

# Pitching situation does not look good

# New Eagles manager faces crisis

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Dan Guistini is facing a potentially serious problem in his first season as manager of the Georgetown Junior Eagles.

The Central Ontario Baseball Association Junior League, formerly the Halton County Baseball Association, team does not have an abundance of pitchers returning this season. Last year Gerry Milne, Chris Fabbri, Andrew Braun did the bulk of the pitching with help from Paul Guistini, Mario Galvao and Rod Wilson.

This year Milne and Fabbri are too old to play, and Braun has been approached by Cambridge Terriers of the Major Inter-County Baseball League about pitching there.

"We're going to be asking around," Guistini said. "We can draw from Milton, so we will be looking there."

The Eagles will be losing a lot of talent this season as a number of players can't play due to age ineligibility.

However, a number of last year's players will be back. As well as Guistini and Galvao, veterans Brad Yocman, Jay Anderson, Grant Nairn, Pat Brooker Jr., Neal Sievertson and Rob Hagen are eligible to return this year.

Milne and Kevin Hughes will join Guistini as coaches. "This will be a rebuilding year," Guistini said. "If we had 10 wins in the 25-game schedule I would think that would be a good goal. We pretty well lost the nucleus of last year's ball team."



DAN GUISTINI

Guistini succeeds Kevin Burke as Eagles manager. Burke had been with the team since its inception into the Halton league three years ago, but the Georgetown Baseball Association (GBA) felt it was time to allow someone else a chance at running the team.

As well as clearing up the pitching situation, Guistini would like his club to be more consistent in the hitting department.

"We didn't hit consistently last year," he said. "We'll maybe be looking at using some video equipment to let the players see what they look like at the plate."

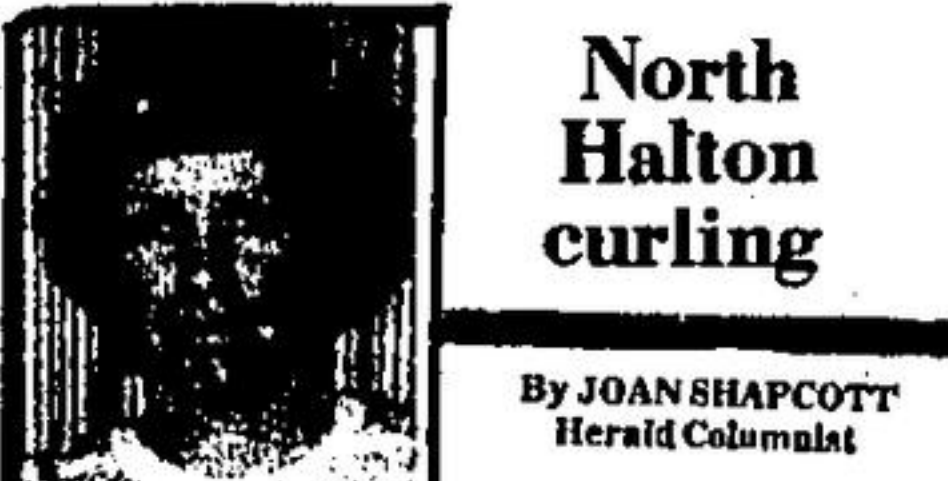
The squad began indoor training Monday night at Stewarttown Public School, and will continue until weather conditions allow for outdoor practices.

As for a possible alternative to the pitching situation, Guistini said he will look closely at having Nairn do some pitching. A left-hander, he would prove to be quite an asset to the club.

"We do have some kids who can throw well," Guistini said. "The return of Braun, though, would help the new manager out a lot."

"We're hoping he will be back, but we're not going to stand in his way," Guistini said.

NOTES - Although the league schedule isn't out, the Eagles will likely start play May 11.



## North Halton curling

By JOAN SHAPCOTT  
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## North Halton team tankard winners

They arrived in Belleville ready to play, and play they did. It was a first for North Halton to reach the finals of the Southern Ontario Ladies Curling Association tankard in its 71-year history and our name will be added to the trophy amongst the many of the finest clubs in Ontario.

Georgetown played Barrie the first game and could do little wrong in forcing Barrie to concede after eight ends of the 10-end contest. They then met Uxbridge in the final and the first few ends were tight but Georgetown continued their strong play and were up 12 after nine ends and victory was theirs.

Again congratulations to Joan Shapcott (skip), Margaret Simpson (vice), Alice Frazer (second) and Eva Bradley (lead); Shirley McDermott (skip), Donna Blight (vice), Lois Massey (second) and Mary Black (lead).

Our Ladies Spring Break bonspiel was held March 13 with teams from Nobleton, Brampton, Milton, Oakville, Burlington, Hamilton and Toronto competing.

