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Sports in brief

Hockey champ

Georgetown's Michelle Richmond was a member of the St. Catharines women's hockey team that captured the Ontario Senior 'C' title in Peterborough on the weekend.

Richmond, 19, a Georgetown District High School grad attending Brock University in St. Catharines, played left wing and counted five assists in the final two games of the 10-team tournament.

St. Catharines defeated host Peterborough, 3-1, in the tourney final to take the 'C' crown. They had defeated Newmarket, 4-3, and Nepean-Kanata 4-2, to reach the final. Their only loss of the tourney came in their opener against Belleville, a 3-1 setback.

Richmond, formerly of Moore Park Crescent, was a member of the Georgetown senior girls' hockey team for four seasons prior to leaving for St. Catharines.

Ice trouble

There was a melt-down at the North Halton Golf and Curling Club Friday night, washing out mixed curling league play for the evening.

A compressor breakdown was responsible for the melting of the ice Friday night, according to club secretary Pauline Hallburton. The ice didn't hold up for league play because of unusually mild temperatures, she added.

Repairs were effected immediately, and regular action resumed Saturday morning.

Video atoms tie

Georgetown H and H Video minor 'A' atoms met Acton this week in exhibition play. The result was a 2-2 tie with goals going to Jake Mashinter and Gord Buchan. Jeff Wright and Tommy Diardichuk earned assists.

Sunday the team met a superior 'AA' club at Flamboro in the first game of the semi-finals in O.M.H.A.

Georgetown took a heavy loss by a 9-0 score. Flamboro controlled the play while taking 29 shots on goal to Georgetown's seven shots.

Number two game of the best-of-five series will be Thursday night in Georgetown.

Roxys sharp

Thursday night saw action between the Georgetown Roxy minor atom AA's and the Ching squad.

Georgetown set the pace and monopolized a good portion of the play, outshooting Ching 2-0. The final score was 2-0 in Georgetown's favour with the winning goal by Tim Presswood from Greg Dobbie and the insurance goal registered by Ryan Pells from Chris Barrow and Scott McGulgan.

The team is preparing themselves for both the Timmy Tyke Tournament and an upcoming tournament in Brampton, March 12 through 15. After almost a two-week break, the team is anxious to get underway again.

Local gals win

The Georgetown Raquet Club ladies team scored an impressive victory when they hosted the Toronto Granite Club last week, sweeping all four matches played.

Team captain Wendy Cotton, Jan Cook and Diane Andrews were all 3-0 winners. Gloria Sinclair had a tougher time, but still emerged on the better end of a 3-2 decision.

The Georgetown men were equally impressive in 'D' League play, sweeping Mississauga Supreme 5-0.

Captain Ken Thorn, Rob Allison and Brian Day all won 3-1. Murray Jans squeaked by with a 3-2 decision over his opponent, while John McNally won his match by default.

Gymnasts score

Competing for the Milton Springers Club in the second gymnastic qualifying meet in the Central Region division, Georgetown girls Jennifer Arnold and Gail Eastwood placed in the top six.

Jenifer, in Argo A (under 12), placed third on bars, fourth on beam, fifth on vault and eighth on floor. She was second overall.

Gail, in Junior B (open age), placed second on beam and vault, fifth on bars, sixth on floor routine and fourth overall.

Tracy Weeks competed in her first competitive meet. An all-round solid performance and a score of 32.11 placed her in the top half of the Argo C division.

The third and final qualifying meet will be held in Burlington, March 31, with the top six gymnasts in each category representing Central Ontario in the Provincial Championships in May.

Harnois tunes

Georgetown athlete Kim Harnois competed at the Windsor Indoor Classic Games for the Disabled on the weekend as a tune-up for the upcoming Canadian Olympic trials.

Harnois, 18, of Sumach Trail, competed in the 100-meter freestyle and 100-meter back stroke swimming events, and the shot put competition. She competes in the A-1 class, for double above-the-knee amputees.

There were more than 300 competitors at the Games, from Canada, the United States and Australia.

Harnois will be trying for a spot on the Canadian Olympic squad, when try-outs are held in May. No site has been set for the qualifying competition, but Variety Village in Scarborough is a likely location.

If she makes the national team that will compete at the Olympics in Nassau County, New York, June 12-30, she will need to raise \$1,000 to offset her expenses.

What's new?

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Gems ousted at home

By GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor
The Georgetown Gemini season came to a sudden, unexpectedly early halt last Tuesday night at Gordon Alcott Arena.



Georgetown Gemini goaltender Wayne Cowley and defender Mike Doucette (9) close in on a loose puck behind the Gemini goal in the closing minute of Tuesday's playoff game. Seconds later, the Mimico Monarchs would score as a result of this play, eliminating the favored Gems in the first round with a 6-4 victory. (Herald photo by Gerry Timbers)

The Gems dropped the seventh and deciding game of their Central Ontario Junior 'B' quarter-final playoff series against the expansion Mimico Monarchs, 6-4.

