

# 'Hockey technician' our new Sabre coach



BILL RICHMOND

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The Acton Junior B Sabres hockey club selected Bill Richmond of Georgetown to lead their charges into the 1982-3 season last Thursday night.

The newly hired coach is a familiar face to hockey people in a number of organizations ranging from house league hockey to the NHL Buffalo Sabres.

Ron Jeffrey, general manager of the Sabres said he and Bill Richmond went to their very first hockey coaching clinic together many years ago.

Today Richmond is one of a select group who holds a level five national coaching certificate.

As well as leading an active life in

hockey as a coach since 1954, Richmond is also an avid hockey technician and administrator.

He is the chief coaching co-ordinator for the Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League (MTHL), regional co-ordinator for Hockey Ontario's Halton-Peel-Wentworth-Hamilton districts and part of the Ontario Hockey Association's (OHA) member development and communication committee.

### BRUIN COACH

The former coach of the Sheridan College Bruins and the Oakville Juvenile "AAA" Blades says he is probably more technically inclined than most coaches.

Ron Jeffrey says Richmond is well

educated in hockey and a go-getter who had made every team a winner. "He's mature, competent and able to take theory and practice and put them together," Jeffrey says.

Because Richmond has been with young hockey players for the past ten years, Jeffrey says the new coach will have "a bankbook full of young people...a reservoir of talent to draw upon."

Richmond was one of the people helping to make cuts to the very successful Oakville Blades hockey team last season in the Central Junior B league.

"He demands good heads up hockey," Jeffrey says, "His players are stylish and they're very good

playmakers. He's a very good instructor in skills. They play pretty hockey - they're not head hunters."

Jeffrey said that he was sorry Jules Russiani who led the team for two years into the playoffs was not able to come back, but he is expecting a "fresh approach" from Richmond.

### CONTROLLED SYSTEM

The new coach says he likes a controlled type of system which means he doesn't like to see his players "dumping it in." He believes you have to design a team around what you have in the way of talent, but he says he has learned from European hockey.

Richmond coached his Oakville team against the Czechoslovakian National Juvenile team in 1981 and won

high praise from many hockey minds, including Oakville Blades president Murray Walker, for their 9-6 loss against the Czech Nationals.

In games before the Oakville contest, the Czechs defeated Oshawa 9-2, Belleville 16-1, Peterborough 6-2 and Hamilton 12-3.

Oakville led the Czech National 6-5 late in the second period. "The Czech coaches told me that no team had ever scored on them so many times, so easily," Richmond says.

### TEAM'S TACTICS

"It was more the Oakville team's tactics which slowed us up, than it was us having a bad game," stated Czech

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## Georgetown Eagles edge past St. Catharines 2-1

The Georgetown Junior Eagles rep hardball club split their weekend double header with St. Catharines at home Sunday, losing the first game 7-2, then rebounding 2-1 four hours later.

The bats were silent in the first game, said coach Kevin Burke, but he commended Paul Blackmore and Kevin Hughes for their excellent defensive plays.

In the hitting department, the Eagles were spurred on by Gerry Milne who hit Mike Friskney in for a run.

St. Catharines went ahead 4-1 in the third inning, but Georgetown scored one run in the fourth inning. Paul Gustinini walked and Mike Cottrill sacrificed as Gord

Allen made it to first on an error which scored Gustinini.

St. Catharines hit for three more runs in the fifth inning. Mike Cottrill was starting pitcher, but he shared duties with Chris Fabbri later in the game.

### Eagles 2

St. Catharines 1

Georgetown Eagles were successful defensively against St. Catharines Sunday in their second game of the day.

The Junior ball team edged past their opponents 2-1. The winning pitcher was Gerry Milne, the team's batting leader.

Both teams scored one run in the third inning, with Georgetown taking the victory in the sixth



KEVIN HUGHES  
...good defence

Inning with Mike Friskney earning RBI honors to win the game.

Larry Deighton and Gerry Milne singled in the sixth inning which gave Mike Friskney the chance

to hit Deighton home.

In the third inning Kevin Hughes singled, as did Mario Galvao and Larry Deighton with Paul Blackmore earning the RBI.

