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Eagles win first playoff game

...but lights end game early



ONE DOWN

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.

The newly installed hardball lights at Georgetown Fairgrounds diamond 'A' caused a 30-minute delay and eventually the suspension of the local Eagles - Chippawa playoff game.

The Georgetown Junior Hardball rep team opened their best of three playoff series in the Niagara District League Wednesday night and led the game 10-5 when the game was suspended because the lights went out.

Earlier problems with the lights Sunday night prompted the Eagles to phone the Recreation Department to ask them to check to make sure the lights would be working properly for their first playoff game.

However, the Eagle game started without lights Wednesday, but near the end of the third inning the lights were required to continue the game.

The lights - which are started by an automatic timer - did not turn on which caused a 30 minute delay in the game while a Recreation Department staff member used their key to open the control panel to by-pass the circuit.

OFF AGAIN

Play resumed, but at the bottom of the eighth inning with the Eagles leading 10-5, the lights went off for no apparent reason.

The timer for the lights is supposed to turn the lights off at 11:00. However, the lights Wednesday

night went out at 10:37 exactly, Eagle manager Finn Poustrup said.

Poustrup said the league convenor could possibly award the game to Georgetown because the situation is very similar to a rained-out situation. However, the convenor wants to phone the league president and a decision will not be known until later.

For the Eagle players, their bats started working early in the game. Gerry Milne singled in the first inning.

In the second inning, the team exploded for six runs.

Gerry Milne singled while Paul Blackmore and Larry Deighton got on base on errors. Mike Friskney tripled while Jay Anderson doubled to keep their drive alive.

COTTRILL DOUBLED
Mike Cottrill doubled while Chris Fabbri got to base on an error.

In the third inning Gerry Milne singled, Mike Friskney walked. Fabbri singled which scored

Friskney for a 7-3 lead.

The only damage in the fourth was a single by Deighton and Friskney while the Eagles went down quickly in the fifth inning.

Two runs were scored in the sixth inning as Deighton singled, Galvao singled, Friskney singled and Anderson singled.

In the seventh inning, Gerry Milne singled while Paul Blackmore's hit advanced him. Larry Deighton's hit scored Milne.

In the eighth inning when the game was called Mike Friskney was on

third base with Chris Fabbri at bat with a 2 and 2 count.

For the Eagles it was their second error-free game while Chippawa had four errors recorded.

On the mound for the local club was pitcher Chris Fabbri who notched 14 strikeouts and only two walks.

Monday night's game against powerful Oakville resulted in a 10-3 loss for Georgetown.

The best of three playoff series against Chippawa will resume Sunday in an away game.

Let there be lights

As of last week, the Georgetown Minor Baseball Association has been using diamond A at the Georgetown Fairgrounds at night under hardball lights after a summer of waiting for the lights to be constructed.

Early in the season the GBA and the Town of Halton Hills came to an agreement with regards to changing diamond A from a designated softball diamond with softball lights to a hardball diamond with hardball lights.

The GBA agreed to pay \$14,000 over a number of years to pay most of the cost with the Town of Halton Hills picking up the rest of the tab.

The lights will enable the GBA Rep teams as

well as house league teams and other baseball groups a chance to play into the night. Brookes says most of the rep teams next year will be able to put their game times back to 7:30 p.m.

Part of the problem in waiting all summer for the lights to be erected had to do with ordering the light standards which were not in stock. Brookes says hardball diamonds require that eight poles be used to light the area instead of the normal six poles for softball.

A six foot high portable fence was never put in place for the Georgetown Eagles although the markings for it at the edge of the outfield were dug, Brookes says.

Atom soccer girls in Brams

By **SALLY REMEDIOS**
Herald Special

The Atom Girls Select team participated in the Brams United Girls Soccer Tournament Saturday Aug. 7 and can be very proud of their efforts.

The team has slowly been gaining in skills and confidence and played well together.

Their first game against Malton was very encouraging and they had the majority of the play in the second half with Carol Ferguson putting them on the score sheet from a very well set-up play in which almost the whole team had a hand (or foot!).

Malton scored through two breakaways and actually the final score of 2-1

for Malton was very flattering to them. Both Sheri Nairn and Doreen Bergama had chances to score, but it was not to be.

The second game against Agincourt was also a very good game and the whole Georgetown contingent played very well.

After two off-side goals were disallowed, one for each team, the only goal to count was netted by Nicole Remedios after persistent work by Sheri Cave, Cindy Brennand and Jodi Cree. Hence a 1-0 win for Georgetown.

Other members of the Georgetown team who played at Brampton and assisted in two fine games were: Tina Daquano, Tricia Oosterhof, Melanie Remes, Cathy Paul,

Debbie Mitchell and Kirsten Horner.

Unfortunately our "goals for" were not sufficient to give us a wild-card into the semifinals although our points and

goal differential were equal to the teams tied for that position.

You should be team-of-the-week girls - your coach and all the parents are proud of you. Well done!

New ideas still needed

Talks are continuing in hockey circles about the formation of the new Georgetown Minor Hockey Association.

Right now the steering committee is concerned with hearing from as many people as they can on their opinion of the new organization and how it can improve on the present system.

Kentner said it is very important that guidelines are presented in the most favorable light in September and for this to happen, input into the new organization is needed now.

YSC Atom Raiders lose to Guelph

By **STEVE MELVILLE**
Herald Special

The Raiders lost 5-1 to first place Guelph last week.

Guelph netted three times in the first half using short accurate passes between midfield-

ers and forwards which eventually found holes in Georgetown's defence.

In the second half, the Raiders showed their stuff. Helped by Matthew Moore's excellent mid-field support, it wasn't long before a cross from

Mike Melville gave Jimmy English the sort of goal that Guelph's goalie could only stand and watch, although Guelph got two more goals. Georgetown had a lot more of the play than the score indicates. Paul Smith played well in net, but Guelph's goals were too well executed.

This weekend Georgetown will meet some of Ontario's best rep teams in Burlington and we are looking for a strong team effort by the Raiders.

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