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Recreation Report

Free swimming

Join Santa's Elves for a free Swim and Skate! During the Christmas holidays enjoy a free skate and swim compliments of the Acton and Georgetown Lions and Rotary Clubs.

In conjunction with the Recreation and Parks Department the Acton and Georgetown Lions Clubs are sponsoring free swimming December 27-30 from 1:30-3 p.m. at both the Acton and Georgetown Indoor Pools.

In addition there will be a Family Swim at the Acton Pool, December 27 from 7:30-9 p.m. and Public Swims in both Pools on December 28 from 8-9 p.m.

Free skating

The Georgetown and Acton Rotary Clubs in conjunction with the Recreation and Parks Department are sponsoring free skating in Acton and Georgetown from December 26-30, 1982.

The Gordon Alcott Arena will be open December 26, 1:30-2:50 p.m. for Family Skating. The Georgetown Memorial Arena will be open December 26, 2:30-3:20 p.m. and December 27-30, 1:30-2:50 p.m. for Public Skating.

The Acton Arena will open December 26, 2:30-3:50 p.m. and December 27-30, 2-3:20 p.m. for Public Skating.

Many thanks to the Georgetown and Acton Rotary and Lions Clubs.

Join up!

You Can Still Get In! The Halton Hills Recreation Department still has openings in the following Winter programs - Learn to Skate, Power Skating, Parent and Tot Skating Lessons, Leadership Development for Youth 14 years and up, Youth Dramatic Arts, ages 7-10, 11-13, Noon Hour Fitness (now at the Gordon Alcott Arena Hall).

Register NOW for any of these programs; Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at either Recreation Office - Acton, 40 Mill Street East; Georgetown, 25 James Street. Christmas Gift Certificates Available!

Those sweet shutout wins:
Raiders blow away Midland, Durham in identical 7-0 scores

It was Brad Miller's second shutout of the season Friday night at Alcott arena, but the Georgetown Chrysler netminder didn't mind deflecting any praise back to his teammates.

After blanking the Midland Athletics 7-0 and facing only 17 shots for the game, Miller conceded that a total team effort put the Raiders on top.

"Midland were not as tough as the last time we played them. We were pressing them in their end," Miller said.

"The last few periods we passed the puck well together," he said.

Player-coach Gary Ford said the first period the Raiders had trouble getting their plays working right, but he admitted it's hard to get motivated against slow-paced opposition.

GOOD DEFENCE

Ford was pleased generally with the defence, particularly Gord Cullen and Jim Long. However, he would still like to see the defence move the puck better out of their own zone.

For the forwards, the Raider coach was disappointed the players weren't hungry around the Midland net.

The wide-open skating game against Midland saw few penalties called on either side.

How does a coach motivate his players in such an obvious sleeper of a game? Ford replied that it's up to the individual to prepare themselves for a night like Saturday.

Tim Ampleford started the Georgetown club off right just 12 seconds into

the game with a goal on a shot assisted by Bill Gerrie.

Then the Raiders worked themselves into a drought until coach Gary Ford unleashed a shot that caught Midland's Craig Watson by surprise.

The Ford goal came with six minutes left in the period on passes from Tim Turner and Bruce Ellison.

In the second period Guy Cormier got on the scoreboard with a goal at the mid-way mark assisted by Malcolm Anthony and Jim Long.

The goal was followed by defenceman John Saunderson's effort to increase the lead to 4-0 assisted by Gary Ford and Malcolm Anthony.

Gerri Schaeffer's goal in the third period was set up well by Scott McKenzie digging for the puck in the corner. His pass caught Schaeffer's stick in front of the net as his wrist shot found its way past goaltender Watson.

With 14:18 left in the game, Doug Fry skated with the puck from the top of the slot to the goal-mouth then let go with a shot that made it 6-0, assisted by Barry Trood and Gord Cullen.

A nifty deke and pass play by Guy Cormier, fighting of a Midland forechecker, set up Tim Ampleford at the goal-mouth where the veteran centre rarely misses.

During the game the Raiders peppered Midland's Craig Watson with 44 shots, 19 of them in the third period.

