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New Monarchs blunt Sabres in penalty-filled contest

By PAM DOUGLAS
Herald Special
In a penalty-riddled battle with the Mimico Monarchs, the Acton Sabres fell 7-5 in Central Ontario Junior 'B' Hockey League action Friday night.

Randy Coverdale lead the Sabre attack with two goals, while Paul Fraser, Rick Dodds, and Brian Demone racked up the other Sabre goals. Mimico's Duane Brewster scored a hat trick in the first period.

By the two-minute mark of the first period Mimico had taken two penalties, the first one coming 22 seconds into the game. Acton failed to capitalize on the two-man advantage, but Randy Coverdale found the net with the help of John Turner and Mike Yalowica 35 seconds

after the first penalty expired, giving the Sabres a 1-0 lead.

The teams were playing three-a-side hockey after a fight put Coverdale and his opponent in the box at 15:40 and, a minute later, Sabre Mark Symes interfered with a Mimico player and was slashed for his trouble.

Fraser gave Acton a 2-0 lead with a breakaway from his own end. Mimico's Larry Mann robbed Fred Fess of his shut-out on a power-play goal with eight minutes left in the period.

Brewster tied it up for Mimico on a Sabre power-play after Acton's desperate attempt to keep the puck out of their end.

The Sabres answered with two quick goals. Dodds was assisted by Scott Kennedy, and

Coverdale's second of the night came on a Mimico power-play. He

lifted the puck over Mimico's netminder, Peter Mason, for an

unassisted marker. Mimico's Brewster scored on a power-play

and then completed his hat trick with one second left on the clock

by lifting the puck over a prone Fess.

The period ended with

a 4-4 tie. Both teams went goalless in the second period.

Demone and Vince Paradiso each had a breakaway in the latter half of the second period, but both were stopped by the Mimico netminder.

Mimico jumped to a 6-4 lead in the first half of the third.

Demone replied for the Sabres with a power-play goal, Acton's final goal of the night, assisted by Paradiso.

Mimico's Larry Mann was charged with the use of an illegal stick with five minutes left to play, too late to do the Sabres any good.

Mimico ended the scoring five seconds later.

The visitors outshot Acton 38-35 on the night.

Acton general manager Frank Allsop was not happy with the

way his club played.

"We can't seem to get two good games out of them back to back. They played one heck of a game last night (Thursday against Barrie)," he said.

The team lost 6-3 to the Barrie Colts Thursday.

"We were really proud of them. Tonight was a complete reversal of form. They couldn't seem to get it together out there," Allsop said.

"We don't know why. We'd like to put our finger on it."

The team was missing the services of Ken Kavanagh, who fractured the little finger of his left hand, and Ken Franklin who is working shifts.

The team plays in Milton this Friday and returns home Saturday to meet the Streetsville DERbys.



Acton Sabre shooter Rick Dodds (4) moves in for a rebound from the Sabres in a penalty-ridden affair at the Acton Arena Friday night.

(Herald photo by Pam Douglas)

PLAYING THE FIELD

GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor

Jills need to build

You get the feeling, talking to Roger Roy, that 1983 will be the year gymnastics comes alive in Halton Hills. Or dies.

Roy, a 35-year-old Georgetown banker, officially wrapped up a year-long stint as president of the Halton Hills Jills gymnastics club Monday night. He passed the reins over to a raw rookie, Diana Hoogendam, in what really is one of a series of well-thought-out moves in his grand plan to build the organization from the ground up.

Roy enrolled his daughter, Kim, with the Jills when he moved to this community two years ago. He soon began to see the Jills as a floundering outfit. That is, they were doing fine at the time, but the organization had no infrastructure, no plan for the future.

The same parents, six couples as Roy explains it, were involved with every facet of running the club. Two years ago, the daughters of those six couples all either retired, or graduated to more extensive programs, and the Jills were left up the proverbial creek, without any proverbial paddles.



