

Football being offered at GDHS for over-age juniors

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Georgetown District High School this fall will have a team for players too old to play junior football.

Athletic Department head Grant Clatworthy told The Herald Thursday the team will play exhibition games with up to four other schools. He said both Perdue and Loyola of the Halton area have agreed to playing as well as two schools from the Peel Region, but Clatworthy said those who have yet to confirm.

It has been five years since the school cancelled its senior program. At the time Clatworthy said cost and commitment were the

main reasons.

"We would start the year with 30 or so players and after the team would lose its first two games, only 15 would end up coming out to practice. Football isn't like other sports. You need all your players there to do anything effectively."

Last year's junior coach Rick Redshaw will take over the new team, as well as staying in charge of the junior squad. The two teams will practise together.

Clatworthy said he is confident the interest for another team is there, but he stresses that commitment is needed from the players.

"It becomes frustrating as a coach when you need the numbers, and they are not there," he

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said. "I know the kids are interested and I think their main goal is just to get a chance to play."

Clatworthy said even if the other schools were to decide not to field an over-junior team, Georgetown would do so and find games for the squad somewhere. He said even though there isn't an official league for the team, just how far they go is up to them.

Clatworthy said if enough interest is generated by other schools, it is possible an exhibition league might be set up and maybe a trophy be put up for competition.

Right now the main job at hand is finding out what equipment is needed. Coach Redshaw is busy making a list of what is required, and when it is

completed, Clatworthy will present it to those in charge.

"I'm not saying there is a lot of money available, but there is some money that wasn't there before," Clatworthy said. "We're at the stage now where we have had some equipment taken out to be repaired."

"I think the reaction to this will be positive, and I feel it is meeting the needs of the kids interested. It's a step in the right direction and that's the whole purpose," Clatworthy said.

The team will be a mix of both junior and older players. A junior player is one 16 years of age and older. Those over the junior age are termed senior players.

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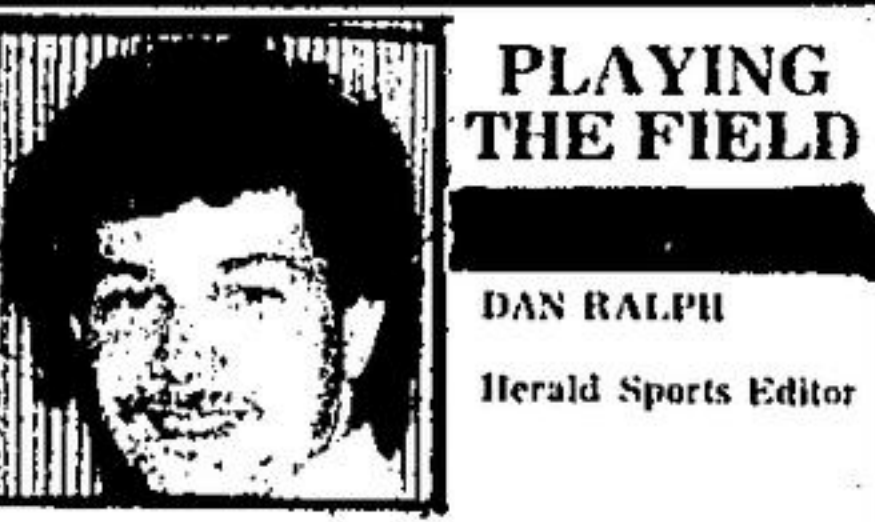
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Silver medal great for Team Canada

The silver medal Team Canada won last week at the World Hockey championships should be regarded as one of the most prolific accomplishments this country has ever had in world hockey.

The mere fact that the Canadians were able to even be in the gold medal game was something everyone in this land had to be proud of. After all, it is fairly safe to say that this year's team was not the most talented squad Canada has ever had in head-to-head competitions with Russia, Czechoslovakia et al. However, we were still able to capture second spot.

Listening to the medal round game between Canada and the Russians on the radio Wednesday afternoon truly emphasized what heart and determination can do for a team that on paper is outmatched. Often in sport, those two elements are the intangibles that make the underdog strong, and the eventual victor.