After the second game, coach Burke said Gerry Milne pitched a great

game for the Eagles. "He pitched himself out of trouble with bases loaded," the coach said.

The coach also commented on the good fielding by Mario Galvao and the clutch hitting of Mike Friskney, the team's captain.

## Merger talks alive for minor hockey

Amalgamation talks between the Georgetown District Minor Hockey Association (GDMHA) and the Georgetown Minor Support Group Hockey (GMSGH) are progressing at an accelerating rate.

While many thought the issue of merging the two hockey leagues in Georgetown had died, a three-man committee from the GDMHA and the GMSGH have been spending many hours behind closed doors pursuing the issue.

Tuesday morning Jim Bray, president of the GDMHA told The Herald that both he and Wayne Pries, president of Support Group Hockey and Jim Bray, president of the GDMHA would become vice presidents.

There will be a meeting Wednesday (tonight) in which both executives from the two hockey leagues will meet and discuss the issue.

The Recreation Department of Halton Hills is providing some assistance in the matter and a consultant from the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation has also been helping out with the six-man merger committee.

One idea for an amalgamation which has been discussed, says Bray, is asking a president to hold office who is not involved with minor hockey at the moment. Then Wayne Pries, president of Support Group Hockey and Jim Bray, president of the GDMHA would become vice presidents.

## Merchants idle over personnel

The Glen Williams Merchants of the Inter-county fastball league were idle last week, but games are expected Tuesday, Wednesday (today) and Thursday to make up for rained out and cancelled dates.

The Merchants were to have played Erin Friday in an away game but one of the Erin pitchers was in a car accident while the other Erin pitcher was on holidays. The game was cancelled.



Industrial fastball action last Monday: The Plumbers found the leak on their offence and

exploded for a 12-5 romp over the Steel Builders. (Photo by Harald Bransch)

## Varian ousts Akers 2-1

By JIM PARKER  
Herald Special

C and S Plumbing plugged the leak in their offence this week putting together a 17 hit, 12 run attack to help Jeff Gimpel to a 12-5 victory over Gary Robertson and the Steel Builders.

The Plumbers then produced a 5 run eighth inning against

Varian and loser Jim Murphy. Farmer Chals-son was credited with that 8-3 victory.

Varian later came back to pick up a 2-0 victory over Akers-Clark Real Estate.

A walk to the Varian lead-off hitter proved costly to loser Don Pickett as it resulted in the winning run for Vince Lefebvre.

Akers Clark Real Estate lost their second game in a 1-0 squeaker to the merchants. This defensive gem saw the merchants limited to 6 hits by loser Doug Pemberton.

The realtors left 7 runners on base and lost a bid to take an early lead when Dave Ward threw a strike to the plate from left field

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## Devils surprise opponents with fourth at Ontario finals

The Junior girls Red Devil fastball team from Georgetown showed some spark and spunk over the weekend when they won three games out of five at the Ontario Tier II Junior Ontario finals in St. Marys.

Coach John Reyce was extremely pleased with the girls performance, noting that his team had to survive three extra inning games in the Friday, Saturday and Sunday tournament. Georgetown had the only first year team entry at the Ontario finals, Reyce said.

st Niagara Merriton, the Red Devils went down to defeat 4-3 in an 11-inning encounter. Joanne Auger took the loss for Georgetown on the mound.

The Devils came back in the second game with Janice Simmons as the hurler, beating Six Nations of the Niagara league 6-5 in 10 innings.

In the third game, it took nine innings to beat the host team, St. Marys by a score of 5-4. Joanne Auger pitched the game.

A tough 1-0 win over Cayuga was forged in the seventh inning by the Red Devils in the fourth contest. Although the format of the playoffs was supposed to be seven innings,

Georgetown went extra innings for their first three games.

In the final game of the weekend, the Red Devils lost 9-2 to Stratford. Georgetown played excellent ball, said coach Reyce, but Stratford were a very strong team. Some top-level teams were at the Ontario finals from Chinguacousy (our world reps as Midgets) and Milverton (national champions 1981).