HOOGENDAM

So Roy began to lay a foundation that should have been started years ago. First, the parents decided to change the club's long-standing affiliation with the town. They would keep their own shop, and pay for it, they decided.

The next move was to hire a full-time, professional coach in Kathy Aggiss, and begin work on developing solid, fundamental programs that would appeal to the widest segment of the public.

Now comes the tricky part. Roy is implementing a scheme to generate greater parent involvement. The long and short of it is that, if you want to see your daughter continue her involvement with the 'Jillians', 'Pre-Competitive' or 'Competitive' clubs, you have to register with at least one parent committee.

"Last year, it became apparent that we had to get the parents involved at a much earlier stage, when their kids are much younger," Roy said Monday. "Where we go in the next seven years or so depends on the leadership shown by the executive. You have to give parents a certain feeling, that there is some strength there.

"Nobody wants to get involved with a club that's going nowhere."

Handling the presidential reins to Hoogendam is part of Roy's plan to involve the parents. Hoogendam enrolled her seven-year-old daughter, Tascha, in the Jills recreational program two years ago.

Now Tascha is ready for the pre-competitive program. That meant Hoogendam was obliged to volunteer for committee duty. Now she's the president, and an important cog in the first part of Roy's plan for the future.

"I think the club can, and should, continue as it is," Roy said. "There will be no large growth this year. Just surviving this economic climate is a realistic goal.

"The thing for Diane is to learn as much as she can. Next year, she will be able to provide experience to support a new executive."

For Diane's part, she makes up for her lack of administrative and sports background with enthusiasm and open-mindedness. She is optimistic about the future of the Jills.

"I really wouldn't want to get involved if I thought the club was going down the tubes," she says candidly. "The hard work has already been done here.

"I'm just going to try and do whatever I can."

You have to start somewhere, after all.

Rebels grab OFSAA crown

By GERRY TIMBERS and KAREN PAYNE
The Georgetown District High School cross-country Rebels ran to glory at the London Ski Club this weekend, claiming a pair of provincial titles. The Rebs came out of the 32-school OFSAA championship ranked number two in the province, behind O'Neil Secondary School of Oshawa.

The Rebels were one of just three schools in the province to qualify for all six divisional finals at the OFSAA meet. They capped off what has been a banner year by sweeping both the boys and girls midjet titles.

The GDHS senior girls ran seventh in the

province, and the junior boys were 10th best. The junior girls were 12th overall. Altogether, 32 schools were represented at the OFSAA meet, pared down from the 450 schools that have competed towards the provincial finals since the school year began in September.

The satisfying part about the midjet championships for team coaches Donna Metcalfe and Karen Cosgrove was that they were the result of complete team efforts.

The boys won by placing four finishers in the top 40, led by Greg McKenzie in 10th spot. There were approximately 230 competitors in each of the six events.

Darren Boudreau ran 13th, Jeff Amato was

30th, and Mark Lamb finished 36th. Terry Dixon was the fifth member of the team, but only the top four finishers contributed to the team score.

"It just goes to prove that you don't have to have people in the top 10 all the time to win," coach Metcalfe said triumphantly on Monday.

"The future certainly looks bright, now, and we lived up to all of our expectations this year."

Alison Irvine sparked the midjet girls, with her 21st-place effort. Star Amy Powers, who ran fifth overall last year and looked set for a run at the title after finishing second at the Peel-Halton last week, suffered a severe fall and finished a disappointing 34th.

"You can't even stop for an instant, because those girls just go whipping by you," coach Cosgrove said. Powers was firmly entrenched in the top six when she fell.

Traci McFarlane ran 40th for the midjet gals, and Kim Hale was 47th. Tammy Green was the fifth member of the squad.

Eric Hopkins, who ran to a brilliant victory at the Peel-Halton final, nailed down 13th among the junior boys. Mike Wood was 55th, Dan Gallagher was 125th, and Bob Lovegrove 128th. Each of these runners managed to finish in the top half.