It was a game that the home side controlled for two of three periods, and deserved to win. But like many big games, the outcome was decided on a fluke goal, and the Gems were victims of a bad bounce.

The defeat marked the end of the line for coach Jules Russiani, and six players. Russiani has already stated he is retiring from coaching. The six players - Bill Bathgate, Mark Hamilton, Chris Peavoy, Mike Monahan, Pat Bates and Bob Dean - are all graduating juniors.

The Gems led 2-1 after 20 minutes, thanks to a pair of pretty breakaway goals by Monahan, just 40 seconds apart. Kevin Frank assisted on both markers.

The Monarchs took control of the contest in the opening five minutes of the middle frame, scoring three times to build a 4-2 advantage. The Gems never really recovered, despite a

furious third-period rally.

"The breaks are going to win it for you every time," Russiani said later. "I thought we had a big edge in that last period, but they capit-

alized on a big break."

The break came with less than two minutes to play, after the home side had battled back to knot the score at 4-4. All-star goaltender Wayne Cowley went

behind his goal in search of a loose puck, and never recovered to stop Mimico's Jim Jordan from firing the game-winner into a gaping mesh.

Terry West had scor-

ed at the 11:01 mark of the final frame to pull the Gems even. Hamilton had made it 4-3 with an opportunistic goal, with five seconds showing on the second-period clock.

Five Rebs headed for OFSAA



TERRY DIXON DAVE POWER BOB SWEENZIE MARK BASSETT TIM DIXON
Georgetown wrestlers second overall at Peel-Halton

By GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor
Five Georgetown Rebel wrestlers are going to the OFSAA championship meet, this weekend in Scarborough.

Paced by five-time Halton champion Bob Sweezie, who swept through four matches to capture the 134-pound division, the Rebels amassed 63 team points

to finish second overall at the Peel-Halton finals Thursday at Erindale Secondary School.

Grade 11 wrestler Dave Power, 16, won his first Peel-Halton title in the 119-pound category. Veteran Tim Dixon, 18, also qualified for the Ontario finals, taking second overall in the 112.5-pound division.

Dixon didn't lose a match all day, but he

defaulted his final bout after having qualified for OFSAA. He is suffering from a shoulder injury, and didn't want to risk the wing before the provincial finals.

The brightest surprise of the day for Georgetown was the performance of first-year wrestlers Terry Dixon and Mark Bassett, who finished one-two in the 97-pound competition.

Rebel coach Bill Fournier expects at least one medal performance from the five-man squad headed for the provincial finals.

"The veterans are all good bets to do very well," Fournier said following the competition Thursday. "If they wrestle to their potential, we can expect to come home with a couple of medals."

GDHS sent a 14-man team to the 104-wrestler, 20-school Peel-Halton competition. In addition to the five OFSAA qualifiers, Rebels Scott Pundsack, Rick Middaugh and Craig Armstrong all finished in the top six of their respective weight classifications.

Host Erindale won the Peel-Halton team title, with 102 points.

Swim Rebs repeat win

The Georgetown District High School swimming Rebels continued their drive to an Ontario title, winning the overall team championship at the Peel-Halton meet Wednesday at the Etobicoke Olympic

pool.

Jason Dodokin's record-setting performance in the junior 50-meter butterfly event sparked the Rebels to six individual firsts, 11 seconds and seven

thirds. Those results, coupled with four firsts from the relay competitions, helped the Rebs pile up 718 points, outdistancing second-place Q.E. Park by 136 points.

Christian Wasserman was right behind Dodokin in his record swim, to give Georgetown a one-two punch in that event.

The Rebels were first-second again in the senior girls 100-meter free-

style event, with Sue Masson and Debbie Newman out-classing the field.

Masson was again the outstanding Rebel on the day, taking three firsts. She was also best in the 50-meter freestyle, and the 100-meter backstroke.

Other Georgetown winners were Sheila MacDonald (senior 200-meter freestyle) and John Millington (senior 100-meter backstroke).

Both Rebel senior relay squads set new Peel-Halton marks. Kathy Harris, Jenni Lusby, MacDonald and Newman represented the ladies, while Diederik Millenaar, Derek Bridge, Carber Goodlet and Christian Book set a new mark for the boys.

Twice the Rebels missed out on the gold, but dominated a race by sweeping second and third place. Millenaar and Rick Waltersson

accomplished that feat in the senior 50-meter freestyle race. Teresa Pollitt and Whitney Greig duplicated that performance in the junior 50-meter breast stroke competition.

Overall, the Georgetown seniors were runaway champions, compiling an amazing 445 points. That total was 154 more than the next highest total. The Rebel juniors contributed 273 points.

Raiders finish second overall with shutout win in Petrolia

By GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor
The Georgetown Raiders closed out their inaugural Ontario Senior 'A' Hockey League season in fine style on the weekend, sweeping a pair of road games to clinch second place in the nine-team loop.

The Raiders finished up with a 25-12-1 won-lost-tied record, good enough for second behind the defending

Allan Cup champion Cambridge Hornets.

