

Picking coach, GM job for new Raider VP Whitworth

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The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders have selected their executive for the upcoming hockey season, but who will coach and general manager the team is still up in the air.

The Senior "A" team held its election of officers Wednesday night at the Georgetown Legion. Team sponsor Barry Whitworth was elected vice-president in charge of hockey operations, and he said he has not made up his mind about a coach or general manager.

Last season Gil Eyre assumed both positions. Whitworth said he has not decided if the two positions will be headed up by one person or if he will hire two individuals.

"I hope to make a decision over the next month or so," Whitworth said after the meeting. "I think Gil is a good candidate for one of the positions."

Meanwhile Eyre said he is not sure if he will be returning for a second full season with the Raiders.

Eyre was nominated for the hockey operations job, but declined.

Finn Poulstrup was elected as president of the club. Joining Whitworth in vice-president roles will be Ron Faulkner (V.P. booster club and special events), Al Walker (V.P. gate operations and purchasing), and Don Olsen (V.P. fundraising and finance). Stan Larusso is the senior director, who would assume a fourth vice-president position



FINN POULSTRUP

should one have to leave during the season. Bob Hooper is the treasurer and past-president with Bruce Collins assuming the secretary position. The board of directors is made up of Zen Bodnaruk, Howie Walker, Steve Hoare, Steve Gemesi, Michelle Seguin, Bill Spence, Ken Bellamy, Kevin Mitchell, George Atkinson, Lou Pearson, and Bill McKeown. The board could hold another five members.

Prior to the voting, members of the 84-85 executive voted for the winner of the Jack Harrison award, given to the person who has made the biggest contribution to Raiders hockey the past year. The nominees included Olsen, Poulstrup, Whitworth, Raider manager Don Fendley, Gemesi and player Ron Twiss. The winner won't

be decided until the Raiders' award night. Tim Ampleford was also named the Raiders' Player of the Year based on the three stars of the game. He scored 30 points more than runnerup Peter Sturgeon (130-100). Twiss was third with 70 points.

President Poulstrup also reported the club finished the season "in the red", but would not say how much.

"Put it this way, it is an amount of money that another year in the playoffs could have taken care of." He would not say how much money a Senior "A" team could make in the second round of the Senior "A" playoffs.

Poulstrup also said the debt will be cleared. Continued on page C3

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Players on juvenile card Gems property

The Georgetown Gems did nothing wrong last year when the team kept three players it had on juvenile cards, says the team's general manager.

Bob Webster told The Herald when the Gems put a minor hockey player on a midjet or juvenile card, it is with the intent that the player will play with the Gems and thus become Gems property.

This comes as a result of a story The Herald ran last week pertaining to the Gems' use of juvenile-carded players Todd Cull, John Hodgson and Glen Leslie. All three players are listed as being members of the DRG Stationery juvenile team that is now playing Richmond Hill in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) finals.

However, the three are not in uniform for the final because they played more than four games with the Gems after the Jan. 10 cutdown date.

The Gems are allowed three minor cards to sign minor players each year. Those three are not included in the 30 Junior B cards the Gems receive at the beginning of the year.

When a minor player is on a minor card, he is allowed to practise and play with both the Gems and his minor team. Up until Jan. 10 he

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BOB WEBSTER

can play in as many Junior B games he can and still be eligible to play with the minor squad.

On Jan. 10, all Junior B teams must cut their Junior B cards down to 19 players. But the three minor cards are not included in that number.

Should any one of the three minor card players play in more than three games with the Gems after Jan. 10, he must then stay with them the remainder of the season. That means he is no longer eligible to play with his minor league team for the rest of the season.

Therein lies the reason why the three juvenile-aged players can't return to help the DRG squad win the provincial title.

But Webster says he is not the bad guy in this scenario. He is just putting good hockey players on minor cards to give them more ice time to better their skills.