Senior girls Lynn MacPhail completed her event one minute behind the overall winner, but 12 other girls finished ahead of her still in what may have been the tightest of the divisional races.

Jen Pepper finished 70th for the senior gals, with Kathy Harris in 84th, Kim Newcombe 91st, and Fiona Heaton 94th.

Nancy Mustard paced the Rebel junior gals, with her 78th-place run. Cindy Wenham was 83rd, Anne Coulligan was 88th, Shawn Langdon 120th and Sandra Heaton 122nd.

David Banks, Jack Harlow, Garry Hulbert, Nick Parker and Rick MacGregor represented GDHS in the senior boys competition, making it six teams in the OFSAA final.

Gemini season sinking fast losses to Steamers, Cougars

The 1983-84 Central Ontario Junior 'B' Hockey League season is turning into a nightmare for the Georgetown Gemini.

A finalist in last year's league playoffs, the Gems have now dropped nine of their

first 12 starts. This week was the darkest yet, though, as they lost 8-7 to Burlington and 6-4 to Milton - both clubs the

Gems have to beat on a regular basis.

The Gems fell behind 4-0 in the opening 22 minutes of play against Milton Saturday night at Gordon Alcott Arena.

Mark Hamilton, one of the most efficient Gem forwards despite being hobbled with a recurring knee problem, finally lit the lamp with a power play marker at the 3:42 mark of the second stanza. Peter Haller and Riv Kennedy drew assists on the play. Newcomer Terry West made it 4-2 two minutes later, cashing in a relay from Bob Davey.

The Gems entered the third period trailing 5-2, but a pair of minor penalties handed out to Milton winger Rob Bourbonnais gave the home side an opportunity to get back in it.

Davey capitalized first, from West and Gerry Milne. Hamilton set up Mike Doucette moments later to set up an exciting finish.

The Steamers counted their sixth and final marker into an empty Gem net, as Wayne Cowley was lifted for an extra attacker for the final 30 seconds of play.

Raiders polish Gems

By GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor
The Georgetown Raiders ran into a red-hot goaltender Friday night at Gordon Alcott Arena, and they were fortunate to escape with a 5-2 victory over the Woodstock Gems in Senior 'A' Hockey League action.

A 5-2 final makes it sound like a laughing for the Raiders, but the locals weren't laughing midway through the final stanza, when the score was a more indicative 3-2. The home side blasted away at Woodstock goater Roger McKay with 81 shots, while Raider netminder Doug Dragasevich handled all but two of 15 shots directed his way.

"There are three factors you have to consider," Georgetown general manager Dave Kentner said later. "First, that goaltender. Second, they have a

team with little talent, but they are well-coached and play disciplined hockey. Third, even the worst teams are going to win a few, and it took our guys a while to take this team seriously."

The Gems are winless in seven outings this season. They actually did out-score the Dundas-Hamilton Tigers in an earlier game, but they lost that decision to the league because they used illegal players.

The Raiders, meanwhile, stretched their mark to five wins and a pair of ties in eight outings.

The visitors actually lit up the scoreboard first Friday night, as John Lawrence beat Dragasevich 28 seconds into the middle frame. Juri Kudrasovs and John Gibb tallied to supply the Raiders with a narrow 2-1 lead heading into the final 20

Any comeback hopes had already been dashed, though, when referee Jon Fleming handed Mike Doucette a questionable hooking penalty at the 19:03 mark of the third period.

Friday night in Burlington, the Gems just plain wasted a good effort in failing to the Cougars. They had rebounded from a 6-4 second-period deficit with three third-period goals, only to see the home side connect twice in the final seven minutes to take the decision.

Bill Bathgate led the Gems with two goals, including a shorthanded effort, and an assist. Kennedy also marked up a pair of goals and an assist, while Kent Falby was the third two-goal man for Georgetown. Hamilton had opened the scoring for the Gems, 24 seconds into the game.

