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Getting players top priority

Raiders name Gil Eyre to GM duties

The Georgetown Raiders of the Ontario Senior "A" Hockey League have announced the hiring of Gil Eyre as the team's new general manager.

Eyre will replace Dave Kentner, who resigned last month, citing personal reasons.

Eyre was with the team last year as an assistant general manager. He also helped out Gerry Inglis with coaching when needed.

Eyre is experienced in both coaching and general manager positions. He held such a position with Dundas teams in both Intermediate "A" and Senior "A" leagues.

Eyre was also a general manager-coach with a junior "A" team in Brantford, and has coached on the junior "B" level.

The 43-year-old Hamilton resident has big

goals for the upcoming year.

"I want to win it (the Allan Cup)," he said.

Last year was the Raiders' first year in the Senior "A" league after playing a number of years at the Intermediate "A" level. After downing Collingwood in the first round of the league playoffs, the Raiders lost to Petrolia in five games.

Eyre has cited some priorities he now faces with this year's team.

"We have a good nucleus of players this year," he said. "We must pick up six or seven other good players who want to win."

"You got to make sure this type of players are on the team. I've got a couple of players I'm looking at now."

"Last year's team was a good one, but I



GIL EYRE
 ...new GM

think it was thin on the depth chart," Eyre added.

Team president Finn Poulstrup said Eyre had all the qualities he was looking for in a general manager.

"We were looking for someone who knew a lot of people in hockey, a person who had contacts and loyalties from which he could draw upon."

"We wanted someone who we felt could motivate people, a person who could motivate the players to give 110 per cent, and Gil has the ability to get the players to play for a reason."

"We also felt Gil had the right type of personality to fit in with that of the Georgetown Raiders, which is understanding responsibility and commitment. Gil had the best track record of all the people we looked at, and I know we made the right choice for general manager," Poulstrup said.

One problem the new manager will face is who will coach the team. Last year's coach is not expected back, thus providing the team with a vacancy there. However, Eyre will first put together a team, then look for a coach.

One possibility that exists is having Eyre assume both duties. But Eyre said he has not given much thought to assuming both roles.

"If I make that sort of commitment, I will find the time to do both jobs, but I really haven't thought about it. Right now, I have other priorities," he said.

NOTES - The Raiders' training camp will begin September 9 at the Alcott Arena. The team will face Cambridge Sept. 28 at home. In between that time will be two exhibition games.

The Raiders' first two games will be at home (against Cambridge and Petrolia). Eyre feels it would be nice to get off to a fast start.

"But it is a long season," he said.

All home games will begin at 8:15 p.m. instead of 8:30 p.m.

McGaw, mates win fastball title

By DAN RALPH
 Herald Sports Editor

When the going gets tough, the tough get going.

Georgetown's Tara McGaw and her teammates faced a tough task of playing three fastball games in succession in order to win the Canadian Junior Ladies Fastball tournament in Burnaby, British Columbia this weekend. However, after pulling together, McGaw and her Pickering mates emerged with three wins and a national title.

The tournament began play with the opening round games on Wednesday. After winning those three games quite easily, Pickering advanced to the double-elimination portion of the tournament where the host team scored a



TARA MCGAW

2-1 decision in their first game.

That meant the Pickering team would have to play the remainder of the tournament weary that one more loss would eliminate them from their goal of a national championship.

On Sunday, to realize that goal, the team had to play three consecutive games and win them all.

"We had to play Alberta," McGaw said, "and we beat them 5-1. Right after that game we had to play in the final against Burnaby and beat them twice."

"We won the first game 2-1, and won the second 2-0," she said. "It really hasn't set in yet because I'm so tired."

The 18-year-old outfielder usually plays for Chinguacousy of Brampton, but was picked up by

"The one game we got beat, their fans were really behind them," she said. "They were really psyched for the game, and after they kept telling us we had to take the long way to the final."

But being on a national championship team is something that McGaw feels is the result of a lot of hard work and dedication.

"The night before we had to play Alberta, we didn't think it was possible to win three games in a row. I think it is normal to have doubts about that sort of thing."

"But we started to build up our confidence because everyone else thought it couldn't be done."

The first few games of the tournament were hard for McGaw because of the pressure of playing

in a national tournament began to mount. However, after the first few games, she began to calm down and play with the pressure.

In the ten games the team played in, McGaw saw action in nine. She had a good tournament at the plate too, getting five singles, a triple, scoring nine runs and being walked eight times.

The Pickering team now has qualified for the world championship tourney, but there is still a chance McGaw won't be on that team.

"They are not sure if they will take the whole team, or pick up some players from the Canadian tournament," she said. "I'd like to go, and would be disappointed if I wasn't able to go."



Losing control
 BMX racer Jamie Dorval loses control of his bike on the turn as Troy Winters prepares to assume the leader's position in the 12-13 year old Beginner riders race held at Leathertown BMX racing course this weekend. The Acton course was the site of the provincial BMX championships. See A11 for results.
 (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

GMHA decides in favor of FIA

By DAN RALPH
 Herald Sports Editor

The Georgetown Minor Hockey Association (GMHA) has decided to use the hockey training principle developed by former Chicago Black Hawk Pat Stapleton.

Stapleton developed the Fundamentals in Action (FIA) programs in his hometown of Alliston, which incorporates all the elements of

hockey into one drill.

After having Pepsi-Cola get interested in the program, a move was made to have as many hockey associations as possible be exposed to the hockey principle.

