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**PLAYING THE FIELD**

DAN RALPH  
 Herald Sports Editor

**Awards night marks end to Gem career**

Friday night was a fitting way for Riv Kennedy to end four years of being a Georgetown Gemini.

The Central Ontario Junior "B" League veteran was named the Gem's Most Valuable Player at the team's awards banquet. The dinner and dance event was held at the Georgetown Legion.

Kennedy said he was not expecting the award, and added it was a good thing he did not have to make a speech.

"You get up there and your heart is pounding," he said. "It was excellent."

Looking back the Gem's captain said his high and low points with the team came in the same year. The year being 1982-83 when the Gem's met Streetsville Derbies in the league final.

"The high point was beating Oakville and Burlington to get to the final," he said. "Those two teams might have been better on paper, but we got there because we had the heart."

"The low point I guess was when Streetsville beat us by something like 17-2 or 17-3. It was hard being humiliated by Streetsville."

The Derbies ended up winning the final in four straight games.

Another painful memory for Kennedy came the next season when an optimistic Gem's crew, looking to repeat their feat of the previous year, lost out to Mimico in the first round of the playoffs.



RIV KENNEDY

"It is always an honor to hold the 'C' on any club. I did not find it difficult (being the team captain) because this team was young and I had the respect of the players, and I respected them too."

"We should have gone to the final and won," he said. "We had the talent, and almost the exact team of the year before."

"But like the year before when we had the heart, that year Mimico had the heart. We had the talent, but they had more heart and desire."

When a player is in his final year of eligibility, it is natural for him to want to go out a winner, and Kennedy admits he was no different.

"Oh yeah, everyone wants to win a championship, and it was hard playing for a team that was not as strong as the team two years ago, but you adjust to it."

"It seems like when a player is in his last year he says he would like to go out a winner and he tries to go wherever he can. But I've been well treated here and I will always be supportive of the Gem's organization," he said.

This season Kennedy became the team captain midway through the year. He said he did not feel any extra pressure at having to be the leader on the ice.

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After last year's fourth place finish the Gem's finished eighth and met Barrie Colts in the opening round. Although the Gem's lost the series 4-1, the team and executive take pride in being able to say their series was probably the toughest one the eventual league champions had to play.

Everyone seems to be looking forward to the upcoming year, a year that will see Kennedy uncharacteristically out of a Gem's uniform.

"Of course, I feel bad about having to leave, with having been there for so long and being on the ice four times a week. I will miss it, but you have to go on."

**Beaumont nets six points in win**

Brian Beaumont had two goals and four assists to pace O'Tooles to a 6-1 win over Exchange House in the Georgetown Men's Non Contact Hockey League final series.

The win narrows Exchange House's lead to 5-3 in the best six point series.

Paul Martin had two goals for the winners while singles went to Ray Inglis and Bill Stansel. Kevin Phillips had the lone Exchange House goal.



Sunny Acres captain Mark Pries takes a little water break in between shifts of his team's practice. The Georgetown team will host the Ontario "AA" tournament this weekend.



Georgetown Minor Hockey Association president Wayne Pries shows the trophies and medals up for grabs at this weekend's Ontario midget tournament. The trophies are genuine eskimo carvings.

**Hockey teams here for midget tourney**

By RICH CHIOVITTI  
 Herald Special

The Sunny Acres Farm midget squad will be participating in what will be for most of the players their most important hockey tournament ever.

The Georgetown team will be hosting the Provincial "AA" Midget Championships this weekend at the Gordon Alcott Arena. There will be three other teams involved from the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League (MTHL) and the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA).

Tournament play gets underway Friday at 7 p.m. with Georgetown going up against the NOHA's Elliot Lake team. That game will be followed by the opening ceremonies with the remaining two teams playing after.

The top three teams will receive gold, silver and bronze medals. In addition, the championship team will receive a trophy. There will also be "Player of the game" awards presented after each contest. At the end of tournament, six players will be selected as the All-Star team and will receive awards.

The consolation final starts at 1 p.m. with the final being played at 3 p.m.

Each of the participants in the tournament will be presented with souvenir hats and nylon jackets as a memento of the weekend.

Several of the Georgetown players feel confident in their play and are looking forward to

going up against the three top "AA" Midget teams in Ontario. Chris Marling, a right winger for the team, said, "we're starting to work together as a team more and I think we are controlling our penalties better now."

Heath Lockhurst added, "Team spirit is high now, since we made it to the finals in Tri-County and we are playing good hockey right now."

Cosch Rick Hume said he has repeated to the players several times this year that, "this is the year they'll either make it or break it and that a lot of scouts are at the different tournament watching the boys."

For this tournament, scouts from the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) and Ontario Hockey League (OHL) have been invited, so the players should be at their best.

As you can see the Georgetown team is all fired up for this tournament and this town should be in for some good hockey. So if you're tired of all those boring Leaf games and you're looking to catch hockey at its best, try to make it down to the Gordon Alcott this weekend to watch these four top teams battle it out on the ice for the title and just to prove that they are the best "AA" Major Midget team in all Ontario.