MEDAL CONTENTION

There were 15 teams at the Tier II Junior Ontario finals. If Georgetown had won against Stratford, they would have been in contention for a medal and an invitation to the Tier I finals in Rockwood.

Team finished fourth in Ontario and they surprised a lot of their opponents who had beaten them this season, John Reyce said.

If the team had MVP for the finals it would be Marion Gies at shortstop, the coach said. Sandy Brundel received praise from the coach for her good defensive play at third base.

Claire McDowell had a good series at bat, hitting 5 for 5. "Everyone played well as a team and they pulled together," coach Reyce said.

The girls wished to thank John Reyce for his work as a coach and for believing in the team's abilities at the Ontario finals.



Members of the Red Devils are: (back row, left to right) Brian James, Marion Gies, Sandy Brundel, Sandra Marcinluk, Marion Case (middle) Georgi Gaskill, Claire McDowell, Joanne Auger, Susan Blair, Linda Donais (front) Cheryl Laruso, Janice Simmons, Sylvanna LaRose. Missing are: Jo Ann Dennis, Jackie Dennis, Heather Wallace and Ginny Wilkes. Inset: John Reyce.

## Junior tennis team wins 'West' divisional crown

Although the Gordon Alcott Junior tennis team lost its final match of the year to Whiteoaks 3 sets to 5 the team won the divisional championship by virtue of its 5 wins, 1 tie and 2 loss record throughout the year.

In the last match of season Mike Mitchell split his under 18 singles 5-7, 6-2 while Dean Jackson and Scott Turner lost 3-6, 5-7 in a closely fought under 18 doubles match.

Mike Hurley split his under 15 singles 2-6, 6-3 while Rory Kennedy and Sean Cleary split their under 15 doubles 4-6, 7-6.

The Georgetown team needed only two sets to beat second place Whiteoaks.

Over the year Alcott ended up with 39 sets to 36 for the second place team.

Winning the title gave Georgetown the right to enter the semi-final playoffs against the tougher Toronto league.

Georgetown played well against their tougher opponents but lost 6 sets

to 2 against Swansea. Mike Mitchell won his under 18 singles 6-2, 6-4 while Scott Turner and Dean Jackson lost a heart breaker 6-7, 4-6 in under 18 doubles.

Mike Hurley lost his

under 15 singles 5-7, 2-6 in a tough match while Rory Kennedy and Jay Anderson came close but lost 4-6, 3-6 in under 15 doubles.

According to coach Don Hurley it was a great

season for the Georgetown juniors winning their division title and making it to the Toronto playoffs.

Over the season the following players contributed to the success of

the team: Mike Mitchell, captain, Gordie Adams, Dean Jackson, Scott Turner, Jay Anderson, Mike Lorito, Bobby Sun, Ian Munroe, Rory Kennedy, Sean Cleary and Mike Hurley.

## ...but Armstrong walks away mad Miltowne takes fastball tourney

A 14-team Industrial fastball tournament at the Fairgrounds ended on an unhappy note for at least one team, Armstrong Collision when they were split 50-50.

Sprucedale from Guelph won the consolation against Toronto's Bacchus Tavern 8-7.

One of the more memorable games was a 13 inning contest between Sprucedale from Guelph and The Bankers from Toronto, said organizer Ron Osborne. In regular time the game ended 1-1, ending at a 4-3 score.

Most of the games were very close, Osborne said.

want the game re-scheduled so they awarded top prize to Miltowne Realty. Armstrong players argued that the \$600 purse should have been split 50-50.

Any Saturday games cancelled because of the rain were made up on Sunday. Some local clubs in the tournament were Abitibi

Price from Limehouse, Akers-Clark, Armstrong Collision, Acton Roadrunners and Acton Metros.

### Durham wants in

Intermediate A hockey chairman Jim King told The Herald Monday that Durham has filed a late entry into the Intermediate league.

King says the OHA Intermediate league "has to accept Durham, because truthfully we need them."

It would take a majority vote by the Intermed-

late team representatives for Durham to be accepted.

Already Owen Sound has stepped down from another season because of problems with their ice surface, King says. The Greys are hoping to play in a new arena the following season which is being built, but is behind schedule.