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PLAYING THE FIELD

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Putt for an education

Anybody who has ever golfed understands the pressure of that first tee-off.

There's no deeper sense of isolation and humiliation than the one that accompanies the golfer who shanks that first drive, for seemingly all the world to see.

Even seasoned competitors like Rob Brown feel the pressure. Brown, fast becoming one of the best young golfers in the province at the tender age of 17, talks candidly about the intensity of tournament golf. He is deadly serious about his game, but because he's 17, he can still muster a grin when he recalls some of his less masterful strokes from days gone by.

"When I first started playing in tournaments, just getting off the first tee was enough pressure," Brown admits. "There's always a lot of people watching, and you just want to hit a good shot."

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Brown doesn't shank them too often. He recently strung together scores of 77, 79 and 76 to capture the North Halton Golf and Country Club Junior championship, for golfers under the age of 18.

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ROB BROWN

Winning his club title is one more step for Brown towards his premier goal, which is to parlay his golf skills into a scholarship at a major American university. He had already taken one large strike towards that target earlier in the summer, when he finished in the top 40 at the Ontario junior championship, in Midland. Realistically, he'll need to finish in the top five next summer if he wants that scholarship, but the Georgetown District High School Grade 13 student feels that is a reasonable possibility.

His reasoning is simple enough. Most of the golfers who finished ahead of him this year were 18. They'll be gone next summer.

"I was hoping to finish in the top 15 this year, but I was hitting the ball everywhere," Brown says. "I really could have played much better."

Brown will get plenty of opportunity to work on cutting strokes from his game, because he works at the North Halton club. He fixes and cleans golf clubs, and cleans golf carts, and he manages to find time for 18 holes every day.

Another reason Brown will likely improve enough to reach the top five is his attitude. He considers himself a student of the game, and he's always looking for that little something that will give him an edge. He might pick up a pointer playing with someone else, or watching golf on television.

"Even the pros are still learning about the game," Brown says. "I'm always trying to pick up something new. I'll try anything."

"I like to watch others, and imitate them. It's a matter of seeing what they do, and working it into your own style."

In the end, it may still come down to Brown's ability to perform in the clutch. Putt for dough, and all that.

"You don't count on anybody else, just yourself," he explains. "If I blow it, there is nobody else to blame."

"You just can't think about what happens if you miss an important shot. You don't think about the consequences."

If you blow it, you just try not to look at anybody.

Tavern out

By BOB McCANDLESS
Herald correspondent

Akers-Clark, behind Kevin McCleary's pitching, upset heavily-favored Hollywood Tavern by taking their best-of-three Georgetown Industrial Fastball League series two games to one, winning the decisive third game by a 5-4 score.

McCleary was staked to an early 5-0 lead over the regular season champions, but needed relief help from Don Pickett when the Tavern closed the lead to a single run. It was McCleary's second win of the series. Grant Usher took the loss in going the distance.

Akers played a very spirited series, led by third baseman Danny Fields, who excelled both at the bat and in the field.

It was a bitter loss for the Tavern who played the entire series without star pitcher John Holtby who was limited to a pinch hitting role due to

an arm injury.

In game one of a best three-of-five semi-final series, Allison's Cornhuskers defeated Akers-Clark 7-6.

Allison's trailed 4-4 entering the bottom of the seventh, but rallied to score three runs and emerge victorious. Mark Hamilton delivered the winning run with a bases-loaded single over the heads of a drawn-in-outfield.

Doug Pemberton delivered a two run homer in a losing cause for Akers. Don Pickett, Kevin Frank and Kevin McCleary pitched for Akers, with Frank taking the loss. Ray Peacock picked up the win for Allison's by going the distance.

TIDBITS The Georgetown Industrial Fastball League is holding its wrap up dance Saturday Sept. 17 at the Sacre-Coeur Hall. The dance features "The Bananas". Tickets available at M and M Pro Sports.

Jr. B tryouts begin

Gem rooks graduate to main camp

Nineteen rookies have graduated to the Georgetown Jr. B Gemini's main camp.

In an effort to keep try-out numbers to a minimum at the Gemini camp, a Rookie Camp was held to give local midgets and juveniles an opportunity to display their talent to head coach Jules Russiani.

Display their talent they did, so much so that Russiani was forced to keep 19 players for further evaluation at the main camp.

After two sessions of main camp, about 40 skaters are still trying for spots on this year's Gemini team. Twelve returnees are expected back this season from last year's club, but Russiani has stated quite emphatically that positions are still open and he intends to strengthen last year's team.

Future camp dates are Tuesday at 8 p.m., and Thursday at 9 p.m., with the first exhibition game slated for Saturday, Sept. 17, with the Guelph Junior B Platers scheduled to visit Gordon Alcott Arena. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Jr. Falcons closing in on top spot

Georgetown Junior B Falcons Brampton

The Georgetown Junior B Falcons moved closer to the Peel-Halton Soccer League leaders with a victory over Brampton at Cedarvale Park Monday night.