RAIDER NOTES:

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders have filed



Bruce Ellison of the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders has a clear breakaway against Midland's Craig Watson Friday night. The Raiders coasted by the Athletics almost effortlessly in a 7-0 trouncing. The Georgetown club came back again Sunday and blanked the Durham Huskies 7-0. For goaltender Brad Miller it was his third shutout of the year. (Herald photo)

papers with the OHA office that has made the Georgetown Junior B Geminis an affiliate team of the Raiders.

Basically, the only advantage will be that opportunities will be available for solid hard-working Geminis to play a few games for the Raiders when roster openings are required, assistant general manager Jack Handy says.

No money has exchanged hands and the two teams are still totally independent from one another but there is the opportunity for more cooperation.

Handy speculated that Doug Dragasevich, the Raider goaltender who played last year, will be back with the team shortly. Dragasevich has been beset with personal problems from the beginning of the season and a month ago he left the team with some indication he might return later in the season.

BEST TWO

With Dragasevich in top form, the Brad Miller-Doug Dragasevich duo

would be considered the best two netminders in the league by most intermediate A observers.

The question of Juri Kidrasov's return remains a mystery. While it might appear that the Raiders have an overabundance of centre forwards on the team, anything could happen. Gary Ford, Scott McKenzie, Doug Fry, Tim Ampleford are all considered strong centres for the team.

Ford says that a decision on Kidrasov's return

remains in the hands of general manager Don Fendley. Meanwhile, the Georgetown club has four unsigned player cards that can be used for any new recruits that might filter into camp.

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders finished their 1982 Intermediate A schedule with a resounding victory, ending the year on a happy note.

For Georgetown's Brad Miller, it was his second shutout in the past two games as the Raiders skated by Durham in a convincing 7-0 victory. The score was identical to Midland's game against the Raiders Friday in Georgetown.

Brad Miller, deflected 25 shots compared to 17 against Midland.

Glenn Murray and Bruce Ellison had a big night for Georgetown scoring two goals each. Guy Cormier, Doug Fry and Scott McKenzie added singles.



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York University Phys-ed chairman

Fireside chat with Stu Robbins

The Herald had the chance to interview Dr. Stuart Robbins, chairman of the faculty of physical education at York University, at his home last week.

A native of Sussex county, England, the 141 Rexway Dr. resident first came to Canada to implement an elementary phys-ed program at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Dr. Robbins graduated from Exeter's St. Lukes College where he majored in religion and phys-ed. Torn between either medicine or teaching, he believed at the time and still does that education can affect society.

While at the University of Alberta Dr. Robbins coached the Golden Bear soccer team to a national championship in 1973. He was also the springboard diving coach and the national springboard diving coach. Dr. Robbins also coached tennis and track and field.

He was the associate dean for the faculty of Phys-ed at York University before taking over the chairmanship of the department.

Dr. Robbins has specialized in the effects of physical education on grade one children and on teacher behavior.

The following is the first of what is hoped will be a two or three part series on a taped interview revolving around a wide range of topics dealing with physical education.

The Herald: "How important do you feel physical education is to the elementary and high school student of the 1980's?"

Dr. Robbins: "When we start to look at how the body operates, the body improves by usage. Most of the machines humans make degenerate and leave servicing to get worse to the job they do as you use them.

The body works exactly the opposite. And as we use muscles, the heart and lungs, we improve on their function. And therefore I think it's important that humans use their body. When we look at our lifestyle, it's

changed dramatically over the past few years. Technology has brought about some tremendous improvements, in our living styles and improved the sort of things we can instruct.

But it's also taken a lot of activity out of everyday living. And if the human body needs to be used, we then have to replace that through physical education.

Many people would argue, "don't community leagues and minor sports groups cater to that", I would argue that the only place that we can be sure that we can get all children is in school. Activity is so important to the growth

and development of children.

There's some interesting work being done on the development of bones by Stuart Whoston of the University of Saskatchewan.

He's a radiographer and he has looked at x-ray plates of children that have had weight bearing and stress put on their bones, and those children who have been bed-ridden -- (he) found that the calcium deposit in the bone is much less than in those children that haven't taken weight on their bone and his conclusion is that exercise is as important as milk in the formation of normal healthy bones."

The Herald: "Would you say there is less spontaneity in physical activity these days?"