Winners of the 9 a.m. draw were our very own Joan Mustard, Jane Burrows, Theresa Smith and Shirley Wilkinson. They were beaten out of the trophy by a quarter point by Trif Manning's team from Dixie who were the overall winners of the day.

The Business Women held their annual bonspiel this weekend and North Halton came through again. Trophy winners for the day were Karin Henderson, Shirley Rae, Lynne Jefferson and Jane Burrows. Second overall was Lee Livingston of Malton Legion.

Our curling season is winding down and will soon be over. Our final club event is the mixed Cornelius April 11-14. This is one of our best in-club events, so sign up now.



## Cross country skiing

By JOHN PEAKER  
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## Spring skiing

Many skiers look out their windows in the city and upon seeing bare pavement and green grass assume skiing is "out fini" for the season. Unfortunately, they are missing out on what I feel is the best time of year for cross-country skiing. They are missing the exquisite joys of spring skiing.

The snow may be melting, but look a little further - in the bush. There is an abundance of white stuff as a result of the constant grooming and packing of trails during the winter. In many areas a base of 60-70 centimeters remains on the trails. Neither rain nor warm weather is going to make it disappear overnight. Sure there may be the odd bare spot, but don't let that stop you.

On the writing of this I had just returned from a fabulous outing to one of the local conservation areas. I had left early in the morning and experienced two completely different skiing conditions in one day.

On my arrival the groomed tracks had been frozen to a glaze overnight - perfect for a fast workout. I was alone with the smells and sounds of spring. The birds were chirping and the streams were busting over their banks, the water falls at the various dams sounded like miniature generating stations. The maple trees were being tapped for maple syrup, the perfect stillness was awesome and the adrenalin started to flow.

After I "laced" on a generous portion of jackrabbit klistar wax, I was about to start when I heard a loud barking sound. When I looked up in the sky, I soon realized the barking came from a flock of Canada Geese. They were humungous birds, winging their way across the sky in grandiose fashion.

I wanted to yell out to the world to express my happiness at this moment in time. I did start to talk to myself as a matter of fact with the question, "where are all the skiers?"

I received no answer. Suddenly I withdrew into a greedy mood. After all I had the trails all to myself. The trails were all mine and I wouldn't have to share them with anyone on this beautiful spring morning. For once I wouldn't have to yell "track" or stop and lend waxing assistance to a novice. My selfish desire for unlimited pleasure made me think I should keep these perfect conditions secret from the world. I had it all to myself and I hoped it would remain that way.

I suddenly awoke from my comatose state and took off with jackrabbit on my "shiny boards". I glided over the tracks like a speed skater, my wax working to perfection. I felt like I could beat Pierre Harvey and Bill Koch with both hands tied behind my back. The crusty, slick tracks were perfect for the diagonal stride, for skating, for double poling and ideal for the "Peaker Pump". I was so pumped up that I was on a high I hoped would last forever. Even the downhill were faster than I had ever seen them. As I rounded one hair-pin turn at high speed, while holding my tuck position I imagined I was Ken Read or Franz Klammer competing in a World Cup downhill event.

What a feeling!  
What a sport!

# '84 incident won't hamper Specters

This year Glen Williams Specters won't have to worry about running into the same problems they did last season in their quest for a provincial championship.

The Specters dropped three straight games to North York Merchants in their Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) playoffs, but protected the series because the Merchants had players on their roster who were outside the North York drawing area. Although the OASA agreed the

players were illegal, it turned a deaf ear on the Specters' protest.

"I've been assured by the OASA that this sort of situation won't happen again," said Specters manager Ted Wilkes. Wilkes said a number of amendments have been proposed for the OASA annual meeting set for the middle of next month.

As for the upcoming season, Wilkes will be returning as manager for the team. He will have a

sound nucleus to work with as a number of last year's players will be returning.

Veterans Andy Broadbent, Mike Reynolds along with pitchers Mark Curtis and Gary Halls are some of last year's members who are back. Wilkes said he is looking for a little more strength offensively from his club.

"We had very good pitching and if we can strengthen ourselves offensively we should be alright."

One hole the club will have to plug is that of centre field. Last year Jack Bergama played there, but he is in Edmonton now, and won't be back for a couple of years.

The Inter-County Fastball League will have a new franchise this season, as Action will join its ranks. The Action team takes the place of the Cambridge squad, which withdrew after last year.

"Action should be a good addition," Wilkes added.

The Specters had a team meeting last night, where objectives for the upcoming season were discussed as well as arrangements for indoor practice sessions.

"It's hard to believe the season is just six weeks away," Wilkes said.

The Specters will start league play in May. "The players were disappointed with the North York incident last year," Wilkes said. "They worked hard and wanted to make a go of it for the provincial championships."

