

Hockey talk:

with John Chantler

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the following story, The Herald talked with the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association's Director of Hockey, John Chantler in a taped interview. It was understood that portions of the interview would be edited for a feature on Minor Hockey Week.

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The Herald: "Could you give an overview of how the rep teams have been doing up to this point in the season?"

John Chantler: "The rep teams, overall, have been doing very well. They're all but in one or two cases, in the top half of their standings. In many cases they're at the top of the standings or within one or two of the top of the standings."

"How we do against Milton and Dundas is what's a big concern. Tri-County is the league that we're in and it really...how we end up in Tri-County has no bearing on what we do at OMHA (Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoffs) qualification..."

"Our ultimate goal is to get an OMHA champion and that's what our concern is: building exception teams to go on to OMHA playdowns. But overall the rep teams are doing quite well."

"We've had very, very few problems with the coaching staff - they've spent a lot of time, a lot of effort. Their efforts are going to help us gain at least more than two qualifiers that we had last year...I hope we have at least five or six qualifiers."

The Herald: "What about the Tier 2 as far as overall performance is concerned?"

John Chantler: "It has been very good as well. We have been able to ice all the age groups, Midget, Bantam, Pee-wee, Novice, which is more than you can say for some of the other centres. And they're all very competitive - especially with a Major Burlington team in the group."

"I feel that it's unfortunate that we don't have minor Tier 2 teams because these boys that are playing Major Tier 2 now will really have nowhere to go next year, other than the exceptional ones. They play one year of competitive hockey, then other than the exceptional ones, they go back to house league hockey."

"Somewhere along the line if we can get more ice and if the other centres agree, we'll attempt to get minor teams, or at least get two Tier 2

teams for each age group so the boy who is in the second level of play has somewhere to go other than house league."

The Herald: "As far as house league goes, is there anything in that area that has changed drastically from last year. Anything that stands out in your mind as being a surprise to you in the area coming into your responsibility?"

John Chantler: "I'm impressed with the numbers of the teams, I'm impressed with the dedication of the



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commissioners. The commissioners are the ones that police house league, they watch for equal ice time, they watch for flagrant violation by the players, they look after sweaters, that sort of thing."

"These commissioners hold a very responsible job and they are certainly willing to spend the time - I'm impressed with that. I'm impressed with the attitude of a lot of coaches who go out and get a lot of ice for practising, which is very tough to get for house league boys."

"The level of discipline is the older age groups in house league I'm a little disappointed with. Throughout house league there appears to be some lack of respect for the administrative people, the referees, that sort of thing."

"But overall, I think we have a very good house league and I think our development program has been quite good judging from our tyke-novice system and the fact that we do have fairly competitive Novice rep teams. And that's totally due to the House League system."

The Herald: "How has hockey changed since you were a youngster?"

John Chantler: "Well, first of all equipment has changed drastically. In

my day we certainly didn't have helmets and facemasks."