Dr. Robbins: "I think in many ways we're responsible for that. We've tended to take the natural things that children do and super structure them at a very early age and I think it's to the detriment of the child.

I'm concerned very much with high level sport but I'm also concerned that we try to force kids too early, try to overorganize them before they're mentally, socially physically ready for these things.

We in fact frustrate them and they don't produce the skills that they could do and I think perhaps we've overorganized our kids so they now don't know how to play.

I teach a course called theories of play and one of the things we do is look at street games. It seems that when you look across the world, there were typical street games we can remember.

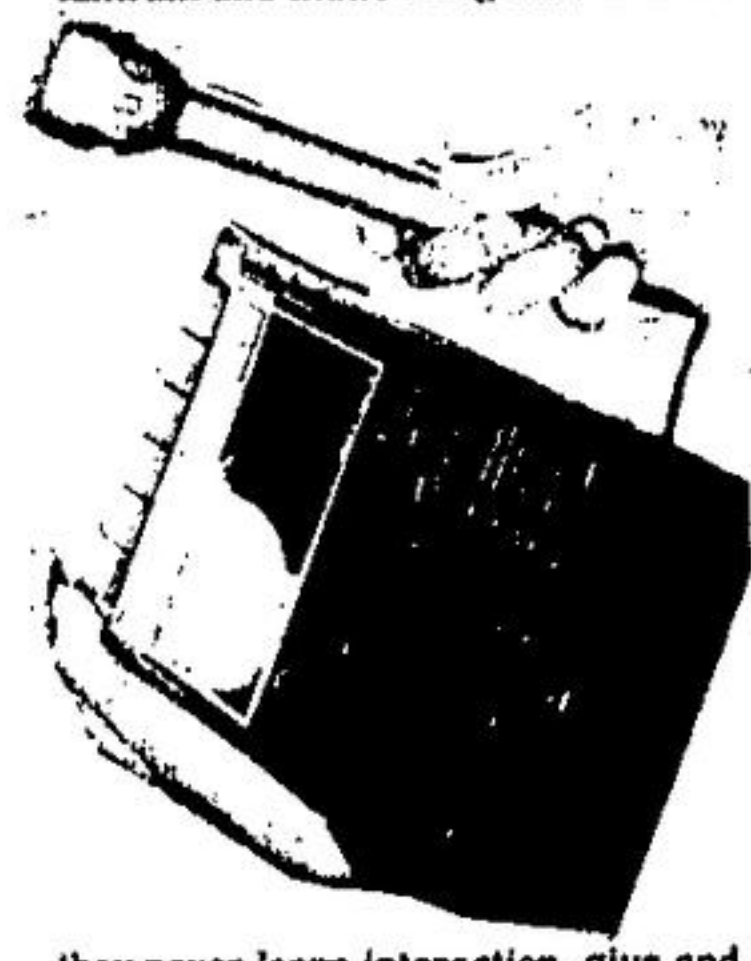
Most of them have little rhyming sayings and such, but kids don't seem to play those as much. There are kids in the school playground who play jumpy and do some skipping, but there's not as many games as there used to be.

I think it's often that through spontaneous play that initiative and innovation develops in a child.

Many of the star hockey players learned their hockey on the pond playing pick-up hockey and there had to develop control of the stick and they started to try things and it didn't matter if they failed. Whereas the way we organize kids at the moment, if they fall the crowds yell and scream at them and they say, I won't try that again.

One of the things that separates the excellent from the other players is the number of tricks that they've done. They try one it doesn't work, they try another. It's the mediocre player that has two or three tricks and if they don't work they have nothing.

Kids learn many things from spontaneous play. They learn physical sorts of skills, they learn also how to get along with other people. And again the situation is not too hard for



spontaneous play). If they can't handle it they can get out.

Where once they are organized, if they can't handle it they have a tantrum and make a big deal of it. So they never learn interaction, give and take. And there are also intellectual sorts of things, so play is probably one of the truest forms of learning that a young child can go through."

The Herald: "How had the teaching of physical education changed since you were a student? Are the goals, aims and philosophies the same?"

Dr. Robbins: "I think as you look at physical education it had its roots in many ways across the world, there were sort of drill instruction from the army where everyone did the same thing.