Chiovitti, a member of the Sunny Acres team, is also working at The Herald this semester on a Co-Op program. Rich is a Grade 11 student at Georgetown District High School.



Georgetown's entry in the upcoming midget tournament will be the Sunny Acres Farms midgets. Team members include front row, left to right: Joe Balson, Mark Pries (C), Rick Hume, coach, Brian Spencer (assistant coach), Tony Chiovitti (manager), Brian Doherty (A) and John Lanz. Back row: Lance Reid, Mike Teetzel, Dan Kent, Craig Chantler, Chris Hodgins, Brian Arthur, Jon Hammer (A), Heath Lockhurst, Rich Chiovitti, Dave Bertrand, Jeff McNiven and Tim Wilson.

**Georgetown native receives field hockey MVP trophy**

By DAN RALPH  
 Herald Sports Editor

This year Georgetown's Beth Kewley received the ultimate honor: she was named the top performer on her team in her final season of competition.

The 25-year-old won the Most Valuable Player award for her play on the University of Waterloo ladies field hockey team. The Athenas were second in Ontario and finished sixth overall at the Canadian championships.

Heading into the playoffs, Waterloo was barely above .500 (5-4-1), but scored three wins to qualify for the provincial final against York. There the good fortune ended as York won the game 1-0.

The second place finish qualified Waterloo for the national event that was held in Vancouver, British Columbia. Last year Waterloo was second provincially and sixth nationally also.

Kewley was home last week after writing her exams. She said the MVP award was a complete surprise.

"We have some national players on our team so I took for granted they would get it," she said.

Kewley played four years at Waterloo and spent a year at College of Wooster in Ohio. She played her first season at Waterloo in 1978 before heading south the following year. There Wooster won the Midwestern title and competed in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III tournament.

After, she took to the work force for two years.

This year Kewley played sweeper-full-back. Should the opposition get by all other players, the sweeper is the last line of defence to the goal.

As well Kewley was Waterloo's penalty stroker and scored four strokes this year.

Having been involved in the sport since playing for Georgetown District High School, Kewley said she will miss the game now that her varsity eligibility has been used up.

"When I took time off to work I saw a tournament and that had me itching to come back,"

she said. "I think I will miss it."

Kewley got involved in the sport quite by accident. She said only after she didn't make the varsity basketball team at GDHS did she start playing field hockey.

The Georgetown native took Industrial Relations at Waterloo, and said she would like to get involved in the management and labor relations field.

"I find it interesting. I'm not sure just how I would do at the bargaining table though," she said jokingly.

Kewley has applied to Queen's University to do graduate work this fall. She said not taking part in field hockey might



Georgetown's Beth Kewley shows the awards she received this year from University of Waterloo. The 25-year-old was named the MVP of the Athenas' field hockey team.

be a "blessing in disguise."

"I'm not sure how much time I'd have for it anyway," she said.

Even though she won't take part in the sport this year, she said if she could get a job in the Toronto area, she could play in one of the leagues running there.

"I don't think it would be hard for me to pick up again."

For the time being Kewley will be working on a term paper, then await and see where she will be heading this fall.

Being involved in field hockey has taught Kewley some very important disciplines. With daily three hours practices and weekend sessions, as well as time for individual conditioning, she said the sport has taught her how to best organize her time in her academic endeavors.

In addition to her MVP award, Kewley received a plaque for athletic achievement. This year she was the athlete of the week after the national championships and had the same honor bestowed on her last year.

**Jr. C. team named Sabres**

By DAN RALPH  
 Herald Sports Editor

ACTON-The new Acton Junior "C" franchise will keep the same name the town had when a Junior "B" Hockey League existed here.

The new executive elected to keep the team name Sabres at a meeting held Thursday night at the Acton Legion.

There had been a few suggestions to change the name to Tanners, but such a move would have resulted in loss of the team's incorporation. The incorporation came when former Sabres president Frank Allison took over the Junior "B" team five years ago.

Incorporation meant the new executive then would not be personally responsible for any debts the hockey club incurred. In order to keep the incorporation intact, the official team name could not be changed from what it was registered as, which was Acton Sabres Hockey Club Inc.

At the last meeting March 21, it was said if the team name changed and the Junior "C" executive wanted to incorporate the new team name, it would have to re-apply to the province. That would cost about \$600 it was said at the meeting.

Club president Ed Thomson and vice-president Bruce Cargill looked into the issue, and Cargill said it would cost the new team to re-apply for incorporation but not as much as was stated at the last meeting. He did not say just how much less it would be.

However, Cargill said money was not the only reason for keeping the Sabres name.

The impression we got talking with people and the sponsors is that they like the name," he said.

The executive is currently out trying to get sponsors to buy individual sweaters as well as space in their programs. The issue of fundraising through will be dealt with further at the next meeting slated for May 9 at the Acton Legion. It

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