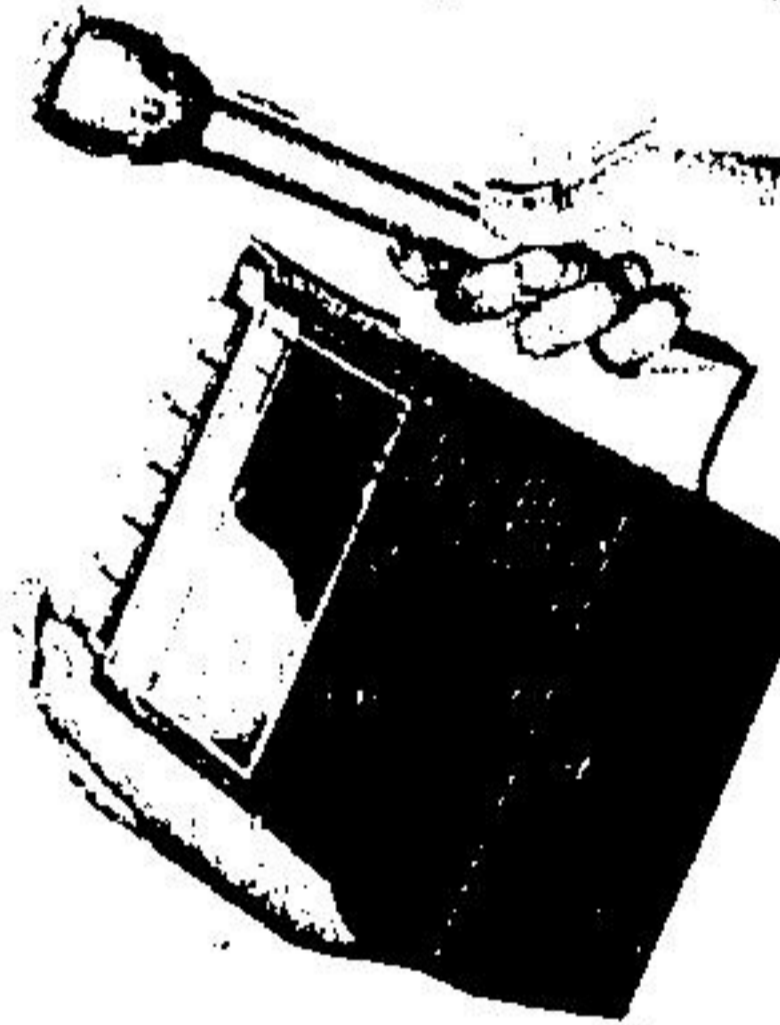
"Whether that is good or bad I don't know. We seem to have more head injuries and neck injuries now than we've ever had. And a lot of high sticking and that sort of thing around the head area - head butting. I think the boys feel they're so protected that they can get away with anything."

"I think the speed of the game is slowly developing a system similar to the Russians, where you head-man the puck, with an emphasis on power skating."

"The evolution of the Cooper is going to drastically change not only the appearance of the player, but change the pocketbook of the parent!"

The Herald: "If there was something you could change in Minor Hockey, not necessarily in Georgetown, but in other centres, is there any one thing that would come to mind?"

John Chantler: "You've got to try and keep the costs down - that is the big thing. That has to be done through a) a proper equipment exchange program and b) you've got to have more fund-raising and more business participation in sponsorships and donations, that sort of thing."



Scoreboard

GEORGETOWN INDUSTRIAL HOCKEY

LEADING SCORERS:

Player	GP	G	A	TP	PM
Ray Peacock, DBM	18	21	22	43	2
Chris Milne, AC	14	14	25	39	16
Chuck Williams, MandM	14	9	23	32	10
John Kwant, DAS	11	21	8	29	42
Steve Crossman, MandM	16	13	15	28	65
Doug Thompson, AC	11	12	16	28	31
Ian Syme, HT	14	16	11	27	8

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Hollywood Tavern	15	12	2	1	79	33	27
Akers-Clark	15	9	4	2	67	40	22
M and M	16	8	7	1	62	75	17
De Boer's Movers	16	8	7	1	75	68	17
Don's Auto	16	5	9	2	75	104	12
Acton Knights	14	0	13	1	46	104	1

FUTURE GAMES: Jan. 30: 9:00 De Boer's Movers vs. Acton Knights; 10:30 Akers-Clark vs. Don's Auto Service; 12:00 M and M Pro Sports vs. Hollywood Tavern.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	P	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Elks Lodge	13	12	1	0	83	45	24
Exchange	13	9	4	0	55	32	18
Carefree	13	9	4	0	74	63	18
Criterion	13	7	5	1	75	57	15
A.E. LePage	13	6	7	0	44	65	12
Millers TV	13	3	9	1	50	75	7
McPherson's	13	2	9	2	37	61	6
Fobert's	13	1	10	2	54	78	4

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CURRENT LEAGUE SCORING STATS, Jan. 18

NAME AND TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Vytas Urbas, Barrie	23	27	33	60	6
John Matthews, Clw.	23	26	27	53	10
Tom Colley, Clw.	24	19	33	52	20
Doug Gillespie, Mdl.	25	13	33	47	0
Guy Cormier, Gtn.	23	22	24	46	27
Wayne Dusome, Barrie	23	19	23	42	44
Tim Turner, Gtn.	22	13	29	42	14
Glenn Murray, Gtn.	23	16	25	41	26

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