"But now we'll be able to compete for it on an equal basis. We had a lot of new players last year and now I think they'll all be able to play more as a team this year."

# Hopefuls getting jump on upcoming baseball season

Youngsters anxious to start playing baseball, have already begun training indoors, says the Georgetown Baseball Association (GBA) president.

Pat Brooker said rep team hopefuls were out at Holy Cross Separate School Saturday ironing out the kinks after a winter of baseball inactivity. The youngsters will be out again next weekend at the same location.

Parents can still register their children for house league play. Registration will take place Saturday in the gym of Holy Cross School from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Cost will be \$45 per child and \$40 for T-Ball. However, if you have two or more children interested in playing ball this summer, the cost will be \$90 regardless of the number of youngsters registered.

Brooker said registration numbers to date are about equal to a year ago as 260 players have registered for house league so far. Last year the GBA had about 310 players registered.

"We are low in the Bantam House League area," Brooker said. "We are on the brink of not having a Bantam House League."

"Once you take the two rep teams away that leaves us with 30 players. We are looking for an additional 20 to 25

players in order to have four teams."

Bantam players are between 13 and 15 years of age.

The rep teams begin their seasons May 11 with the house leagues starting up May 21.

Another concern of the Association's is its lack of an equipment manager. This person would be responsible for the purchase and distribution of equipment to all

the members of the GBA.

Brooker said the GBA is looking for one person for the job.

"We want this to go through one person so we don't have 14 different people going to get bats and balls."

The GBA is also looking at possible schemes that could be incorporated for the storage of all equipment during the winter.

# McNally team enjoys Tri-County success

Finishing off the Tri-County round robin playoffs found Georgetown's McNally Construction-Firefighters Major Atom AA team with a five win, one tie tally placing them in first place amongst the seven teams involved. This most certainly puts them in on Championship Day slated for early in April.

Travelling to Burlington saw a 4-1 victory for our boys in a reasonably easy win. The defence and forwards worked well together resulting in

the win. Goals were registered by Greg Dobbin with two, Ryan Pells and Andrew Elliott with assists going to Shawn Pearson, Greg Dobbin, Andrew Elliott and Chris Barrow.

Ching visited the Memorial Arena and were soundly defeated 6-0. David Frost was between the posts for a well earned shut out. Helping to make Frost's job easier were defencemen Shawn Pearson, Brent Wasylenko, Chris Barrow and Ryan Ward who were instrumental in counting for two goals

and an assist as well as passing the puck up to the forwards to advance on Ching's net. Goals went to Dobbin with three, Ryan Ward, Chris Barrow and Ken Kosziwka, with assists going to Pells with two, Kosziwka, Dobbin, Elliott and Wasylenko.

The final matchup of the playoffs was against Streetsville who played one of their best games of the season. Georgetown moved out ahead and were solidly winning 3-1 in the third period with a hat-trick register-

ed by Pells, assisted by Dobbin and Wasylenko when Georgetown took some penalties which allowed the Streetsville squad to move in on goalie Mark St. Pierre and tie up the score. St. Pierre had through the game, time and time

again kept our boys ahead with some excellent saves.

This coming weekend the Major Atoms travel to Mildmay for a tournament where they will be meeting other AA and AAA teams such as London.

# Volunteers thanked

If you are a volunteer in the Town of Halton Hills, you are cordially invited to attend the Volunteer Recognition Evening, Wednesday, April 17, 1985, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at North Halton Golf and Country Club. Interested people should contact the North Halton Volunteer Bureau no later than April 13, at 877-3219.

# Georgetown gymnasts score well

The Georgetown District High School girls gymnastics team finished fourth overall at the Halton championships held Thursday at the Georgetown Gym.

The competition attracted seven teams from the Halton Region. Individually Georgetown qualified athletes for the Peel-Halton meet slated for tomorrow at Lester B. Pearson High School in Burlington.

Julie Anderson won the overall title in the Junior event. She will compete in all four disciplines at the Halton meet by virtue of winning the overall. Anderson was third in the vault and first in the floor exercise.

Teammate Jodi Fournier will compete in the Junior vault as she finished sixth. The top 10 finishers in the individual disciplines advance on while the top three overall finishers advance to the Halton meet too and compete in all four.

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Senior Lori Book qualified with a seventh place finish in the vault. Laura Groskorth was first in on the beam, 10th in the bars and fourth in the floor exercise. Lynn Herrmann was seventh in the bars and eighth in the floor exercise.

Gail Cook and Karen Herrmann finished 1-2 in the overall in the Club B competition. Cook was first on the beam, vault, bars and second in the floor. Herrmann was second on the beam, vault and bars and took top honors in the floor routine.

Gail Eastwood won the overall title in the Club A competition by winning the beam, bars and floor routines and coming second in the vault.

