

Rebs run a strong second at Halton meet

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At the Halton track and field championships in Etobicoke last Thursday the Georgetown District High School team placed a strong second, taking a back seat only to Burlington's Nelson High School.

Twenty-six Georgetown athletes qualified in 48 events to go to the Peel-Halton championships in Etobicoke tomorrow.

"It was what we had expected," said Rebel coach Karen Cosgrove. "Nelson has a very strong team, but we qualified more people for the Peel-Halton than we have in years."

The powerful Rebel midget team played an important role in Georgetown's second place finish.

Midget Amy Powers took second place in the 800 meter, 1500 and the 3000 meters. She was racing against the Ontario champion from Milton in all three events. Powers set a school record as the first, first-year midget to run under 11 minutes in the 3000.

Sandra Heaton finished second in the midget girls' 100. She took second in the midget girls' 400, setting a school record of 60 seconds. Heaton placed third in the midget girls' 200 and contributed to the fourth place finish of the junior girls' 4 x 400 and 4 x 100 relay teams.

Louis De Paoli dominated the midget boys' hurdles, equalling the Halton

record of 14.2 seconds. Nancy Mustard was second in midget girls' hurdles, third in the 1500 and fourth in the 800.

Jon Hammer won the midget boys' discus and was second in shot put. The junior team also had a number of outstanding performances.

Jody Barwell won the junior girls' hurdles in 12.4 seconds, and Kim Dryden took first place in the junior girls' high jump.

"Lynn MacPhail completely dominated the junior girls' 3000 with the time of 10:39," said Rebel coach Donna Metcalfe.

Chris Ferguson won the junior boys' 1500 and Erik Hopkins was second. Hopkins won the junior boys' 3000 while Ferguson took third.

Susan Kristensen, "raced superbly" and won the senior girls' 3000. She finished second in the 1500.

Stacey Wheeler won his first senior boys' 2,000 steeple chase race while Harald Bransch was third in senior boys' steeple chase and second in high jump.

The boys' 4 x 400 relay team of Hen Hesse, Paul Burroughs, Chris Ferguson and Gary Hulbert placed second.

Rich Stacey placed third in the junior boys' discus.

"We collected 342 points, which was more than we had expected, so we're quite pleased with that," said coach Cosgrove. Georgetown accumulated 70 more points than third place White Oaks.

"We're expecting to place in the top three at the Peel-Halton," says Cosgrove. "We're a little weak in some field events. In some areas we have quality but not quantity," she says.

"This year our aim is to qualify some people for OFSSA. We'll be happy if we can do that. I think we're going to peak next year," Cosgrove said.

Other contributors to Georgetown's point total include midget Anne Coullighan, who was fourth in the 3000; midget Jenni Lusby placed sixth in high jump; midget Mike Wood took third in the 3000, and fourth in the 1500; junior Fiona Heaton took third in the 3000 and sixth in the 1500; junior Lee Blendell placed fifth in the 400 and 100; junior Kara McGaw placed second in discus and sixth in javelin; junior Ken Hesse placed third in the 800 and sixth in the 400; junior Gary Hulbert placed fourth in the 400 and fourth in the 800; senior Jen Pepper was second in the 400 while Angie MacKey was fifth in the same event and fourth in the 800; senior Sandra Marciniuk was fourth in the 1500 and the 800; senior Leslie Bick was fifth in hurdles; senior Jack Harlow placed third in hurdles and fourth in triple jump; senior Paul Burroughs was fourth in javelin and sixth in the 400; and senior David Banks was sixth in 1500.

Nancy Mustard, Jody Barwell, Louis De Paoli, Stacey Wheeler, Harald Bransch, Jack Harlow, Sandra Heaton, Jen Pepper, Amy Powers, Lynn MacPhail, Susan Kristensen, Mike Wood, Erik Hopkins, Chris Ferguson, Anne Coullighan, Fiona Heaton, Sandra Marciniuk, Angie MacKey, Ken Hesse, Gary Hulbert, Jon Hammer, Kim Dryden, Kara McGaw, Sue McLaren, Jenni Lusby, and Paul Burroughs all qualified for the Peel-Halton meet tomorrow in Etobicoke.

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READY TO SOAR

The Georgetown Junior Eagles opened the Halton County Baseball League season with a 10-4 loss Sunday in Burlington, Saturday, they posed for a team picture. The 1983 Eagles are, (back row, left to right) coach Kevin Burke, Paul Gulstini, Ralph Kelly, Brad Youmans, Mike Friskney and Larry Deighton; (middle row, left to right) coach Bernie Dore, Gerry Milne, Scott Bray, Jay Anderson, Mario Galvao, and Paul Blackmore; (front row, left to right) coach Dan Gulstini, Kevin Hughes, Gord Allen, Andrew Braun and batboy Scott Ewins. (Herald photo)

Gemini annual meeting

Russiani returning

By GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor
Jules Russiani has agreed to stay on as coach of the Central Ontario Junior 'B' Georgetown Gemini hockey club for the 1983-84 season.