However, against Team Czechoslovakia Friday one had to spot the Canadians at least a one-goal deficit for having to play the championship game in front of the Czech fans. Yet it was not until the home team scored a shorthanded goal in the second period to take a 3-2 advantage that one began to feel maybe the gold medal wasn't in the offing for Canada this year. Even though Canada was one goal down, in actuality it was two down because a tie would have meant the Czechs taking the gold based on a total goals scored in the medal round. Thumping Team USA 11-2 gave Czechoslovakia that edge, while Canada had a pair of low-scoring wins in their medal games (3-2 versus United States and 3-1 against Russia).

Yet despite the two-goal disadvantage you could see the Canadians not giving up. When Team Canada headed into the third period 3-2, the squad put on great pressure in their quest for the equalizing tally, but it was not going to happen. The two squads exchanged goals in the final period until the Czechs scored their last goal in the empty Canadian net. Therein lies the winning edge as Team Canada had to be happy with the silver medal after the 5-3 loss.

But the world championship ended a fantastic year for Canadian hockey teams in world competition. Team Canada won the Canada Cup, Spengler Cup, world junior hockey championship, and of course Canada was just one win away from a gold in the world championship. In all these competitions the Canadians were able to score victories over their rivals from Russia. Never has one hockey year seen Canadian teams enjoy so much success over the Russians.

The efforts of our national teams in the different world hockey championships has to mean our nation has returned as the top hockey country in the world. That honor belonged to the Russians before, but judging from our success this year, maybe it is not too boastful to admit Canada has returned as the best hockey nation in the world.

Oilers should win Cup final

I have to take one whack at trying to decide who will end up in the Stanley Cup final. Despite dropping the first game to Quebec, Philadelphia should prevail and gain a berth and meet Edmonton in the best-of-seven championship. Winning the series in seven seems to be a good bet.

On the other hand is there any stopping Edmonton? The defending champions thumped Chicago 11-2 in the opener, and nothing suggests the Black Hawks will be able to win a game.

As for an overall winner, I'd take Edmonton in six.

Jet goalie feels Oilers were beatable

Hayward home after good year

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As a challenger it is hard to knock off the champion when you have one arm tied behind your back.

Such was the case for Georgetown native Brian Hayward and his Winnipeg Jets teammates. After disposing of Calgary in the first round of the Smythe Division playoffs, Winnipeg had the unenviable task of meeting up with Edmonton Oilers in the division final.

The Jets had to play the entire

series without team captain and leading scorer Dale Hawerchuk. Hawerchuk suffered cracked ribs in the Calgary series, and was unable to suit up.

With Hawerchuk absent Edmonton won the series in four straight games and now is playing Chicago Black Hawks in the Campbell Conference championship. The winner advances on to the Stanley Cup final.

"Losing Dale was a big factor," Hayward said. "We had a lot of scoring chances, but didn't have anyone who



BRIAN HAYWARD

could finish off the plays around the net. It is hard when you lose a player who has scored 130 points during the regular season."

Hayward, who arrived in Georgetown late Wednesday night, said Winnipeg scouts figured Edmonton would be prime for the picking. The Oilers had played subpar hockey in their opening series with Los Angeles Kings, and could very well have lost two of the three games they won had it not been for goalie Grant Fuhr.

"We hadn't been impressed with their play the last part of the regular season and the opening round of the playoffs," Hayward said. "We really thought they were beatable."

Hayward too entered the Edmonton series injured. He missed the opening game (a 4-2 loss) due to a groin injury. With medication Hayward was able to play in the remaining three games, but added he wasn't pleased with his performance.

"The injury itself didn't hurt, it was the time I had to take off. I had it going good before, but I felt like I had lost the edge as a result of the time I was off."

After the 4-2 opening win, Edmonton won games two and three 5-3 and 5-4. Oilers' captain Wayne Gretzky was the dominating force in Game Four as he had three goals and four assists in an 8-3 Oilers win. Hayward left that game in the second period, and said Gretzky had a "phenomenal game."

