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Two Acton teams in championships

**Merchants win
Limehouse
consolations**



Laing's Hustlers and M and M Pro Sports met Saturday in Limehouse as two of the 16 teams entered in the annual fastball tourney. The Georgetown Merchants defeated M and M Pro Sports 7-6 in the consolation final. (Herald photos by Harold Bransch)

**Limehouse
fastball**



Two old Georgetown rivals faced one another at the Limehouse fastball tournament last weekend in the consolation finals. M and M Pro Sports in the end were edged out by the Georgetown Merchants 7-6 in a game that saw-sawed back and forth. The game was tied right up to the final inning when the fog set in. The Merchants started the game off well with a 3-0 lead, but M and M Pro Sport came back and tied it in the bottom of the second inning. The Merchants went ahead in the third inning 4-3, but Dave Doucette sacrificed to bring in Glen McGuire for M and M's tying run. The Merchants went ahead again when Rob Robson got on with a single. B. James grounded out to first to bring in Robson. M and M Pro Sports fought back to tie the score at the top of the fifth inning. HOMERUN M and M went ahead

when Joe DeForest hit a homerun for a 6-5 score. The game was tied after Rob Robson hit a triple and B. James grounded out to score Robson. The Merchants held M and M Pro Sports scoreless until the end of the seventh inning. Jeff Bahm hit a single then went on to score the winning run on a stolen base for a 7-6 Merchant victory. The championship final between Ed's In 'N Out Midgets and the Acton Roadrunners was played last night (Tuesday) but details of the game were available at press-time. TOURNEY RESULTS The following are the games played by the participating teams. The Georgetown Merchants faced Bouman-McLean on Guelph and were edged 5-4 in extra innings while the Acton Roadrunners ousted Toronto Financial 13-0. Gang Green never showed up against the Huttonville Hawks so the

Hawks won by forfeit. Freads Construction and A-Z Aces played into extra innings with Freads coming out the winners in a 2-1 score. Eds In 'N Out Midgets outpaced M and M Pro Sports for a 7-5 victory while Laing's Hustlers were defeated by Hillsburgh's 24 10-8. Ballinfad Blue Jays were edged out by Desmond 8-7 while Norval's Hollywood Tavern squeaked by Lakeview Centre from Acton 6-5. CONSOLATION ROUND In the consolation round it was Laing's Hustlers losing to M and M Pro Sports 8-5 while Ballinfad Blue Jays and Lakeview Centre rallied to a 2-2 tie. Lakeview took the game with the most runs left on. The Georgetown Merchants outplayed the Toronto Financial 11-2 as A-Z Aces won 7-0 against Gang Green. In the consolation semifinals it was M and M Pro Continued on page B2

Mountainview's lean and hungry style

Something gaining on top teams

By TIM TOLTON
Herald Special
Satchel Paige once said "never look back, something might be gaining on you."
He was right, something is gaining on the league's top clubs alright - Mountainview Plaza.

Cutting a swath through the league's underbrush is one thing, but when they lopped off Dairy Queen 17-14 this week they began to convert a few skeptics.

Unfortunately that was about it for the entertainment for six hundred rain soaked spectators who also saw the Greeks conduct nuclear testing on North Halton Sports 44-0, Delrex execute Norval 35-7, and M and M Sports foreclose on Fo-

bert's 33-11. GRIND OUT A first quarter field goal by Mountainview's Jim Lindsay turned out to be the margin of victory in a classic grind 'em out game.

Rob Linin connected for DQ in the second and Dale Mieczanec in the fourth, but Jerry Kelman cancelled them out with a pair of majors.

The rest of the game was a back and forth defensive struggle that featured some bruising contact. Mike Schuetz and Herb Hulme picked off an interception a piece for DQ while Paul Allison had one for the Plaza.

M and M Pro Sport's stock soared during the off season when they announced the acquisition of

proven quarterback Mitch Leblanc, but amidst the hoopla the signing of free agent Mike Lord was overlooked. Now as the schedule reaches the halfway point the Lord signing looks like one of their biggest coups.

LORD SCORED This week Lord not only scored a touchdown and a two point conversion, but also had two interceptions to lead the way to a relatively easy win over Foberts.

Bob Lockwood chalked up 18 for M and M's with six more going to John Owen who also had a big game.

Terry Hunt provided all Fobert's offense with a TD, field goal and two pt. convert.

Neither Norval nor North Halton Sports lated any survivors after being bombed by Smoke Shop and the Greeks respectively. Mark Russell had 18, Linas Stoullis 14, Steve Peace six and Rick Baldwin, Pat Jacobs, and Paul Karolidis two each for the Greeks.