"I can't blame a midjet or juvenile coach for being upset because they want the best team possible and want to win," he said. "But they have got to start believing a player with Junior B experience is a better player than the one without the experience."

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Instead of returning the three juvenile-carded players to their team, Webster said the three stayed with the Gems because they proved they could play hockey at the Junior B level. Also, he said, the boys made it clear they wanted to remain with the team rather than going back to juvenile.

"I had to do a lot of work to get them to sign juvenile cards," he said. "They wanted to sign Junior B cards at first."

"They were capable of playing here and they wanted to stay. We had to look at the fact that we had three players out for the rest of the year due to injuries, and had we had the three injured players back, we might have been able to help the juveniles out a little more."

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Drop series four games to one to Richmond Hill OMHA title evades juveniles



Risky Business

Friday there were a few people doing something that is really quite different for this time of year. However, why was the sign here pertaining to their activity? Just what was it that they were doing? For further details see C3. (Herald photo by Robin Bakewell)

Manpower, not talent, was the determining element in Georgetown's elimination from the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) final.

Richmond Hill won the championship by virtue of Sunday's 4-2 win over the DRG Stationery juvenile team at the Alcott Arena. The win gave the visitors the best-of-seven final 4-1.

For all five games of the championship Georgetown played with either 13 or 14 skaters (including goalies), and could not ice three full lines. Richmond Hill however, had enough players for their three full units.

"We just didn't have the legs," said Georgetown coach Howard Murphy. "If we would have had the extra line, it would have made a difference."

The two teams played four games in six days, which hurt Georgetown more due to their shortage of players. However, Murphy pointed to Game One as being the key to



JAY ANDERSON

the series for his club, an 8-5 Richmond Hill win.

"We were flat, and they got the momentum with winning the first game away from home," Murphy said.

The frustrating part of the series was Georgetown was in every game they lost up until the final seconds literally. In Game Two the teams were tied until Richmond Hill recorded a 4-3 win with a goal scored with 45 seconds left to play in the game.

Even more heart-breaking was how Richmond Hill scored a 5-3 win in Game Four with two goals in the final 14 seconds of play. Sunday the two clubs were tied

going into the final period when Richmond Hill scored two goals for the win and series championship.

"I'm proud of the guys and the two assistants I had," Murphy said. "It has been a long but good year for us."

Even though his club is finished playing, Murphy will wait a few weeks before forgetting hockey.

"I'll be at the provincial "AA" midget tournament looking at players on the Sunny Acres team," he said. "They should make up the bulk of my team next year."

Brian Stone and Dan Curtis had the goals Sunday while Stone, Jay Anderson and Mark Webster scored in Saturday's game.

Paul Basha, Stone, Oram, and Webster had the goals in Georgetown's lone win of the series 4-3 last Wednesday here in Game Three. Tuesday in Richmond Hill for Game Two, Oram, Stone and Greg Robertson had the goals in the 4-3 loss.

Sunny Acres crew fights back to tie final with Milton 2-2

Georgetown's Sunny Acres major midjets have extended their Tri-County final series with Milton to a fifth and deciding game with two victories this week.

To pick up on the drama involved one must know Milton finished first in Tri-County standings one point ahead of Georgetown. However the locals took all games played against

Milton during the year. When Georgetown earned a final berth it was a shock to lose the first two games in the best-of-five series.

Game Three was played in Milton with the home team counting first. However, the locals were up for the game and Heath Lockhurst and Rich Chiovititi put Georgetown up 2-0 at the end of one period. Lance



RICH CHIOVITITI



DAN KENT

Reid, Chris Hodgins, Brian Arthurs and Chris Marling assisted.

Georgetown led 5-3 at the end of two periods with goals from Dave Bertrand, Brian Doherty and Marling. However Dan Kent was the hero of the game when he stole the puck when Milton had a six-man attack and scored in the empty net for the 6-4 Georgetown win.

Chiovititi, Bertrand, Craig Chantler, and Jon Hammer had assists.