"He's the greatest player in the world. He has the ability to score the clutch goal. But I think it would have been a different story had Gretzky been out and we had Hawerchuk going at full steam," Hayward said.

The playoff elimination did end a successful season for the Jets. Much to everyone's surprise, Winnipeg finished fourth overall in the National Hockey League standings with 96 points (43-27-10). Hayward led the league in minutes and games played by a goaltender (3,436 and 61), and wins recorded (33). He finished the year with a goals-against average of 3.84.

Hayward's statistics were a far cry from 1983-84 when he ended the year as the Jets' third goalie, and sat out the playoffs. The lack of action was hard for Hayward to take after going into that season's training camp the number one goalie after graduating

from Cornell University with All-American honors.

Hard work in the off season and a burning desire to regain the starting position were the key elements in Hayward's impressive year. Even now he refuses to rest on his laurels.

"This year was a big success for me, but I didn't play well against Edmonton so I feel like I have something to prove."

Looking back Hayward admits had anyone told him Winnipeg would have finished fourth overall this year he would have had a hard time believing it. Yet now he feels the Jets can be considered a definite contender.

"Everyone had picked Calgary as the runaway for second, and we weren't even considered. That can get a team going."

"At about mid-January we got the feeling we had a good hockey club. Down the stretch the players in Calgary were saying they were surprised we were hanging with them. It's nice when you have others worrying about you instead of you worrying about others," he said.

Hayward points to coach Barry Long as an important reason for the Jets' rise.

"He's not the best teaching coach I've had, but he's the best one at relating to people. He's a players' coach."

Hayward has one year remaining on his contract, but is looking at re-negotiating his present deal. He doesn't think there will be much of a problem.

"I'm coming off a good year and hopefully everything will work out. I can't see any problems."

"I'm not worried about having to go to training camp and make the team, but I will have to work just as hard this summer as I did last summer. Things can turn around pretty quickly."

"Right now R and R is the most important thing. It has been a long year and I'm pretty sore all over."

As for his picks for the Stanley Cup, Hayward said he expects Edmonton and Philadelphia to meet in the final.

"I'd have to say Edmonton will win," he said. "Right now they are on top of their game."



DIVING ATTEMPT

A member of the Black team tries desperately to catch the ball with a Gold team member dropped all over him. The two teams were playing Saturday at the Hamilton TI-Cat

High School camp scrimmage. Three Georgetown players were there too. See story and photos on C2. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

Challenge Day activities

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department will be coordinating this community effort to prove to other Canadian cities that we are the most healthy, active and vibrant community of our size in all of Canada! Following is a preliminary list of events scheduled for Challenge Day!

FREE Rollerskating! Memorial Arena (skate rental extra), 7-9 p.m., sponsored by the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department.

FREE Water Exercise Georgetown Indoor Pool, 8:45-9:30 p.m., sponsored by the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department.

FREE Square Dancing Stewarttown

Community Centre, 8-10 p.m., sponsored by the Pine Valley Square Dancers.

FREE Fitness Classes, Recreation Department 60 Minute Work Out - Jos. Gibbons Public School, 7-8 p.m.

Televised 15 Minute Exercise Program, time to be advised, sponsored by Halton Cable 4.

Varian Canada Inc. "Mini-Challenge". Call Jan Kron at 877-0161 for details.

Enthusiasm for the Challenge is growing! Make a commitment within your family, workplace, school or interest club to get active on May 29. Call the Recreation Department if you have any questions - 877-5185 ext. 282.



SILVER MEDALISTS

Georgetown Bowling Club's senior girls team came home last week with the silver medal after competing in the Youth Bowling Council's (YBC) national tournament in Burnaby, British Columbia. Georgetown, representing Southern Ontario, finished behind Manitoba in their quest for the gold medal. Members of the team include (bottom): Kelly McCorry, Jane Hicks, Cindy Kavanagh and Karen Doyle. Standing are: Teresa Maslach and coach Wendy Chaplin. (Herald photo)

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