Sunday night in Petrolia, the Raiders were never better, blanking the home-standing Squires 5-0 in a battle for second place.

Newly-signed veteran winger Peter Sturgeon was the star of the contest, bagging a pair of goals and turning in a generally robust effort on his left wing assignment.

Gary Landry, Paul

Gallagher and Tim Ampleford scored the other Georgetown goals, to support the shutout goaltending of Jim Lockhurst.

Raider general manager Dave Kentner looked toward the playoffs with an optimistic eye following the win in Petrolia.

"When you shut a team out in their own rink this late in the season, you know the

whole team is playing well," Kentner crowed. "This team can smell a championship."

"We have a good, strong defence, scoring punch, and Senior 'A' quality goaltending," Kentner was especially ecstatic about the play of Sturgeon. The big winger signed early this month after retiring early in the season with recurring knee problems.

"Peter just dominated," Kentner said. "He ripped through them out there. He's really playing well."

Center Juri Kudrassovs rediscovered his goal-scoring touch in Friday night's 7-3 Raider win in Collingwood, counting a hattrick. John Saunders, Sturgeon, Gallagher and Landry contributed single markers to the Georgetown attack.



PLAYING THE FIELD

GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor

Acton curler wins award

An accountant by trade, John Mintern will use his special skills to improve the lot of the Acton Curling Club over the summer.

There's much to be done this summer. The walls have to be sealed, and the roof needs mending. The building needs to be insulated.

Not exactly the type of work you expect an accountant to be up to, is it? Well, John Mintern's special qualities aren't limited to the magic in his adding machine. The man is an achiever.

He's a doer. And he's been doing for the sport of curling in Halton Hills since he moved to Georgetown 24 years ago, with wife Alice, to take a position in the Smith and Stone business office.

Retired at age 62, Mintern won't hesitate to dirty his executive hands with fibre glass and plaster to make the Acton club a more inviting hospice for his brother curlers.

That healthy attitude and dedicated approach has earned Mintern the Seagram's Five Star Achievement Award, a plaque given to patrons of the sport who have given outstanding service to the game and their individual club over a long period of time.

Mintern is no stranger to curling circles in this area, certainly. He was a member of the North Halton club for nine years, serving on all committees, and including a term as the Men's section president. He is most well-known in these parts as the father of the Halton-Peel Bonspiel, which has grown from humble beginnings in 1968 to more than 100 rinks in 1984, and more than \$3,000 in prize money.

"I guess I'm a person who likes to be involved," Mintern said recently. "I truly believe that the more you put into something, the more you will get out of it."



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JOHN MINTERN

The Halton-Peel Bonspiel was originally the brainchild of Brampton Curling Club representatives. Mintern became involved when they decided the idea was too much work to see through.

Of course, he got a big break when he convinced his employer, Smith and Stone president Dixon Chant, to sponsor the event for the first two years.

"I just happened to be speaking to the president, who just happened to be a curler himself," Mintern smiles.

His latest efforts to promote curling were realized just this past Sunday, when play began in a new, eight-rink major Men's league. The new loop consists of entries from Chinguacousy, Milton, Oakville and Acton. Next year Mintern would like to see the league expand to include a rink from North Halton.

A skilled and admittedly competitive curler, Mintern feels his efforts benefit the social curlers the most. Rightfully so, he points out.

"The main merit of curling is its sociability," Mintern says. "Curling is meeting many, many people, and by and large, about 99 per cent of them are nice people."

That's why Mintern took on the task of Ontario Curling Association district representative when it was offered in 1977, a post he held until last season. He succeeded North Halton's Graham Farnell as the Zone rep, working with the OCA on behalf of the 10 area curling clubs.

"It was fairly demanding and time consuming, but certainly a pleasant task," Mintern said.

When Mintern receives his plaque at a special ceremony next month, he will be celebrating a decade of service with the Acton club. Since retiring from the OCA position, he has turned his efforts towards building the Acton club, "and keeping it as a good, sociable place for people to come out and participate in sport."

That decade of service now seems even more worthwhile, now that Seagram's has taken notice of his contribution over the years.

"It's a very good thing to recognize people," Mintern said. "I'm proud to be chosen, really quite pleased that I was considered."

It's the local curling establishment that can be proud, Mr. Mintern.

Optis stop Owen Sound

Alcott Arena was the site of victory for the Georgetown minor pee-wee "AA" Optimists Saturday as they skated to a 2-1 win to eliminate Owen Sound from the O.M.H.A. quarter-finals in game four of the series.

Wade Serjentson put Georgetown ahead 1-0, picking up a pass from Mike Melville, breaking in alone to put the puck away high in the corner at 4:39 of the first period.

Owen Sound tied the

game at 4:42 of the second stanza.

At 7:12 of the third frame, Dale McNiven fed Wes McCauley a long pass for a nice break into Owen Sound territory, as he put away the game winner high in the corner.

Superb goaltending by Chris Cambouris and excellent backchecking by the local squad certainly contributed strongly to this win.

The next quarter-final series will commence this week against Fort Erie or Galt.