Game Four played here was as exciting as the locals won 4-3. Sunny Acres came out strong, controlling the play and peppering Milton's goalie with some excellent shots. The payoff was slim until Arthurs blistered a shot from the blueline for a 1-0 lead.

That was short-lived however, but Arthurs again scored to give Georgetown a 2-1 lead. Milton once again came back to tie it 2-2.

Georgetown's bench strength began to show as the final frame progressed. Kent notched the go-ahead tally and then Arthurs completed the hat trick to send the series back to Milton for the final game Monday night.

Hodgins, Reid and two from Mike Teetzel were the assists.

McNally Construction team crowned Tri-County champs

It took four periods of hockey but the Georgetown Firefighter-McNally Construction Atom

AAs defeated Flamboro 4-3 to take the Tri-County Championship. Georgetown led the

game throughout but a strong, determined Flamboro team kept coming back to stay in the game. Georgetown opened the scoring two minutes into the first when Ryan Pells and Andy Elliott set up Greg Dobbins who flicked a high shot past the Flamboro netminder. Before the period was over Dobbins and Shawn Pearson set up Jake Mashinier who counted with the second marker.

Flamboro dominated the second period keeping Georgetown off the board and racking up two goals for the tie. The final period was fast and even. Ken Kosziwka came up with the third Georgetown tally on a play from Scott McGuil-

an and Brent Wasylenko but Flamboro wouldn't let up and tied the game at the four minute mark, forcing overtime.

Play again in overtime was end to end but Georgetown's Dobbins came up with the clincher from Pells and Elliott. It appeared to be Georgetown's game until a Flamboro player broke out all alone and Georgetown's defence was forced to hook him out of the play and a penalty shot was called. Local netminder Marc St. Pierre was playing one of his finest games of the year because the hero of the game when he stopped the Flamboro shooter from tying the game. The final buzzer showed Georgetown victorious.

Hoop winners

Cougars won the Georgetown Ladies Basketball league by downing Capricorns in two straight games.

They won the opener 43-34, then won Game Two 57-40. Anita Stankus had 16 points each game to lead the winners. Alice Ogden had 10 points for Capricorns in the first game while Deb Barber had 14 in the second.

Trojans won the consolation title with two wins against Mustangs 62-48 and 56-50. Chung Kim was the high scorer for the winners in both games with 20 points each. Jane Cartwright had 18 points for Mustangs in Game One while Lorraine Brown had the hot hand in Game Two with 28 points. Stankus was the league's leading scorer.

The Ladies Masters' team will now get ready for the provincial championships slated for Toronto April 29.

Track trio fares well

Three Acton High School track and field athletes fared quite well at the York University Invitational meet.

Midget runner Marja Brillinger finished first in the 400 meters (1:19 seconds) and second in the 800 meters (2:36.2). Senior runner Doreen Urankic was first in the 800 meters (2:12.4) and fourth in the 400 meters (58.7).

As well, Theresa Dunn finished third in the senior girls shot put competition with a throw of 10.55 meters.

Goalies voted tops

Juvenile goaltenders James Poirier and Mike McEwen have been awarded the David Haine award as the top goaltenders of Georgetown Tri-County hockey teams.

The goalies were members of the DRG Stationery team that was defeated four games to one by Richmond Hill in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) final.

New ball hockey loop

A new ball hockey league for men over 18 years of age will be starting this summer. Teams and individuals interested in playing are asked to contact the Recreation and Parks Department.

All games will be played through the week at the Georgetown Memorial Arena.

Gemini awards night

Georgetown Gems of the Ontario Minor Junior "B" Hockey League will be honoring their best Friday when they hold their annual awards banquet. The event will be held at the Georgetown Legion starting at 8:30 p.m.

Summer flag football

If you are interested in playing flag football this summer, you are probably not alone. We, at the Recreation and Parks Department would like to hear from you. Call 877-9473, ext. 321 for further information.

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