# Lillie squad tourney champs

Georgetown's Lillie Resources 'A' Peewees were the undefeated champions at the

Orangeville tournament last week. In a close checking hotly contested championship, Streets-

ville scored first but soon after, assisted by Rob Boyle and Mike Melville, Steve Kokelj's fast

reversal tied it up. Trevor Snow got the go-ahead from fine passing plays by Dave Bewley



The Lillie Resources "A" Peewee team won the Orangeville tournament by beating Streetsville 5-3. Members of the team are: (Back row, left to right) Jack Barnes (manager), Rob Boyle, Chris Loria, Trevor Snow, Mike Barnes, Dave

Parent (coach), Steve Kokelj, Wade Serjeantson, Mike Needham, Dean Robbins, Clint Guest (asst. coach); (front row, left to right) Paul St. Pierre, Sean Gardner, Chris Lush, Mike Melville, Dave Bewley, Ken Toyne, Ron Destroiers, and Lush.

# Optimist Peewees hard to beat

Georgetown's Optimist Club Minor "AA" Peewees had a very successful week in their Tri-County round robin playoffs.

The squad won all four playoff games it played, and even took an exhibition game from Mississauga.

In their second playoff game, the first of the week, the locals defeated Streetsville 5-2. Dave Lawrence and Adam Hills had two goals each

for the winners with Sean Guistini adding the other. Hills had two assists while singles went to Adam Hagen, Lawrence, Duane Lewis and Brad Amato.

Georgetown then defeated Chinguacousy 3-2 in their next game as Guistini notched two goals, including the winner. Lawrence had the other. Steve Brown, Hills and Lewis assisted.

The locals had an easy time of it in their next

two games, first beating Orangeville 7-1 then thumping Streetsville 14-1. Jason Smith and Hills scored two goals each in the first win with singles going to Brian Brooker, Rob Lang, Brown, Lawrence had three assists while Guistini and John Jickling had two. Brown had another.

In the Streetsville game Trevor Elnesky and Lawrence had three goals each while Hills,

Smith and Trent Cull had two goals each. Singles went to Brown and Lewis. Hills added five assists as Lawrence had three. Smith and Guistini had two each while singles went to Brooker, Hagen, Amato and Lewis.

In Georgetown's first win over Mississauga, a 5-4 decision, Hills notched the winner with little over a minute left in the game. Lawrence, Smith, Brad Duby, Elnesky

had the others. Guistini, Cull and Lawrence had two assists each as singles went to Elnesky and Duby.

In their second 3-0 win, Dusty Lane and John Katsilleris shared the shutout as Amato, Elnesky and Smith scored with assists going to Lewis, Cull, Hills, Lawrence, Amato and Jickling.

What a feeling!  
What a sport!

# Poppy's major pee wees win pair

Continuing in the round robin series in a bid for a Tri-County championship berth Poppy's "AA" Major Peewees came up with two wins this week.

Georgetown hosted Chinguacousy Wednesday at Memorial Arena inking a 5-2 win. Bill McDonald opened the scoring for Georgetown with a power play

marker late in the first period from Andy Pearce and Rod Pasma. Ching tied the game midway through the second frame only to have McDonald notch his second marker of the night from Wes McCauley and Andy Pearce. Dale McNiven made it 3-1 for Poppy's beating the Ching goalie with a fast wrist shot assisted by Wes McCauley and

Pasma. To complete his hat-trick Bill McDonald got wood on a goal-mouth pass from Pearce and Steve Alchin to give the locals a 4-1 edge. Ching notched another

goal before netminder Richard Rivard's deflected save was picked up by Pearce who went the length of the ice to count the final marker with a high corner shot and

finalize the match 5-2. Burlington played here Thursday and Poppy's took a 4-3 triumph. Pearce opened the scoring in the second period from Pasma and English. Burlington evened the count when English put the locals ahead with a shot to the top corner from Dale McNiven and Wes McCauley. Mark Mininch made it 3-1 with a beau-

tiful shot from the blue line assisted by Pasma. The blue and orange counted again to narrow the gap 3-2. Pearce made it 4-2 with an unassisted effort and Burlington notched their final marker with 15 seconds remaining in the game to give Georgetown the 4-3 victory.

Next action for this team is in Dundas at 7 p.m. tonight and their

final game is in Burlington Friday at 8 p.m.

Playing an exhibition game at Alcott Arena Saturday. Poppy's hosted the Mississauga Terriers and skated to a 3-2 victory in regulation time. Georgetown markers were counted by McNiven and Pearce with two. Assisting were Mike McElroy, English, McNiven and Kevin Usher.

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**WED. APRIL 3, 1985**

**7:30 P.M.**

**BRANCH 120, LEGION HALL**

**Mill St., Georgetown**

*Anyone interested in running for election is invited to attend.*