

Glen Merchants Intercounty crown replay of 1981 for Merchants

The defending Intercounty fastball champions, the Glen Williams Merchants, began their 1982 playoff drive last night when they played Orangeville in the Glen. At press-time the results



of the game were not known.

The Glen men played Orangeville last year in the final round of the Intercounty fastball playoffs, losing the first three games, but winning the last four consecutive games for the championship.

The Merchants play Thursday in Orangeville, then they are back in Glen Williams Tuesday night for the third game of the best of three series. If a fourth game is required, it will be played in Orangeville Thursday.

The Merchants finished off their regular season schedule in first place with an 18-6-0 record. Alton was second in the league with a 13-11-0 mark.

Last Tuesday the Glen Merchants played Hillsburgh in the final game of the season and beat them 4-3.

According to coach Bud Haines, the Glen men played well in a good close game. Jeff and Terry Haines shared pitching duties and combined for a total of 12 strikeouts on the night.

Glen Fendley knocked in a couple of key runs to come through for the Merchants. Fendley is still recuperating from an operation and he was used only for his batting in the game.

As to the strength of Orangeville, coach Haines said, "they'll come to play us."

Intercounty playoff

The Inter County league champions are the Ancient Mariners for the first time in their history. Last Wednesday, before a larger crowd than usual, the lads came through against a stuffy Meteor 'White' by 3-2.

For the first half the Mariners pressed from the start and gained four corners in the opening five minutes. Archie Tannock was being closely marked

by two defenders yet managed to open the scoring in nine minutes from a free kick taken by John Shields. Twenty minutes later Alex Tough pounced on a through ball from Tannock, raced between two defenders, drew the goalie and shot home low into the bottom corner.

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faced off battling for second place and another good hard contest took place. An early blow for the Eagles. Strong defender George Petrusma received a broken leg and was removed to hospital. This is the third key player injury Eagles have received this season.

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The play offs begin this evening (Wednesday, 25) with 2nd division Bracken taking the 7 p.m. spot on Cedarvale and Meteor Blue hosting ICCM later. Acton host SWM and Eagles are to play Meteor White, with Mariners receiving a bye.

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Soccer

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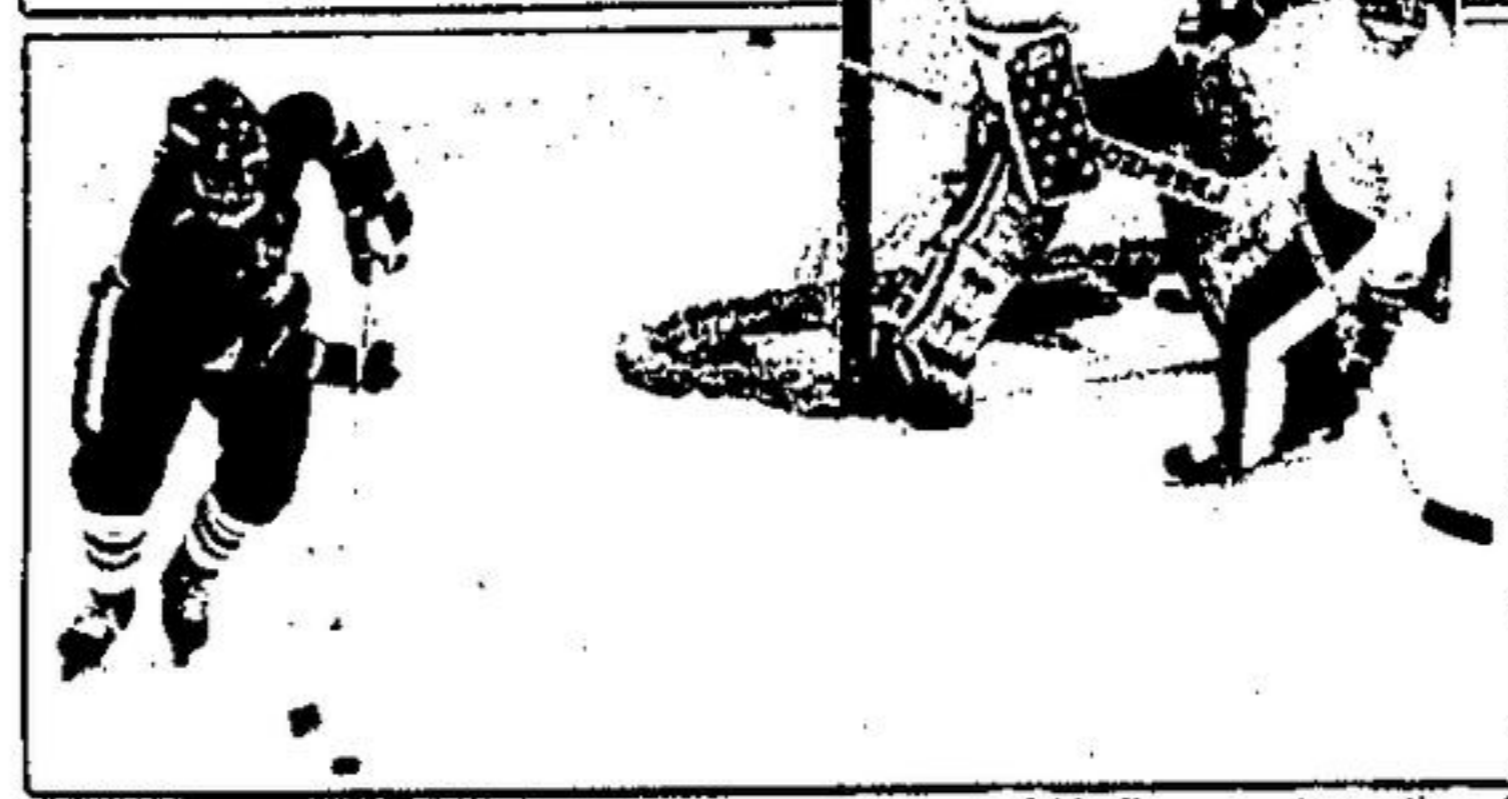
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TRYOUT SEASON FOR JUNIOR B GEMINIS



