached both Bob McCandless Sr. President and Bob Girdwood, Past President during games in Acton.

Not long after the season ended Coach Russian brought up the subject with Bob Girdwood during a talk in his office. At this point, it was strictly one executive member to another without the full Executive being advised.

Mr. McCandless and Mr. Girdwood decided that since the Annual Meeting of the full GEMINI membership was close that the subject should be brought up then and it was.

The members of the local press were present at that time and will recall that the direction from the membership was to proceed in discussions with Acton in a 'positive' manner. We believe that this was done.

After several meetings with Acton the pro's and con's were brought back to a meeting of the full Georgetown Executive and they decided that a merger for 1983-84 was out. Acton was notified by phone the same evening.

Three factors stood out in the decision: 1. Both teams had sent in their 1982-83 entry fees to the O.H.A. so for this one season both clubs were assured that no other junior club could start up in their rink. However as far as the O.H.A. was concerned either Acton or Georgetown would be operating; not both or a combined team. If the merged team continued in 1983-84, it was quite conceivable that the O.H.A. would place a junior club in the non-operating rink. Which town was prepared to take that chance? Neither.

2. If point 1 had been settled and the O.H.A. notified that home base was, for arguments sake Acton and Georgetown was not operating then only Acton affiliated players (Midgets, Juveniles, etc.) would be available to the merged team. The Georgetown Junior Hockey Club's charter states that it was founded to provide another level of hockey to Georgetown boys.

3. Time was running out. Points 1 and 2 above might have been taken to the O.H.A. and a favorable written ruling been received. However it would take weeks for that to happen, and items such as finding a Coach, selling program ads, searching for sponsors has to start in mid-May or not get done properly.

We will continue talking to Acton and the O.H.A. however it is for the 1983-84 season.

Jules retires

Acton Junior B Sabre coach Jules Russiani won't be returning to the Sabres as coach but he will remain as a director on their executive, Russiani told the Herald.

He said that he wasn't yet missing coaching in Junior B hockey and would be content to "just relax."

Russiani coached the Acton Sabres for the past two consecutive seasons, becoming the first coach in Acton to propel his charges into the playoffs.

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