

Acton residents decide in favor of Junior "C" hockey franchise

ACTON-Acton residents have taken the first step towards getting a team to replace the now defunct Acton Sabres.

About 65 people voted in favor of applying for a Junior "C" franchise for the upcoming hockey season. The residents turned down the applying for either an Intermediate "B" or "C" club.

The meeting was called by former Sabres president Frank Allsop, and the main reason for it was to decide on what way Acton would go in obtaining another hockey club. The Sabres folded twice last summer, and had to leave the Central Ontario Junior "B" League.

The Junior "C" franchise will be made up of 18 players aged 17-21, and will be allowed five imports if the community's population does not exceed 7,500. Acton's population is about 7,200.

Ontario Hockey Association president Brent Ladds was at the meeting, and was happy with the turnout.

Ladds said the budget for a Junior "C" team is anywhere from \$20,000 to \$30,000 and would reach a maximum figure of about \$40,000. He also cautioned

the Acton residents prior to their vote to think about what the future would hold for their decision.

"You have to try and look to the future," he said. "You will be making a decision for players 10 years from now."

Ladds answered questions from the people attending, and left about a half hour after arriving. Former Acton Minor Hockey Association coach Ed Thomson then presented a proposal on behalf of the tentative Junior "C" team executive and its already 19 directors.

"Junior "C" would be more competitive and would provide an outlet for the players' peers," he said. "We have an executive, directors, volunteers and the support of the community and last but not least we have the hockey talent."

When Allsop posed the question, "All in favor of a Junior "C" club show by a raise of hands," all but one person voted in favor.

Allsop had wanted an Intermediate club in Acton, but said he will go with the wishes of the people.

"If people support a Junior "C" team, then it is the best thing that could

have happened. The people have spoken and hope they give the new executive the support they are looking for."

The decision will benefit players from the Ed's In and Out Variety midgets, who will lose 14 of the 18 players next year. Team manager Bruce Cargill was happy with the decision.

"With the number of boys coming up now and over the next three years, we will have good crop," he said. "There is no way a 18-year-old can play with a 24-year-old. It is impossible."

An Intermediate team would allow players up to 24 years of age. Coach Steve Marshall said the move to go Junior "C" was a good one.

"I think it is the way to go. The quote of 40 boys sitting out next year is a close estimate, and it is the only logical way to go," he said.

A meeting has been called for March 21 for the transfer of the team to the new Junior "C" executive. No time or place has been named. The Junior "C" application must be in before April 15.

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OHA decides on protests

TORONTO-Georgetown Chrysler Raiders will be able to use former Olympic team player Darren Lowe the remainder of the Senior "A" playoffs.

That decision was made Thursday at the Ontario Hockey Association office here.

The Raiders had two protests to deal with Thursday, and had another coming from Petrolia in the works. The two were from Collingwood Shipbuilders and Cambridge Hornets.

Both teams said Lowe should not be able to play until Georgetown won its way out of the Senior "A" playoffs. They said Lowe was an import player because he played in the National Hockey League last year.

After the Olympics, Lowe played eight games on an amateur tryout for Pittsburgh Penguins. However, the tryout form allows Lowe to keep his amateur status according to the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

Both Collingwood and Cambridge said league rules stipulate a team can only play the first three imports it sign, although a team is allowed to sign six. An import player is one who has played in a professional league, or university team the year before after Dec. 31.

Right now Georgetown has signed six imports (including Lowe), and if the league rules were to be interpreted in the manner the two protesting teams sought, the Raiders could only play Tom and John Gibson and goalie Rick Wilson even though Wilson is currently in the International Hockey League and has never played a game for Georgetown this year.

The other two imports are Fred Bolmistruk and Dan Meloff.

The Raiders interpreted the rule as saying a team could play any three of its six imports, and so Lowe has played since signing in early December.

The OHA decided Lowe to be an import because he played with the NHL last year, but also said Georgetown could play him so long as only two other imports be dressed and playing.

Collingwood dropped its protest voluntarily before the decision was made, partly because it did not pay the \$100 fee required to have a protest looked at by the OHA. Cambridge went ahead with its protest, and lost.

The Raider contingent that went to Toronto consisted of president Finn Poulstrup, sponsor Barry Whitworth, coach-general manager Gil Eyre and executive members Bob Hooper and Dave Kentner along with Stan Larusso. For the most part they were not happy with the decision.

The league rule stating only three of the six imports signed can play is not in the league constitution, and at best is a gentleman's agreement among team members.

"We will submit a rule to the floor of the OHA meeting that only rules in the OHA manual can be enforced by the OHA," Poulstrup said. "We're going to push this so we don't have any of that type of stuff anymore."

"For the short term we're happy we get to play Lowe, but for the long term the OHA has just taken a large step backwards and the future of Senior hockey is not sunny. They're trying to keep parity by weakening the front-runners," Kentner said.

According to Eyre, had the two teams gotten their way and Lowe was found ineligible, the Raiders would have stopped everything.

"Oh yeah, we would have put an injunction in and stopped everything," he said. "The bottom line is they wanted Darren Lowe out."

"I'm not happy with it, but at this point and time there has to be a ruling and we were prepared to fight it right to the end."

Petrolia has withdrawn its protest.

Team's final standing not true indicator Raiders go ahead of Squires 2-1

By DAN RALPH
Herald Sports Editor

Petrolia Squires might have ended the Ontario Senior "A" regular season in sixth spot, but you would have a tough time convincing Georgetown Chrysler Raiders' coach-general manager Gil Eyre they are a sixth place team.

The Raiders currently lead the best-of-seven league quarterfinal 2-1, but Eyre said Petrolia is a lot better team than

their record indicates.

