

Rookie rearguard a 'clever' player



BLAKE HARRISON

It isn't every day you score your first Junior B goal of your hockey career, so Blake Harrison probably didn't mind that his shot was deflected by an Acton Sabre stick.

When Harrison scored the game winning goal against Acton last Saturday night it illustrated what the grade 12 GDHS student has begun to show.

At age 17, the rookie right defenceman for the Georgetown Geminis has come a long way in adjusting to the faster style of Junior B hockey general manager Bob Webster said.

Webster calls Blake "one of the most clever players in Georgetown".

Although he is short in stature, the broad shouldered Harrison gets the job done, is reliable, a good skater and stickhandler, Webster said.

MIDGET

Born and raised in Georgetown, Blake played last year for the Sunny Acre Farm Midgets where he collected seven goals and 22 assists in 30 games. Blake started hockey as a Tyke

house league player, but he soon graduated to the novice rep ranks.

As a Minor Atom, his team won the Zone championships. The team that year also won the Sarnia Silver Stick crown, defeating Dearborne Heights, Michigan, Lindsay and St. Thomas.

Blake is one of the few players from Georgetown that has ever skated in Maple Leaf Gardens. His team qualified for the 'D' entry at the annual Easter Seals Timmy Tyke tournament.

As a Major Peewee at the St. Thomas Early Bird tournament, Blake won the Most Outstanding hockey player award. In Minor Bantam he continued his steady play and was rewarded with two first star selections at an Owen Sound tournament.

HITTING

Blake said there was more hitting in Midget than in Junior B so he hasn't found the physical part of Junior B hockey a big challenge.

There is definitely a faster style of hockey with the Geminis which means

you can't hold on to the puck for as long a time, Blake said.

Goaltender Mike Steer is counted on to stop most of his shots so usually teams can only score on him in a power play situation, he said.

Blake finds coach Bob Smulders to be very fair with the players and he'll play everyone if they're working hard, he said.

When off the ice Blake is an all-round, all-season athlete. In the summer he plays soccer for the Junior Falcons and baseball for the Glen Williams Midget fastball team.

At school in the fall he is likely to be found on the football field or on the volleyball courts. In winter Blake snow skis between hockey games.

Blake enjoys history and gym at school which could lead to an eventual program in physical education at university, he said.

He will be with the Geminis next year and then he would like to try for a college scholarship in the States.

Barrie sneaks past Geminis in 4-3 loss Sunday

The Georgetown Junior B Geminis completed last week's schedule with some bright spots, despite a 10-4 loss to league-leading Streetsville.

The local green and gold outdistanced the Acton Sabres Saturday 4-2, then watched a 3-2 advantage dwindle to a 4-3 defeat by Barrie at home Sunday.

Despite the late surge by the Barrie Colts which prevented the Geminis from a second win in two nights, general manager Bob Webster is happy that two lines have settled in to playing solid hockey.

The line of Mark Hamilton between Riv Kennedy and Bob Davey play "super well" while Lance Doucette centred between Murray Levy and Herb Kewley is "starting to gel", Webster said.

DEFENSIVE

The last three games are characteristic of how the Geminis will have to play, mainly a defensive style because of the lack of prolific goal scorers, he said.

The Georgetown club has to wait for the breaks and check well the way they did against Acton Saturday, he said.

Excluding the Acton Sabre game where the referee tended to call

numerous penalties on both sides, Webster is happy the Geminis didn't take many penalties against Barrie Sunday.

The general manager has to be happy that Lance Doucette is back with Georgetown after missing numerous games. Doucette was voted first star for the Geminis in the Barrie contest.

Dan Bell connected for a goal in the first period against the Colts on passes from Paul White and Jay Barwell. But Barrie tied the game and the period ended at 1-1.

In the second period the Geminis took a 2-1 lead when Riv Kennedy scored from Murray Levy at the 15:12 mark.

Early in the third period Lance Doucette scored for the Geminis from Herb Kewley.

DEFEATED

Against Streetsville Tuesday Nov. 2 Georgetown were defeated 10-4. It was 2-1 after the first period with Dan Bell netting Georgetown's goal assisted by Dave Lovridge and Riv Kennedy.

Murray Levy put the Geminis up another goal in the second period from Dan Bell. Streetsville had a good second period leading the Geminis 6-3.

The Geminis came back in the third period with two goals, one each from Bell and Murray Levy. Bell and Lovridge had assists.

parts in brief

Gems want scholarship

The Georgetown Junior B Geminis hockey club are busy sending out letters of introduction to hockey colleges in the United States.

Under the guidance of Gord Barwell, Bob Webster, Susan Ewins, and Mike McCordless from the Gemini organization, 65 colleges have been sent letters telling hockey coaches that Georgetown has 12 interested boys wanting to play university hockey.

The university asks that all players applying must take an admissions (SAT) test along with submitting their latest marks from the high school.

Player background is usually included such as statistics on weight, height, goals scored, etc.

The Gemini players interested in a scholarship are: Herb Kewley, Murray Levy, Dave Lovridge, Mike Steer, Paul White, Jay Barwell, Bob Davey, Peter Haller, Mark Hamilton, Riv Kennedy, and Lance Doucette. Bob Dean's name has been added although he hasn't signed a player card.