The club held its annual general meeting Wednesday night at the North Halton Golf and Curling Club, to announce Russiani's decision to return to the team, and to elect a new executive for the upcoming season.

There was a polite round of applause from everyone at the meeting when club president Bob McCandless Sr. made the announcement.

"Jules said he wanted a little time to think about it the last time we talked, but I never even considered anybody else," McCandless said later. "Jules proved what he can do with the Gemini hockey team last season."

Russiani had to consider whether he could devote the time the coaching job requires while he is running his business. He also had coaching offers from four teams, including two Major 'A' junior clubs, to weigh.

"I really enjoy coaching, but it's so time consuming," Russiani said. "We had a meeting with the players about a month ago, and we had a good turnout. That certainly influenced my decision to return."

Russiani also said he feels part of the Georgetown community, and that he considered the excellent treatment he has received from the Gemini executive in the past while making his decision.

As far as the new Gemini executive goes, there are no new faces on

the scene. McCandless will continue in to a third term as club president, and former general manager Bob Tost will be the first vice-president. Dave Barrager was selected second VP.

Sue Ewins will be the club secretary. The remainder of the directors includes Norm Lockhurst, Sandra McMeekin, Karen Harrison, Bob Girdwood, Mike McCandless Jr., Doug Harlow, Bob Webster, Mike McMenemy, and Dean

Taylor. Though the formal announcement is still forthcoming, Bob Webster will be returning to his role as general manager.

It was also announced at the general meeting that two new teams will be joining the Central Junior 'B' league for next season.

Woodbridge, currently a Junior 'C' outfit, will step up, and a new Mississauga team has been created. The idea of a Mississauga entry caused some smiles at the Gem

meeting because such a team will almost certainly weaken the defending champion Streetsville Derbys.

The Gems will pay \$500 to compete in the Central loop next season, way up from the \$100 they paid this season. The Ontario Hockey Association is financially strapped and looking for sources of revenue.

The Gems will pay the OHA \$10 per home game, in addition to the \$5 per player card they will fork over before the season starts.



Jules Russiani (left) shakes hands with Georgetown Gemini president Bob McCandless Sr. moments after accepting the head coaching position for the upcoming season. (Herald photo)

Raiders and Rockton go Senior but other Hardy teams dumped

By GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor
The Georgetown Raiders will be joining the Ontario Hockey Association Senior 'A' League for the 1983-84 season, but they will be the only Intermediate 'A' club to do so.

Representatives from the six existing Senior 'A' teams stunned Intermediate club and OHA officials at a meeting in London Thursday night when they turned thumbs down on three separate proposals to amalgamate the two leagues into a new, three-division loop.

They accepted applications to join the Senior 'A' league from Georgetown

and Rockton, meaning the Raiders will compete for the Allan Cup next year in an eight-team league. The two new entries will join Petrolia, Dundas-Hamilton, Chatham, Cambridge, and Woodstock.

Raider president Finn Poulstrup, who attended Thursday's meeting along with vice-president Dave Kentner, told The Herald he is convinced the Senior teams weren't prepared to accept what they consider to be lower caliber hockey teams from the Intermediate 'A' clubs.

"They found a fault with each of three proposals, whether it was

travel distance, or an unbalanced schedule, or whatever," Poulstrup said. "They knew they had two good entries in Georgetown and Rockton, and they just went through the motions to satisfy the OHA."

Poulstrup admitted that "We'll miss our traditional rivalry with Collingwood", but he was adamant that a move to Senior 'A' was best for the Raider organization.

The Raiders will play a 42-game, interlocking schedule next season.

In other Raider news this week, vice-president Kentner announced he has put together a three-man team to handle the

general manager's duties for the upcoming season. Jack Handy, Don Fendley and Doug Brindley have been named Assistant General Managers, each with different job descriptions.

Handy will handle the administrative functions of the job, while Fendley, who was GM last season, will actually work with the players. Brindley will recruit talent.

"Jack Handy has a cool, conservative image and he knows how to deal with the league officials,"

Kentner said. "Don Fendley will deal with the players on a day-to-day basis, in matters such as ice-time, equipment, minor officials and finances."

Kentner added that the three-man coalition in the GM's chair would give him "room to move around."

Kentner also announced Terry Harlow will be returning as head trainer for the club this season.

"Terry's probably the best trainer in the OHA," Kentner summed it up.