"Certainly the team they have now is not a sixth place hockey club," he said. "I don't feel they are a sixth place team. They are playing with a lot of intensity."

The Raiders won the series opener last Tuesday 5-2, but had to score four goals in the last period for the win. Friday Georgetown came out on the winning end of

a 5-4 score.

The Squires won their first game of the series Sunday in Sarnia 6-3.

Sunday, four goals in a six-minute span in the second period gave the Squires a cushion they

would never relinquish.

Veteran Raider Tim Ampleford was the standout in the Raiders' first two wins. He notched the tying goal Tuesday that got the home team going, and Friday he notched two goals, and turned in a solid two-way performance, blocking a Petrolia shot from the point with just five seconds left to play.

"The key for us will be Tim Ampleford," Eyre said. "He's playing better now than I've ever seen him play."

Doug Fry, Ampleford, Ray Tonelli, Gary McFadyen and Dave Walter

M and M team eliminated

Georgetown's M and M Pro Sports bantams dropped three straight games in their OMHA playoff set with Stratford.

Stratford took the three games 6-1, 8-2 and 10-0.

Dave Harris, Jason Arnold and Danny Lane had the goals. Ken Langdon had two assists while singles went to Alain Thibault, Arnold and Pat McCarthy.

Swim protest will be heard

The protests involving the Peel-Halton swim meet will be heard April 3 by a Board of Reference.

The Board will look at why the meet was called an official event despite having a number of schools absent due to poor weather conditions. Among the half-dozen or so protests is one from Georgetown swim coach Joe Bray.

Bray elected to have his team not make the trip to Etobicoke for the event due to severe snow conditions the day of the meet. He informed the meet convenor GDHS would not be attending, and turned down a request from the convenor that Georgetown come down and compete with the other schools in an exhibition meet.

Those coaches who attended met with the convenor and decided the meet be held as an official one even though a number of schools could not attend. As a result, the protests came in.

The Board will be made up of 15 executive members of the Peel-Halton athletic association.

Bray said the protest is being pursued so that a similar incident not occur in high school athletics.

"We're hoping to get procedures established so this sort of thing won't ever happen again. There isn't a week that goes by that there is not an athletic event of some kind going on and there should be policies and procedures worked out that put the safety of the athletes first," he said.

Bray said he is not sure if any disciplinary action will be involved in the Board's eventual decision.

"The people I've talked to weren't prepared to make any guesses as to what could or would happen," he said.

Tim Dixon wins wrestling crown

Even a separated shoulder couldn't keep Tim Dixon from winning the gold at the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) wrestling championships.

Dixon was leading in the final by one point when with just nine seconds left he separated his shoulder. The medical crew at the meet quickly corrected the problem, and Dixon continued wrestling. In fact, he scored three more points after that point to win the 119-pound class.

The gold medal win ended an eight-year drought by the Rebel team. Pete Fournier last won a Rebel gold.

"I thought for sure he broke he thing," team manager Wayne Dixon said. "I couldn't imagine what it could be like but it had to hurt like heck."

Three other Georgetown wrestlers took part in the meet, which featured 470 of the province's best wrestlers. Bill Murphy finished 10th in the 84-pound class and Dixon was pleased with Murphy's finish because this was the youngster's first provincial championship.

"All things being equal he was respectable," Dixon said.

Dave Power finished 12th in the 127-pound class and Terry Dixon had to withdraw after his first match due to an injury.



"A Celebration" time

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club held its carnival this weekend at Memorial Arena. "A Celebration" was put on three times for spectators. The youngsters above give an indication as to the superb costumes the carnival had. Above them is Paula Hagen, who is working on the finer techniques of handling her ribbon. (Herald photos)

Rebel swim squad wins OFSAA title

Consistent swimming seemed to be Georgetown's key in winning the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) Senior swim meet Friday at the Etobicoke Olympium.

The GDHS club had only one individual gold medal, but had a host of second, third and other top 10 finishes that counted for points in defeating Q.E. Park by 100 points. The provincial crown Friday went nicely with the third place finish Saturday at the OFSAA open event.

The meet Saturday was open to all club swimmers, while Friday it was limited to those athletes not competing for clubs.

The provincial crown is a gratifying one for the GDHS team, seeing as they never had a chance of competing at the Peel-Halton championships. Bad weather the day of the meet forced Georgetown to forgo the event.

However, those teams attending the meet met with the convenor and decided the meet be official despite a number of absences. Georgetown is among a half-dozen schools protesting the meet.

"This is more than a small consolation," said Rebel coach Joe Bray. "I can't hardly believe it with all the difficulties (no pool and bad weather) we have had this season and still do so well."

The indoor pool at the school has been closed for months for repairs.

While being happy for finishing first Friday, Bray was equally happy with his team's performance at the open event.

"I was pleased because there were so many club swimmers there. There weren't that many last year because there was a major meet held at the same time the OFSAA meet was."

Last year the Georgetown team swept both events.

For a list of the winning performances, see sports scoreboard on page C3.

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Roxy ties opener

Georgetown Minor Atom "AA" Roxys opened their Tri-County playoff in Dundas Saturday, playing their hosts to a 1-1 tie.

The teams played a scoreless first period as Georgetown goalie Trevor Knight made several fine saves to keep the score even.

Randy Bond put the locals up 1-0 early in the second while Andy Jones and Jason Walker assisted. That goal stood up until the middle of the third when Dundas tied it up on the power play.

Late in the game with the man advantage, both Steve Meiykuty and Ryan Pirie had point-blank chances for the winner only to be stopped by the Dundas goalie.

The round-robin series continued Tuesday as the locals hosted Streetsville.

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