The Gemini organization explains that their goals are to provide an opportunity for local players to continue their own skills for their betterment plus provide exciting hockey for the community.

Hoogars champs

Tim and Mike Hoogars have won the Canadian BMX championships, The Herald learned Friday.

The former Georgetown residents, now living in Guelph, won their respective age category in the Kingston Can-Am for Bicycle Moto Cross.

Five year old Mike "Boon-boon" Hoogars was declared the champion for his age group while 11 year old Tim was first in his expert category.

The Hoogars brothers accumulated the most points in three races at the Kingston track to earn their crowns.

The next meet local Georgetown BMX riders can compete in is the Niagara Falls, New York Can-Am Nov. 21. Entry forms are available at Georgetown Waterbeds on Mountainview Rd. South.

Fire Safety tie

The Georgetown United Fire Safety Novices managed their first point of the season in a tie against Milton Sunday.

The team's record after seven games is no wins, six losses and one tie.

In the Milton game, Jeff Wright pulled his Georgetown mates out of their slump with a goal from the blueline, unassisted with just 2:19 left in the game.

Coach Brian James said the team has been struggling, but he's hoping Sunday's win will turn things around for the squad.

"We don't have any superstars, just 17 pluggers," James said.

Curling winners

By JOAN SHAPCOTT

Our teams have been on the acute list this past week, with Shirley McDermot and her mates S. Rae, L. Massey and M. Black coming first at Milton for their draw. They missed the overall trophy by 3/4 points.

Alice Frazer and her team placed second in their draw with Donna Blight and Prairie Bessey each winning one of their two games.

Wayne Taylor, Jim Lushy, Doug Collison and Bill Stelley were in the Walkerton area recently for Bruce County Cash Spiel.

I still don't know if they actually curled but they had a good time with Irene and Stan!

Steve McDermot had to keep pace with his wife's success.

Steve and his boys Mike Mikovnyk, George Shapcott and Jack Massey went to Richmond Hill and won their three games and the overall bonspiel.

A special thanks to Lois Massey for her warm hospitality.

The ladies competitive had their first round last week. Coming out on top were the teams of Shirley McDermot, Joan Shapcott, Donna Blight and Barb Crane.

Battle of the Sexes bonspiel is this coming Friday and Saturday, Nov. 12 and 13. If you aren't participating, come out and watch the fun and stay for the dance on Saturday night.

Upcoming for the ladies is the Glad Robinson on Nov. 20. This is a fun time for all, so we hope you have all checked your names on the list.

Lose to Burlington 6-1

Bantams tie Brampton 3-3

The Georgetown rep Bantam hockey team finished the week off with two losses and a tie.

According to coach Barry Insoce, the 3-3 tie against Brampton Saturday was the best game of the week, but both teams missed a number of opportunities to pull ahead.

In the Brampton game Georgetown took a first period 1-0 lead when Jon Hammer scored from Mike Teetzal and Graham Shepherd.

Brampton retaliated with two consecutive goals in the second period, but the locals came back with a goal with 15 seconds left in the period by Mike Teetzal assisted by Graham Shepherd and Dean Irvine.

Georgetown and Brampton traded goals 14

seconds apart in the third period, with Georgetown's goal by Brian Doherty coming at the 14:25 mark assisted by Dave Bertrand.

Thursday, Nov. 4 the team hosted Burlington and were defeated 6-1. Georgetown got their only goal of the game at the 13:30 mark of the second period by Louis De Paoli from Mike Teetzal.

The Georgetown squad were tied at 2-2 at the end of the second period but Burlington exploded for five goals in the last period.

The team played good basic hockey, but the play was a little chippy at times.

Penalties told the story in Sunday's 3-2 loss to Brampton. The Georgetown squad couldn't play one and two men short and at the same time expect to implement a game plan.

After a scoreless first period, Georgetown traded a goal with Brampton in the second. Louis De Paoli scored for Georgetown from Mike Teetzal and Mark Pries.

Then Mark Pries scored assisted by Jon Hammer and Mike Teetzal in the third period. Brampton scored twice in the final period. Phil Milne is the team's manager.

Minor Midgets win 8-6

Georgetown Labelmaster Minor Midgets were downed by Brampton 8-6 Tuesday Nov. 2, then went down to defeat against Milton the following Saturday 5-2.

In the Brampton game Paul Basha came up with a super effort to score five of the six goals against Brampton in a game they won 8-6.

The other Georgetown goal was scored by Tommy Stefan. Assists were collected by John Barclay and Mark Pusiak with two each while Jamie Hodgins, Todd Cull had singles.

A few defensive laps and the forwards not playing two-way hockey in the second period and the earlier part of the third period lost the game for Georgetown.



CHAMPIONS!

These three bowlers are bound for championship competition in Scarborough this weekend. At a tournament two weeks ago in Guelph, Debbie Pentecost, teaching master Ralph Miller and Glen Kaiser earned a team total of 552 plus over average. Other notable local players in the Guelph Sportsman Bowl Master-Junior Tournament (of which Mr. Miller's team form the zone champs) are Marc and Trina Bassett and David Hicks and Tony Sweeney—two high-scoring lads you'll meet shortly in The Herald.

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