Gemini coach Bob Smulders (top left, photo) held his first tryout practice of the 1982-3 season for 70 Junior B hopefuls Friday night at Gordon Alcott arena. The coach was pleasantly surprised at the turnout, which necessitated two shifts Friday to look at all the hockey players.



Bob Webster (bottom) and Mike McCandless take note of Gemini hopefuls.

Bike racing expensive

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improve. The enormous costs of keeping a bike on the race track has forced Jon to ply his trade in the United States, after he won the first round of the national championships in Ontario earlier in the summer.

The remaining two national races are in Alberta and British Columbia, which means time off work, exorbitant gas bills and low prize money to cover costs.

Mike says in Canada the national 1/4 mile prize money would be about \$2,200 while in the United States, the U.S. nationals have a \$25,000 purse.

SPECIAL BIKES
The dirt track bikes have special frames made in California. A 500 cc motorcycle costs about \$5,000 to build while a 250 cc bike costs \$2,500, Mike says.

Last year Mike worked all summer and he managed to earn \$4,000, all of which went into bike racing.

Because he couldn't find a job in 1982, the help of his fellow riders and support from his mother enabled him to continue racing.

The Cornwall Racing Group is incorporated so they may buy parts at wholesale prices, which helps the Georgetown riders.

WRECKING CREW
The local riders seem to need lots of replacement parts. At one race, every one of them crashed and then were quickly dubbed by their fellow competitors, the "Cornwall Wrecking Crew". The nickname has stuck with the group.

Mike says the sport is only as safe as the drivers participating in it. He hasn't seen too many riders get hurt badly, but Mike says a racing car driver is safer, because a bike rider can get run over on the track. Mostly a bike rider slides and gets burned, he says.

Doucette would like to get a licence to race professionally in the United States. Next year he will be a senior class racer in Canada.

But the 18-year-old is still pondering about whether to pursue his hockey interest full time as a possible career alternative.

He played hockey for the Toronto Marlies midget team two winters ago. Last winter he went to a tryout camp with the Montreal Junior Canadiens and was accepted, but they couldn't find an English school to enroll him in. Therefore, he sat out the year and hopes to go back this fall for another tryout.



MIKE DOUCETTE

...Racing is costly for riders without a sponsor. The 18 year-old hopes with his good showing as a junior he can latch on with a sponsor next season to help him pursue the sport of dirt track racing as a senior competitor. Mike isn't sure if he wants to continue playing hockey or try his hand as a motorcycle racer.

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9:00-10:00 a.m.	Minor Atom	2:30-3:30 p.m.	Minor Atom
10:00-11:00 a.m.	Atom	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Atom
11:00-12:00 noon	Minor Pee wee	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Minor Pee wee
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Pee wee	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Pee wee
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Minor Bantam	6:30-7:40 p.m.	Minor Bantam
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Bantam	7:40-8:50 p.m.	Bantam
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Minor Midget	8:50-10:00 p.m.	Juvenile
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Midget		
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