Tonight the Gems are in Mississauga for their first look at the league's newest entry, the Mimico Monarchs. Friday night they travel to Oakville to battle the Blades, before returning to Alcott Arena Saturday to host the high-flying Barrie Colts.

Gridders lose

By DON SCALLEN
Herald correspondent
The Georgetown Flag Football League selects suffered ignominious defeat at the hands of a top Guelph touch team on Sunday. With the score already 24-0, at half time, Guelph rolled up a further 14 points in the second half, to post an overwhelming 38-0 victory.

The Guelph team excels in a game that is very different than flag football. The quarterback, facing an immediate rush, is under great pressure in touch football. He must release the ball within a couple of seconds. Because of this, the offence is denied the time needed to develop the standard patterns used in flag football.

A top quarterback becomes an absolutely indispensable element in this type of game. With the amazing Rick Baldwin absent, Georgetown was deprived of the high calibre of quarterback needed to challenge Guelph successfully.

The Georgetown defence fared relatively well considering the inability of the offence to hold onto the ball for more than three downs. Facing the rapid-fire, accurate passes of the Guelph quarterback, they made several impressive, tenacious goal line stands.

The Georgetown players should not despair. They played Guelph's game on Guelph's field. If the game and venue had been Georgetown's, the outcome would have been far different.

Peewees zipped

The Georgetown Standard Products minor peewees lost 5-0 to the Burlington rep squad at Nelson Arena in Burlington last Tuesday.

A very close checking game prevailed for two periods, with Burlington counting one goal in each period, and Georgetown coming close on several occasions. The third period opened up considerably, with Burlington counting three more markers. Excellent goal tending by Burlington kept Georgetown off the score board.

Wednesday evening at Memorial Arena, the Standard Products peewees saw action with the Oakville rep team. Playing a strong game this evening were Craig Cooper, Robbie Boyle and Trevor Snow. Gregg Enright tallied the lone goal for the Standard Products on a pass from Sean Gardner.

Oakville counted two goals in the second period and three goals in the third period, defeating the locals 5-1.

Atoms win 8-4

Chingacousy were the visitors to Memorial Arena in Tri-County Hockey League action this week as the Georgetown McNally Firefighter major atoms outshot their visitors 39-15 and outscored them 8-4.

Georgetown held a 2-1 first period edge in goals and increased their lead to 5-2 after the middle stanza. Six players shared the goal scoring with David Lawrence and Sean Guistini picking up two each. Single markers went to Brian Brooker, Steve Brown, Adam Hills and Jason Smith.

Hills and Smith were the big playmakers with three assists apiece while Brown, Trevor Elinecky, Adam Hagen and Brad Amato earned one each.

The defense gave up two power play goals but played well despite skating without number four, Duane Lewis, who was out of the lineup with an injury. Terry Metler guarded the Georgetown nets for the Firefighters' third win of the season.

Roxys edged

The Georgetown Roxy minor atom repa played a hard-checking defensive game last Tuesday against the Mississauga Black Hawks, losing the game in the last 26 seconds, 6-4.

This exhibition game was a good test for our minor atoms, who are preparing for a tournament in Buffalo, November 18, 19 and 20.

Our 'AA' team will be matched up against 'AAA' teams, but if any indication was seen from this exhibition game, we should fare very well.

Goalgetters were Scott McGulgan, Ernie Pearce, Tim Presswood, and Gord Buchan, with assists by Ryan Pella, Ryan Ward, Brian Pearce, Gord Buchan, Greg Dobbin, and Kenny Kosziwka. Shots on goal were 21-11 in Georgetown's favour.

Both goalies, David Frost and Kevin McMurray, were certainly put to the test and both showed excellent form.

Sunday night the team met Orangeville and lost 4-2. Goal scorers were Kenny Kosziwka and Shawn Pearson with assists by Ryan Ward and Pearson.