At a meeting Monday night, the GMHA decided to have its coaches exposed to FIA. That will likely occur later in September, just prior to the beginning of the GMHA season in October.

Last week GMHA president Wayne Pries had lunch with former hockey all-star Billy Harris about the FIA program. At that time he was happy with what he heard from Harris, and is happy the GMHA has decided to accept the program.

"I'm glad to see it," he said. "I think it will be a benefit to the boys to be taught the basics of hockey."

There will be a cost for the program Pries said, but that will be taken care of by the association. He said about 450 boys will take part in the program, at a cost of \$2 per player.

NOTES - Registration for a conditioning camp will be held tomorrow at the Alcott Arena, and on Saturday at the Memorial Arena. The camp will be held in conjunction with the Atom Mom's Hockey Exchange.

Specters protest OASA playoff series

Glen Williams Specters are technically out of the running for the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) title, but they still have a

glimmer of hope that could get them back in the provincial playoffs.

Last week the Specters dropped two decisions to York Merchants in

the best-of-three playoff by scores of 6-0 and 5-0. However, prior to the beginning of the series, Specters manager Ted Wilkes lodged a formal



Giving it her all
 Nine-year-old Allison Munro puts everything she has into her backhand on this shot. Munro was taking part in the Italian Hills Parks and Recreation Department's Ontario Tennis Camp for youths at Joseph Gibbons tennis courts last week.
 (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

protest with the OASA stating York had players that were illegal.

Under association rules, teams playing in the Intermediate A category cannot have players exceeding a population of 30,000. Wilkes said York has many players who live in Toronto, Etobicoke, North York, Metro Toronto and Barrie, all of which exceed the league stipulations.

"It's been a well known fact for years now," Wilkes said about York using players from the bigger communities. "It's just that no one has ever done anything about it."

"I lodged the protest before the series began to show it was just not a case of sour grapes if we lost," he said.

Wilkes said the chances the protest will travel

Erin basketball player misses provincial berth

ERIN - At a time when feeling sorry for one's self would seem appropriate, Samantha Reed is trying to look on the bright side of not making the provincial ladies under-21 basketball team.

Reed was one of 16 players selected provincially to attend the team's training camp that began July 24 at Sudbury's Laurentian University. After 10 days of three practices daily, the team moved to St. Catharines August 3 where a number of exhibition games were played against Empire Games teams from Buffalo, as well as intra-squad encounters.

On August 6, the team was trimmed to 12, and unfortunately Reed's name was not on the travelling team's roster.

"I'm disappointed I didn't make the team," she said, "but I'm probably looking at this from the wrong angle. I was fortunate to be one of 16 picked for this camp."

"It was good exposure and was a great experience."

Reed was fortunate just to be at the team's camp. The team held a tryout session one weekend to select the 16 players for training camp.

Reed was there for the tryout, but was not selected to go to the camp. When one of the girls selected could not make it to Sudbury, the coaches were looking for their last player at a regional tournament Reed happened to be playing in.

At the tournament's end, the coaches asked the five-foot, 11-inch forward if she would be interested in attending training camp.

Happy to attend, Reed knew the odds of her making the squad were low.

"I went in tentatively being the 16th player selected," she said. "This was the first time I had tried out for the team, and from what I heard, it was hard for a player to make it on her first try."

"Most of the veterans were university players with more experience. It's tough not making it, but only three first-year players made the team," she said.

But Reed does have an invitation to try out again for the team next year, and she has an extra little incentive to help her.

"Next year will be the Canada Games, and they will have women's basketball. The provincial team will go there to play, which will be an incentive for me."

"I'll really be looking forward to that," she said.

But in the meantime, Reed will try to upgrade her game. The provincial coaches pointed out her weak points, and Reed will work hard to improve them.

"The coaches told me I wasn't aggressive enough, that I didn't have that killer instinct. It's different playing high school ball, in that you don't need that, but you do at the provincial level."

"At the provincial level, you have to get out there and get real intense. I know I can do it, I just have to tell myself to do it," she said.

Early runs no help for junior Eagles

Georgetown Eagles of the Halton County Junior Baseball League found the number three to be quite unlucky for them this week.

The Eagles lost all three games they played, and could muster but three runs in each one.

Saturday night, Mississauga came into Georgetown, and left the Fairgrounds with a 7-3 win.

Andrew Braun took the loss, fanning nine.

The Eagles had the lead in the game, scoring two runs in the first

inning.

Jay Anderson singled, stole second and scored on Mike Friskney's single. Friskney came across the plate for the second Eagles' run when Braun singled.

In the seventh inning, Rob Hagen walked and scored on Anderson's single.

Sunday at the Fairgrounds the Eagles played a doubleheader with Niagara Falls, and dropped both games 12-3 and 6-3.

In the first game, again Georgetown struck early when Paul Blackmore singled and scored the first run on Hagen's double. Friskney then singled, which scored Hagen to give the Eagles an early 2-0 lead.

But Georgetown would not score again until the seventh inning when Hagen singled and moved to second on Mario Galvao's single. Paul Guistini reached base on an error, which scored Hagen.

In the second game the first inning again proved to be a good one for the

Eagles, who struck for a run when Galvao walked, stole second and scored on Hagen's single for an early 1-0 lead.

In the fourth inning Guistini singled and went to third on Chris Fabbri's double. Guistini scored on Kevin Hughes' single.

In the fifth inning Georgetown struck for their final run when Hagen singled and scored on Pat Brooker's double.

Fabbri took the loss for the Eagles.