Mike Miehm had two interceptions, Bill Rivers and Baldwin one each. Kevin Brown was the lone bright spot for North Halton with one interception.

FIRE DAMAGE Jerry Nell did most of the fire damage for the Smoke Shop with three majors.

Charlie Knoepfl and John Vieira counted one each and Jack Butler kept

his unblemished conversion streak alive with five. Wayne Johnston scored a morale booster for Norval in the last minute and Doug Pemberton converted. Bill Davis and Randy Doucette played well on the Arcade defense and each came away with an interception.

The best bet next week is the showdown between Dairy Queen and M and M at 8:45 followed by Smoke Shop vs North Halton at 10, Royal Pizza vs Fobert at 11:15 and Mountainview at Norval in the last game.

Players of the Week: Mike Lord M and M, Mike Miehm Gr., Steve Doucette Nor., Jerry Nell SS, Martin Hardcastle NHS, Terry Hunt Fob., Jerry Kelman MP, Mike Schuetz DQ.

Set to challenge warring clubs

The Gemini group launched their latest and boldest program to outdistance warring rivals in Junior B hyperspace Thursday in announcing that Bob Smulders would be providing the key to their new guidance system.

Coch Smulders joins a crew that is anxious his name be welcomed within the organization. President Bob "Zeke" McCandless, Past-President Bob Girdwood, ex-general manager Bob Teet and present general manager Bob Webster share more than a name with Smulders.

They each secretly share the dreams and ambitions of their predecessors that 1982-3 will be the year of the Gemini. May the force be with you, Bob number 1...Bob number 2...

Smulders caught the eye of general manager Bob Webster because he said the new coach didn't try and sell himself, striking Webster that he would be more a man of actions than words.

Of course, last year's coach Dave Switzer was exactly the opposite - a coach with lots of talk and ideas, but no idea how to put them into practice.



**Sports
beat**

By DAVE ROWNEY
Herald Sports Editor

Webster likes the fact that Smulders has been coached well by Roger Neilson and others plus his playing experience in European hockey, Junior B, Junior A, American League and Intermediate A. From all reports, Webster says Smulders "played the game with a lot of desire." Ironically, Smulders' only pitfall, which is certainly no fault of his own, is that he comes to town with a few player contacts - something that helps in a small sized hockey community trying to compete against teams such as Oakville and Burlington.

Last year's coach Dave Switzer was a master recruiter and that was his strong point - neither his playing experience (Junior B) or coaching credentials (Toronto Bantam Red Wings) set the world on fire.

Thus, Smulders will have to depend upon general manager Bob Webster for a large amount of the recruiting help, at least initially.

Webster, meanwhile, is "optimistic as hell" about the coming season, citing 70 letters he has received about new and returning players wanting to come to training camp. Bob Dean, forward extraordinaire and team leader should be back along with standout goaltender Mike Steer and 12 other Gemini veterans, Webster says.

The team is advertising in Brampton and Mississauga to attract players who might not be able to catch on with teams in their area. Webster applauds the new merger proposal and because he is from Rep hockey, Webster hopes to work closer together with the

minor coaches and executives so that both organizations benefit.

DEFENCE FIRST Webster would like to begin recruiting with a top-notch goaltender then work from there. Hopefully the Geminis can have a good enough defence that the Geminis could sign on an import goal scorer, he says.

The league could offer some surprises in recruiting. Brampton players are considered free agents now that their team has folded. Dixie players whose team did likewise are imports to the Georgetown Geminis.

Most recently, Richmond Hill folded their club because a major sponsor pulled out, leaving the Junior B Central League loop with eight teams, three less than last year.

Thornhill could pick up some of the better Richmond Hill players and become a powerhouse while lowly Milton could be a dark horse with coach Tom Martin, the financial backing and leadership of a new consortium of owners.

It is interesting to note the disadvantages of depending too closely on a sponsor's help in light of hockey clubs who have folded recently. The Acton Sabres, Georgetown Geminis and even the Chrysler Raiders are able to raise the majority of the money through special fund-raising projects without help from sponsors.

And yes, camp opens for Gemini hopefuls August 20 at Gordon Alcott arena for those interested in watching the new upstarts.

HARDY CUP HOPEFULS The Canadian Hardy Cup champion Raiders are looking at a couple of excellent defencemen on Owen Sound who folded their team for a year while an arena was completed. Rick Green is considered the best defenceman in the league next to Raider captain Steve Lyons.

