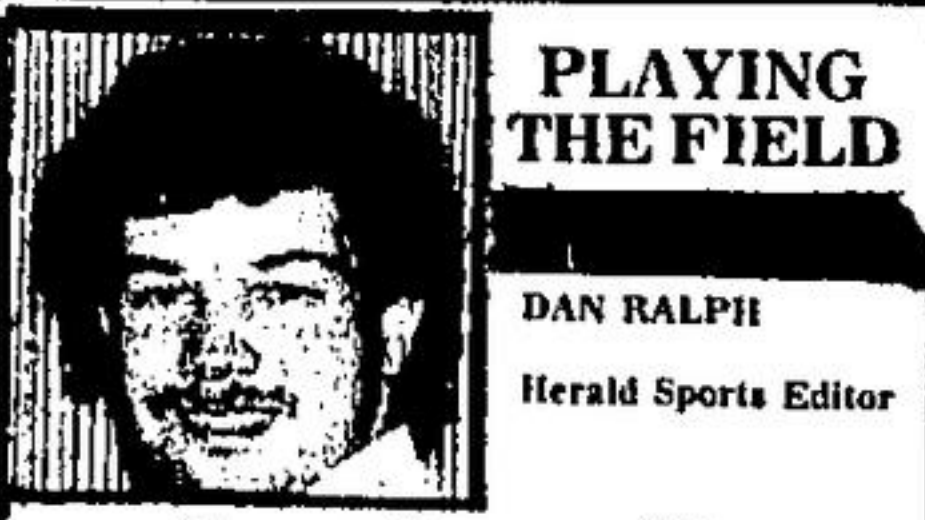


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DAN RALPH
 Herald Sports Editor

Leaf goalie enjoying beefy profits

Where else could a National Hockey League goaltender make \$300,000 for making hamburgers? Why, one must be referring to Toronto Maple Leafs of course.

That is exactly what goalie Mike Palmateer has done this season. He received his salary from the Leafs (\$220,000 U.S.) while not appearing in a single regular season game. Instead, Palmateer opened a burger joint in Toronto, and spent his time and energies there.

Palmateer's agent Al Eagleson, who was in Georgetown Friday at the P.C. fund raising dinner, said his client has an enviable setup.

"I wish I could make \$300,000 making hamburgers," he said jokingly. "Mike figures he has been the highest paid hamburger maker in history."

However, Eagleson said Palmateer would like to be playing hockey.

"He's disappointed naturally. Mike's a goaltender and wanted to play."

"However, it is not up to him."

Palmateer started his career in Toronto, then was traded to Washington Capitals. However, last year he was traded back to the Leafs.

Palmateer's knees are almost as famous as Joe Namath's. After playing in a game, Palmateer would usually take the following day's practice off in order to rest.

But rookie Leaf coach Mike Maloney was not a fan of such a practice, and the two became involved in a dispute.

"Maloney said 'I make the rules around here' and (GM) Gerry McNamara took his side," Eagleson said.

So Palmateer became expendable, especially when Maloney elected to go with youngsters Allan Bester and Ken Wregget in the Leaf goal.

But the two 20-year-olds weren't the answer, and the Leafs struggled to find a goalie until Tim Bernhardt came along and gave Toronto respectable goaltending. However, he is a free agent this year and Eagleson wonders if he will be back in Toronto.

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AL EAGLESON

"Tim has had a good year, but I wouldn't be surprised if some other team grabs him," he said.

Eagleson said he was certain Toronto would try and trade Palmateer, and indeed on two occasions it appeared something could be worked out. However Eagleson said, the deals fell through because the Leafs wanted too much in return for Palmateer.

Toronto has had a history of letting their premier players go. One just has to look at the treatment of Leaf team captains, Eagleson said.

"They didn't invite Dave Keon back and he finished his career elsewhere. We all know what they did to Darryl Sittler (another Eagleson client) and now they've publically humiliated Rick Vaive (by benching him for a home game). I don't understand what they've been doing, but the blame must rest on the shoulders of (owner) Harold Ballard."

"I get along well with Harold and personally I like him. But he must take the blame."

"There is no pride factor in Toronto. In Montreal, the Montreal Canadiens are proud to be Montreal Canadiens."