Billy Murphy wins silver

Centennial Middle School wrestler Billy Murphy led a strong local contingent by finishing second overall in the 32-kilogram weight class at the Canadian Bantam Wrestling Championships at the University of Western Ontario in London on the weekend.

Murphy, 13, finished behind Scarborough wrestler Nelson De Souza, to earn the right to compete at the Eastern Seaboard Conference Schoolboy wrestling championships in Nova Scotia in July. De Souza is on his way to Montana for the World Schoolboy Championships in August.

Murphy's Centennial teammates gave a strong account of themselves as well. Rob Veltman managed a third overall in the 49-k class, while Dave Barrow (53-k) and Rob McGulgan (45-k) were fourth best in their respective weight divisions.

John Del Guidas (57-k) also won a fourth competing for Centennial.

Terry Dixon led a three-man Stewarttown contingent by finishing fourth overall in the 41-k class.

Johnny Cloke (41-k) and Brett Robinson (45-k) were sixth and seventh respectively in their classifications.

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Newest Raider GM

There is a fresh face in the Georgetown Chrysler Raider hierarchy this year, and it belongs to Doug Brindley.

Brindley, 33, has been announced as one of three Raider general managers for the upcoming season, their first as a Senior 'A' entry. His main area of responsibility will be recruiting players.

A resident of Georgetown for almost three years now, Brindley brings a wealth of hockey 'connections' to the Raider outfit.

Brindley played for the 1968 Memorial Cup champion Niagara Falls Flyers, and was a Toronto Maple Leaf first round draft pick the following year. After two years in Tulsa, he graduated to the Leaf roster as a center, playing behind such stars as Dave Keon, Norm Ullman, Jim Harrison and a young Darryl Sittler.

Ironically, Brindley was the most-valuable player at the 1983 Georgetown bantam hockey tournament, playing out of Walkerton.

The new GM was traded from Toronto to Vancouver, played 1972 in

Rochester for Don Cherry, and signed with Cleveland in the World Hockey Association in 1974. He was drafted away by Indianapolis the next year, where he played with a scrawny 17-year-old named Wayne Gretzky.

Brindley currently is an officer with the Ontario Provincial Police, stationed in Snelgrove.

"I've been wanting to get back into hockey, and I've been talking to Dave (vice-president Kentner) for a couple of years now," Brindley said. "I think I have some influence with a few fellows in the area who are just a year or two out of pro hockey, and I might be able to convince some of them to come here."

An old teammate of Brindley's is Rene Robert, once a 50-goal man on the famed French Connection line in Buffalo, and the Raiders are admittedly interested in Robert.

"I'm going to get as many hockey players coming here as I can," the Park Avenue resident promised. "I've already started making contacts."



DOUG BRINDLEY

Specters take two remain unbeaten

By GERRY TIMBERS
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Looking very much like the team to beat in Inter County Fastball action, the Glen Specters put together a pair of one-sided road victories this week to stretch their early-season mark to three wins.

Sunday night the Specters travelled to Cambridge to post a 9-1 victory, after thumping Fergus 8-3 Friday night.

Sunday it was an incredible display of clutch hitting by the Glen men, as they scored single runs in six different innings to seal the win. A complete game, 11-strikeout performance by fireballer Terry Haines didn't hurt the cause, either.

Short stop Rob Hatcher's bat is sizzling early in the year, and he went four for five in Cambridge. Big Andy Broadbent delivered three hits in five at-bats, and newcomer Donnie Ray belted out a pair of doubles in four trips to the plate.

"The guys have really been tough with runners on base," manager Ted Wilkes said. "We're getting timely hits from everybody."

In the first inning of Sunday's victory, third sacker Tim Fields bunted his way on, moved to second on a sacrifice fly, and came around to score on an RBI single by Broadbent.

In the second, Glen Fendley singled, stole second, and scored on a

single by center fielder Jackie Bergman.

Ray doubled and Fendley singled to produce a fifth-inning run, while Hatcher tripled and came in on a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Bergman singled and stole second to score on Hatcher's single in the seventh, while Broadbent and Ray both doubled in the eighth to produce another run.

Friday night in Fergus, the Glen men came up with the win despite missing three regulars from the starting line up. Catcher Fendley and outfielders Dean Hancock and Bergman missed the game, but the Specter machine still ran like clockwork.

Already leading 2-0 thanks to a two-run single by Broadbent, starter Jeff Haines furthered his own cause by belting out his own two-run safety in the top of the fifth.

The Specters iced the game in the seventh when, already leading 4-0, rookie Rob Wilkes unloaded a long sacrifice fly with the bases loaded. Glen McClure followed Wilkes with a single that produced two more runs.

Jeff Haines went six innings, posting seven strike outs, to register the win. Brother Terry finished up.

The Specters were to face league champion Alton last night at the Glen in their toughest test of the young season.