Brampton arrived fresh from a victory over Burlington and they came out looking strong against Georgetown. Once again the Falcons were missing vital players and they struggled to find their form for the first 15 minutes of this game. Fortunately, the Georgetown defence played a strong game and bought enough time for the reshuffled midfield to settle down and gradually gain control from the Brampton midfield players.

Rob Fattore had been pulled back from his usual attacking role to strengthen the midfield, and after a shaky start he soon settled down and turned in a fine performance for the home side.

As in their previous game with Oakville, it was both defences that dominated the game and scoring chances were few. Georgetown were happy to have Tim Davis back in the line up, especially so at the 30-minute mark when he went on one of his typical overlapping runs and crossed a

beautiful ball to the ever eager Eric Clark, who had timed his run to perfection and scored his best goal so far this season. A few minutes later, Fattore scored an equally fine goal, but the referee disallowed it as one of the Georgetown players was deemed offside.

Brampton came out looking strong again after half time, but they came up against a solid wall of defence as the Georgetown back four held their ground and Pete Jones in the Falcons goal handled anything that came his way. The Falcons should have had a couple of goals extra at this stage of the game as Allen, Clark and Faulkner all had opportunities to finish off the Brampton challenge.

Georgetown were in full control by now and it looked as though they had finally put things to rest 10 minutes from the end when Gary Hui-berl curled a free kick over the Brampton wall, only to watch it hit the bar after the goalkeeper was beaten. Brampton found some extra strength and put in a final effort in the hope of taking back a point, but Georgetown held on to what could be an important victory as they travel to Burlington for their next game, in an effort to unseat the leaders.

Cross country Rebels back hard at work

By LEANNE MURRAY
Herald correspondent

Work. Hard work. That's what cross-country is all about. In keeping with tradition, the Georgetown District High School cross-country team was out and running last week as they started their training for the upcoming season.

The team started their training on Thursday of last week, only two days into the school year.

Coaches Karen Cosgrove and Donna Metcalfe are both very optimistic about their team's chances for the year.

Coach Metcalfe says the team has many advantages that could help throughout the year. The team has approximately 50 members, which means a great deal of depth, and hopefully consistency, to match.

avoiding injuries is always a big plus, and with good coaching and training, you always try to get your runner to

peak at the right time.

What the coaches have set out to do this year is very demanding, but they believe they can win the York University meet later this month, which they lost last year. They also hope to overall win every meet they enter this year, to send all six teams to OFSAA this year (which they have done five times since 1978), and win the OFSAA championship (which they have done four times since 1979).

Also, they would like to help each individual team member improve their running ability.

The first meet of the year is coming up on September 24 and will be held at York University in Toronto.

The Rebels hope to be one of just two Ontario schools invited to a New York State meet the same weekend.

The coaches would like to see how our local athletes strike up against the best runners from 28 American schools.



THE WINNER IS...

Twelve-year-old Stephen Eastwood, of Regan Crescent, could open his own hardware store after a summer of BMX racing. Racing in the 'Novice' class for 12-13 year-old riders, Stephen earned 20 trophies in 23 races between May and September. The races, held in Welland, St. Thomas, Stony Creek, Milton, Cambridge and upstate New York, were all sanctioned by the Eastern Bicycle Association (EBA).

(Herald photo by Gerry Timbers)

Kinsmen best top tourney
Championship softball

Fobert's Real Estate rallied with four runs in the seventh and final inning to edge Young's Pharmacy, 25-22, in the Kinsmen Senior Girls Softball League championship game Saturday at the Fairgrounds.

For Young's, the loss was a disappointment, as they had come back from a 21-11 deficit to take a one-run lead into the final frame.

Sandy Marshall was the star of the game for the winning side, scoring three runs. Julie Farraro also crossed home plate three times for Fobert's, while Donna Brown homered and scored twice.

Brown was voted the most valuable senior player on the day.

Chris Jones, who doubled and singled and

scored twice, was named the game star for Young's.

For Fobert's, the championship game victory capped off an undefeated season.

In the Intermediate League championship game, Delrex Smoke Shop tacked up five runs in the fourth inning enroute to an 11-2 decision over the Elks.

Gail Frerichs scored twice to spark the Delrex attack, and Joanne Gravelle cracked a home run. Second baseman Terri Korzack was named the game star for the winners.

Chris Farragan and Athena Riedtra scored for the Elks. Dana MacPherson of the Elks was named the most valuable player of the Intermediate playoffs.

The Junior League wrapped up its first year of operation with a round-robin tourney Saturday.

Kari Ann Puckering was named the most improved player for Valdi Discount Foods, and Nicole Fisher was most improved for Standard Products. The most improved player on the North Halton Sports team was Katherine Manning.

The most improved players in the Intermediate League included Kristina Goodfellow (Optimists), Joanne Gravelle (Delrex), Lucy Pacheco (Elks), Catherine Lovely (Dairy Queen), Paulette Friot (Kinnettes) and Tammy Brown (Kenner's Dairy Bar).