As physical education came to realize that kids were different and learned in different ways we've gone away from the regimented "everyone do the same thing."

If you can think back to the film TO

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SIR WITH LOVE they had a typical gymnasium scene in which the phys-ed instructor was by the box horse and everyone was lined up and waiting their turn.

Hopefully in a phys-ed class now you don't see lines, you don't see everyone doing the same thing. It recognizes that everyone is different and an individual. The tasks set are open-ended enough so the excellent child can progress at their rate and the not-so-good child won't be frustrated. Perhaps physical education for all is one of the prime goals. One of the key problems at the moment, particularly in elementary schools is that teachers don't have enough background to teach a daily class of physical education. In many ways it's unfortunate - the kids like physical, the teacher can throw out a ball and the kids will go to it. If the kids didn't like it the teachers would

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Gemini player profile

Riv Kennedy has a winning attitude

The first thing Gemini coach Jules Russiani looks for in a player is attitude, so when he speaks of Riv Kennedy his appraisal of the Georgetown Junior B winger is positive.

"Riv's got a winning attitude," the coach says. Kennedy was a welcome sight for the injury-ridden Gems after he returned recently from missing four games. Suffering a back injury, Kennedy came back to help Georgetown with his goal scoring ability.

Against Streetsville two weeks ago, Kennedy scored two clutch goals for the Geminis which put them within striking distance of winning against the Derbys.

Last year Riv scored 16 goals and 19 assists in 36 games for the Geminis in his rookie season. He was nominated as the Central League's Rookie of the Year and won the Gemini Most Improved Player award.

ATTITUDE

Kennedy has a good team attitude because he's played with so many different linemates and been shifted around at different positions with the Gems, Russiani says.

The 18-year old was born in Georgetown and has played minor rep hockey until he was a Midget. Two highlights during minor hockey consist of his trip to Maple Leaf Gardens for the Timmy Tyre tournament and winning the Silverstick tournament as

a Midget.

During the Silverstick finals in Sarnia, Kennedy was injured during the first period of the first game on the first shift. He remembers the agony of sitting out with a bruised tailbone from a fall when he wanted to be skating with his team in the championships.

Last year Kennedy tried out with the Markham Waxers of the Junior Tier II division, but was a late cut. The Waxers are affiliated with the Toronto Marlboros which meant their late cuts went to Markham.

Kennedy spent the remainder of the season with the Junior B Geminis and he didn't try out with any other team in Tier II.

NO PRESSURE

As a leading scorer on the team last year Kennedy says he felt pressured a bit at the beginning of the season to score goals, but now he has relaxed and takes each game as it comes.

He says he is more concerned with helping the team out than individual goal scoring.

The Geminis need to improve on their hustle and forechecking, Kennedy says. The 6 foot, 165 lb. winger is pleased with the change new coach Jules Russiani has brought to the team.

"Jules is a motivator. The guys want to play for him," Kennedy says. The team is also getting more prepar-

ed for games by talking it up, he says.

Kennedy is hoping for a hockey scholarship and right now he has been contacted by the Union College, New York.

Union has asked for his SAT test and a schedule of when the Geminis are playing next.

In school Kennedy enjoyed English, Marketing and Woodworking. This year Kennedy is taking the year off while working at Joe's Gulf. He is taking a night school course in computer science at Sheridan College to familiarize himself with the profession.

Geminis lose 7-0 to Barrie

The Georgetown Junior B Geminis were blanked Sunday in their home game encounter against Barrie. The Colts overpowered the Gems in the 7-0 game.

With injuries to only Paul White and Jay Barwell, coach Russiani didn't fault the availability of the players or the goaltending of Wayne Cowley.

"The team is just playing to capacity. The enthusiasm and desire is not there," the coach said.



RIV KENNEDY

The team just doesn't want to win bad enough and discipline was sorely lacking, Russiani said.

The coach has decided if the boys that are not giving 100 per cent they'll be sitting out the next game. After six games with the Geminis Russiani said he has given the benefit of the doubt to the players and some have improved their desire to win.

The local Junior B team didn't carry out their assignments and the defence and forwards just weren't doing their jobs, Russiani said.