As for what Palmateer will do to get his hockey career going again, Eagleson said the flamboyant red head is under contract with Toronto until June 1st. Palmateer will undergo an operation for his knees, and then get ready to play hockey.

"Palmy won't be a Leaf," Eagleson said. "Anything but."

"I know Mike won't be making \$300,000 this year. He might make \$150,000 and if he is physically capable he will renew his career and start where he left off."

Kids Club available

Sign your child up for the Saturday morning Kid's Club at Cedarvale Community Centre. Drop the kids off and then head on over to do some serious shopping. These and other programs are scheduled to start the week of April 15. Call your local Recreation and Parks Office for more information 877-5185 ext. 260.



A Richmond Hill player is just a blur as he speeds by Georgetown goalie James Polrier with the puck. Richmond Hill scored an opening 5-5 win Thursday at the Alcott to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven OMHA final. Game Two was cancelled Sunday due to bad weather.

(Herald photo)

Bad weather foils OMHA game

By DAN RALPH
 Herald Sports Editor

Georgetown's DRG Stationery juveniles face the distinct possibility of playing four hockey games in six days now thanks to Mother Nature.

Georgetown travelled to Richmond Hill Sunday for Game Two in their Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) final, but the game was cancelled when freezing rain cut the power off at the Richmond Hill arena. Now it appears the game will have been played Tuesday night, with the third game returning here at the Alcott Arena Wednesday night at 8 p.m.

Richmond Hill leads the best-of-seven final 1-0 after winning 8-5 in the series opener here Thursday night.

Georgetown coach Howard Murphy said it was unfortunate Sunday's game was not played because his team was definitely ready. However, such was not the case Thursday as Richmond Hill scored four shorthanded goals in recording their win.

"We just played terrible," Murphy said. "We weren't up for it at all. That does concern me, but it was a shock to watch them score four shorthanded goals against us."

Georgetown scored the game's first goal early in the first period and Murphy said that might have given his team a false sense of security.

"After scoring the first goal, maybe we thought it was going to be easy," he said.

Absent from the Georgetown game plan was any physical play. Richmond Hill was allowed to

skate freely throughout Thursday's game. But Murphy said that will definitely change.

"We have to start hitting and letting them know we're out there. They are well-coached and play their positions well, but they can be dealt with."

"If we play hockey, I still feel we can beat them," Murphy said.

One surprise in the opener was the play of DRG goalie Mike McNiven. McNiven had been sensational in the other games he played in the OMHA playoffs, but was pulled in the first period after allowing four goals.

Georgetown will be without defenceman Jeff Sargent for two games. He was given a game and major misconduct in the third period Thursday for allegedly trying to hit the official with the puck.

Georgetown was without Murphy behind the bench in Game One. He had to sit out one game due to Georgetown receiving more than 38 penalty minutes in their final game with Riverside. The provincial rules state if a team gets more than 38 minutes in penalties, then the coach sits out one game. He will be behind the bench for the remainder of the series.

NOTES-Georgetown won the coin toss to decide who gets home-ice advantage in the series.

Brian Stone had two goals for Georgetown with singles going to Farley, Howie Oram and Jay Anderson.

Provincial fastball championships

Wilkes applies for ball event

By DAN RALPH
 Herald Sports Editor

The possibility exists that Glen Williams Specters could invariably win the provincial intermediate "A" fastball championship right in their backyard.

Glen Williams' manager Ted Wilkes has sent in an application to the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) to have this year's intermediate "A" championship tournament played here. He won't have a definite answer until May, but should have some sort of idea about his chances when the OASA meets later this month.

The OASA has formally received Wilkes' application, and has been in contact with him for further information. The information they sought concerned the number of ball diamonds and hotels present in the area.

"Georgetown has never had something like this, which is in our favor because they (OASA) like to spread it (tournament) around," Wilkes said.

The tournament will consist of eight teams representing different zones in the province. Each team will have had to win their zone to qualify.

If accepted, the tournament would be played here in September. The format would consist of a double-elimination event that would start on a Saturday morning and wrap up with the championship game the Sunday afternoon.

Wilkes approached the OASA about applying for the tournament last year, but was too late. Now he has gotten an early start towards getting all the paperwork done so that the event could be held here.