Delrex Smoke Shop second sacker Terri Korzack puts the tag to an Elk runner during Saturday's Kinsmen Girls Intermediate Softball League championship game at the Fairgrounds, while Delrex teammate Deanna Russell looks on. The Smokers went on to win the game, 11-2, and Korzack was named her team's outstanding performer.

(Herald photo)

Specters in semis

The Glen Williams Specters split a pair of tournament outings in Collingwood on the weekend, warming up for their Inter County Fastball League semi-final series against Fergus.

The Specters romped over Hillsburgh last Tuesday night in the Glen, 7-1, to win the best-of-five quarter final round in four games. Fergus gained a berth in the semis by knocking out regular-season champion Orangeville. The semis were scheduled to begin last night in the Glen, with game two set for Friday night in Fergus.

The Specters opened the Collingwood tourney on the weekend with a 4-3, first-round win over Bracebridge.

Singles by Mike Reynolds, Dean Hancock and Tim Field, after Andy Broadbent had reached base on an error, produced the tying and winning runs in the top of the seventh and final inning.

The Glen men struck for a pair of runs in the second inning, when pitcher Terry Haines singled and Broadbent doubled to score center fielder Jackie Bergman, who had walked.

Haines struck out six while allowing five hits, in gaining the victory on the mound. Bracebridge fielder Don Vincent touched Haines for a two-run homer in the fourth.

In game two, the York Merchants wiped out the Specters, 6-0.

The only hit the Glen men managed was a game-opening single by second baseman Glenn McClure. The Merchants scored twice in the second, then salted the win away with four runs in the sixth inning.

Last Tuesday, the Specters had everything their way in dumping Hillsburgh 7-1 to win their quarter final play-off round.

Jeff Haines was in control on the mound, striking out 10 batters while scattering seven hits in taking the victory.

Field and Hancock both cranked out a pair of hits and scored to lead the Specter attack.

While the locals are facing Fergus in one semi-final, Erin will tackle Cambridge in the other. Because Erin knocked out first-place Orangeville in the opening round, the Specters, who finished second in league play, will enjoy home field advantage through the rest of the playoffs.

Game three of the Specter-Fergus series is set for next Tuesday night in the Glen, and a fourth game would be played in Fergus the following Friday, if necessary.

A fifth and deciding game, if needed, would be played the following Sunday at the Glen.

DQ Stars win again in Oakville

The Georgetown Dairy Queen All Stars played their last atom soccer league game against Oakville, at Moore Park on Friday.

An early defensive error gave Oakville the first goal. However, the rest of the game Dairy Queen defenders Shannon O'Donnell, Vicki Lavallee and Jenny Melville played superbly against this tough team.

Oakville also had a strong defense, but not strong enough to cope with the all-out determination of Sharon Clifford. Late in the game, a high shot by Jenni Gallagher caught Oakville's goalie out of her net and Dairy Queen won 2-1.

Dairy Queen represents Georgetown at the Royal City Tournament in Guelph this weekend, and if league results shown below are any indication, they should do well. Congratulations on a fine season girls, and good luck.

Georgetown 5 vs Milton 0
Georgetown 4 vs Mississauga 3
Georgetown 3 vs Erin Mills 1
Georgetown 2 vs Burlington 0
Georgetown 0 vs Malton 1
Georgetown 2 vs Brans United 2
Georgetown 2 vs Oakville 1

Georgettes ousted after loss at home

The Georgetown DRG Georgettes were eliminated from the Halton Rural Ladies Softball League playoffs Monday night when they lost 11-3 to defending league champion Hillsburgh at the Fairgrounds.

The loss, coupled with a 3-1 set back in Hillsburgh last Wednesday night, eliminated the Georgettes from the best-of-three set in two straight games.

The locals gave it their best shot Monday night, jumping out in front 3-1 before finally bowing to the explosive Hillsburgh bats.

Trailing 1-0 after a half inning, the Georgettes came right back to score a pair of their own. Linda McClure reached on an error to lead off the inning, moved to second on a sacrifice, and raced home on a Jennifer Reynolds double.

One out later, Denean Jones singled home Reynolds with the go-ahead run.

Lorraine Brown scored the final Georgette

run of the season in the next inning, when she singled, moved around to third and stole home.

The visitors came right back with a pair of runs to tie it in their next at bat, then broke the game wide open with five runs in the fifth inning.

Wednesday night, the Georgettes could manage just a pair of hits off of Hillsburgh hurler Melanie Rhynold, in falling 3-1.

Carol Spiteri was almost as effective on the Georgettes mound, limiting the heavy Hillsburgh bats to just four hits, while striking out seven. Spiteri fell victim to a pair of unearned runs and an RBI double by Vicki Anderson.

Shortstop Reynolds delivered a run-scoring double in the sixth inning, after McClure had reached on an error.

The Georgettes will now close out their season at a tournament in Glen Williams next week.