General manager Don Fendley travelled to Owen Sound last week to talk to Rick and his brother Mike who also played for the team last year. It looks like we could see them in camp, because, as Fendley says, "they want to play for a winner."

Other teams such as Barrie and Port Elgin are trying to grab players from Orillia and Owen Sound.

Fendley's biggest ambition he says, is to have Peter Sturgeon back in uniform for the Raiders. The general manager says he thought the team was overvalued last year and that they won the Hardy Cup too easily.

Youth and speed might be two watchwords for Don Fendley in trying to follow in the footsteps of a Hardy Cup Winner.

A HANDY PREDICTION Meanwhile, talking to ex-general manager Jack Handy last week in the course of taking on the task of a "man on the street" interview, I stumbled on to a prediction.

"I don't think Gary Ford will finish the season as a coach, but he will finish as a player," Handy says while burning incense and gazing into a round crystalline ball.

"Hopefully I'm wrong," he interjected, "but he won't get the effort from the players that will satisfy him," Handy says.

"Maybe he'll get the commitment, but it frustrated Gerry (Ingila) too." Hastily he adds, "he'll not finish the season as a coach on his own decision."

Some observers have wondered whether or not Gary can handle both on-ice and behind the bench duties at the same time. Nevertheless, Ford and Fendley are hoping to hire assistant coaches, with Juri Kudrasovs and Peter Sturgeon two logical choices.

Bob Smulders given the nod

**Gemini executive
hire new coach**

A former Peterborough Pete Junior 'A' forward and former coach of the Campbellton Tigers of the East Coast Intermediate A league has been named the coach of the Georgetown Geminis hockey club. Bob Smulders, 29, was introduced by the Gemini Junior B general manager Bob Webster to a waiting press corps deep within the bowels of the McGibbon

Leaf coach in teaching that in hockey you need a system. Smulders said he would like to see a more defensive style introduced into the Gemini lineup. He is hoping to keep the goals against statistics at a minimum. A defensive system calls for three solid lines



BOB SMULDERS



BOB WEBSTER

Hotel Thursday night. The Mississauga native, who now resides in Milton, has a vast array of playing experience, along with a four-year coaching stint with the Campbellton Tigers. Campbellton lost out to Cape Pete this winter who in turn lost to the Georgetown Raiders in the 1982 Hardy Cup.

Smulders played for two years under the tutelage of former Peterborough Pete coach Roger Neilson before being drafted by the Buffalo Sabres in the fifth round in 1972.

HERSHEY BEAR For the next two years the right winger and defenceman played for the Cincinnati Swords and the Hershey Bears of the American Hockey League. The new Gemini coach played Intermediate A hockey for Charlottetown for two years and went to Holland in 1976 to continue his career.

After returning from Holland, Smulders joined the Campbellton Tigers as a coach and has been with them since this Spring when he moved back to Ontario in the carpet installation business.

Smulders is not a stranger to Junior B hockey, having played for the Dixie Bees after spending a year in Holland at age 16 playing hockey when his father was transferred to Europe.

Smulders said his European hockey experience helped his skating game when he came back to play Junior B.

BEST COACH But the Gemini coach said he learned the most from former Peterborough Pete coach Roger Neilson whom he describes as "probably the best coach I ever played for."

"Roger had a game plan and got the most out of his players," Smulders said. He doesn't plan to necessarily emulate Neilson's coaching style, but he gives credit for the Peterborough and former Maple

working at different jobs for an overall strategy, he said. The new coach is looking for players who have the talent and attitude to play Junior B, plus the ability to work hard and be willing to learn, he said.

TEAM ROLE The new coach said his experience with younger players in Campbellton allows him to realize "where they're going and what their goals are." "Everyone has a role on the team. You can't build a team on one player," Smulders said.

The Gemini mentor said his reasons for wanting the Georgetown position had to do with continuing his coaching career. Former Peterborough Pete

"You can't build a team on one player." -Smulders

teammate and Georgetown native Neil Korzac originally informed Smulders the Gemini coaching position was available.

Bob Webster said he understood from Korzac that Smulders was the MVP in the Memorial Cup when he played for Peterborough.

Smulders is married and has two boys, ages eight and four. The Gemini has six coaching applications to consider, most notably Peter Sturgeon of the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders, whom the Gemini approached first.

Bill Richmond, coach of the Acton Sabres, was an applicant, but he signed with the Junior B Sabres before the Gemini were able to interview him for the Georgetown job.

The other local name considered was Greg Sora, a teacher at Stewarttown Public School, whom Bob Webster was impressed with and thought he might do a capable job. Sora coached the Canadian Japanese all-star hockey team that toured Japan last winter.