Wilkes was involved in the provincial ladies fastball championship that was held here in 1981 when he managed the Georgetown Royalties. Wilkes said the '81

tournament went off successfully, and the OASA is looking at it as a reference to his application this year.

"My objective is not to make money off this," Wilkes said, adding he would be happy if the event would just break even.

"It would be good ball, and there would be big crowds," he said. "It could mean a lot of business for the town."

Should Wilkes be successful with his application, he said he would look at having the tournament games being played in both Georgetown and Glen Williams.

However, Wilkes said no definite plans have been made as to where the games would be held.

Wilkes also said he would not be applying for the championships if he didn't feel the Specters did not have a chance of



TED WILKES

making the final eight teams.

"We play in a lot of out-of-town tournaments, and it would be neat to play in one that's in town. It avoids a lot of travel for us, and this is something the guys have wanted to do, so I thought we would give it a try."

However, Wilkes would have to get four or five people to help run the tournament, but he is

confident that would not be a problem.

"My experience has been that everyone in town is very co-operative," he said.

NOTES-The Specters began indoor practice Monday at Pineview Public School.

Distress Centre holds walkathon

The North Halton Distress Centre is holding a walk-a-thon Sunday June 9, 1985. The Georgetown and area 10 km walk-a-thon will start at 1:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church. Councillor John McDonald will lead the walk.

Sponsor sheets for the event will be available at the library and other locations around town prior to the walk.

T-shirts and buttons with the slogan "Distress Centres on the Move" will be available for order. For further information call 877-1211.

Daytime swims offered

The Recreation and Parks Department will offer a number of daytime swims at the Georgetown Indoor Pool starting April 2: April 2, 4, 2-3 p.m. April 16, 18, 2-3 p.m., April 30, 2-3 p.m. May 2, 7, 9, 2-3 p.m., April 9, 11, 9-10 a.m., April 23, 25, 9-10 a.m., May 14, 16, 9-10 a.m.

The admission fee is \$1.10 for adults. For more information call after 6 p.m. at 877-7721.



JULES RUSSIANI, BOB WEBSTER

Gems' rehire coach, GM

By DAN RALPH
 Herald Sports Editor

Georgetown Gemins' appointment of last year's coach and general manager for the upcoming season has resulted in the resignation of a member of the team executive.

Shortly after being elected secretary, Karen Harrison submitted her resignation to president Dave Barrager after the Central Ontario Junior "B" League team's election of officers meeting Wednesday. The meeting was held at the McGibbon Hotel.

Harrison resigned because the executive decided to return coach Jules Russiani and general manager Bob Webster for the 84-85 season in their respective capacities. Harrison had put forward a motion that the Gemins advertise the two positions.

The motion was discussed, then voted on. The majority of the 12 voting executive members said no to the motion, although by what margin was unknown as the ballots were destroyed before public tabulation could be done. There was no mention as to what the margin was.

After the first vote the executive then voted in favor of having Russiani and Webster return to the posts they held last season. This time the voting was made public as eight voted in favor, three voted against while one ballot was blank.

"I cannot support the coach and general manager who were voted in," Harrison said after. "I don't feel the coach got support from his players and I don't feel the general manager is fair to some of his players."

Harrison said her motion was forwarded so if people were interested in the jobs, they could find out they existed.

"There might be some fine people who can do a good job, but how do you know? They don't come knocking on your door," she said.

President Barrager said he would not comment on the situation until he has talked with Harrison. Harrison added her decision was final.

Webster was not surprised at the motion, but added he was a little taken back by the resignation.

"You never please everybody," he said. "I know there are people who feel I don't do a good job, but there are others who feel I do. I'm just glad it is all cleared up and that we can proceed."

Webster said he contemplated not returning this season. But upon talking it over he and Russiani decided to return.

"We want to try it one more year," he said. "There is a lot of talent here."

Both Russiani and Webster were allowed to vote on the two occasions by virtue of being executive members. Webster said he didn't feel



Jeff Pettigrew takes a mighty swing at the ball here as catcher Tom Diardichuk gets ready just in case. The two youngsters were taking part in the Major Tyke baseball workout Saturday afternoon at Holy Cross School. Adam Poyntz was the pitcher here.

Mighty swing

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