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Braun getting work any way that he can

When an athlete gets a taste of action at a senior level, he sometimes finds it difficult to go back down to the junior level. When such a move occurs, one of two things can happen: first of all the athlete can become disappointed and unmotivated, or he can become so determined that rapid improvement occurs and soon he is with the senior club again.

Former Georgetown Eagles pitcher Andrew Braun has experienced such a scenario this year. The 20-year-old spent the first half of the year with Stratford Hillers of the Inter-County Major Baseball League, but has found himself playing a lot more with the Hillers' junior affiliate Overhols.

However, that doesn't bother Braun at all. "I want to get my innings in, and if I complained I wouldn't get them. I'm not disappointed."

Braun still dresses for Hillers' games, but with eight pitchers on the team he doesn't see as much action as he would like to. Yet, with the junior squad Braun gets to pitch a lot more with only four pitchers on the roster.

With the Hillers Braun had a 2-2 season during the regular season with an earned run average of around 6.39 and 18 strikeouts. However, the ERA figure is somewhat misleading as Braun left one game in the first inning after having given up 10 runs.

With the junior team Braun is 4-2, and even got to pitch in the league all-star game. There Braun faced three batters in an inning where he fanned two and got the other to ground out.

The junior squad made the playoffs, but needed a sweep of a doubleheader with Guelph Thursday to do it. Braun pitched the first game and won it with a two-hitter while fanning 15.

He also pitched the second game, again won by the Overhols. Braun fanned 12 in the contest while giving up five hits.

"I think I'll see more action with the Hillers because of that," Braun said. "Dennis Schooley (Hillers' manager) was there to watch both games, and he was pleased with how I pitched."

Braun also turned another head while pitching with the junior squad this year. In an Overhols doubleheader with Listowel, Braun was scheduled to pitch the first game.

"There was a coach from University of Seattle there to see Vince Dwyer (Overhols pitcher) pitch the second game. Well, I pitched a shutout and after the coach came up to me and asked me if I'd like to go to that school. I told him that I was going to University of Toronto, but added if he was interested in me to send some information in the mail."

The junior Overhols meet St. Thomas in their opening playoff round. The first game of the series was Monday night, and Braun was Stratford's starter.

"I'm not nervous," Braun said from his Georgetown home Monday morning. "I can't wait to get out there because I'm pretty confident with the way I've been pitching."

However, if Braun were to pitch in a playoff game with the senior Hillers, he admits he would be nervous.

"Especially if I came in relief. When you come in and there are men on base, you don't get that fresh start."

"When I start a pressure game, I do well. However when I come into the game after it has started, I don't do very well."

The Hillers started the year in subpar form. After 20 games, the Stratford team was 7-13 and it appeared a playoff spot was nothing more than a pipe-dream.

However, the Hillers finished the year with a bang. Stratford finished in sixth spot with a record of 18-18.

"We had a lot of pitchers near the end which meant we all got a lot more rest in between starts," Braun said. "Also, the bats came alive. We were averaging close to 15 hits a game (down the stretch)."

Playing in the Inter-County league this year has meant a different approach to pitching for Braun.

"When I came here I thought the hitters would be difficult and they were. When I was with the Eagles, I mainly used my fastball."

"But I didn't adjust to the better hitters here right away. I had to change my style and start throwing change-ups and off-speed pitches."

As well as the better hitters and higher level of competition, Braun has noticed other differences in playing at the Inter-County major league level.

"The managers are wild. When these guys come out they go beak-to-beak with the umpires. Sometimes it is quite funny."

Down Glanbrook in ninth inning

Dramatic end wins it for Eagles

Georgetown Eagles added a little drama to their 8-7 win Saturday night over Glanbrook at the Fairgrounds.

The visitors scored two runs in their half of the ninth inning to tie the game 7-7. However, Eagles catcher Pat Brooker led off the Georgetown half of the final inning with a single, then stole second. Outfielder Jay Anderson brought the winning run

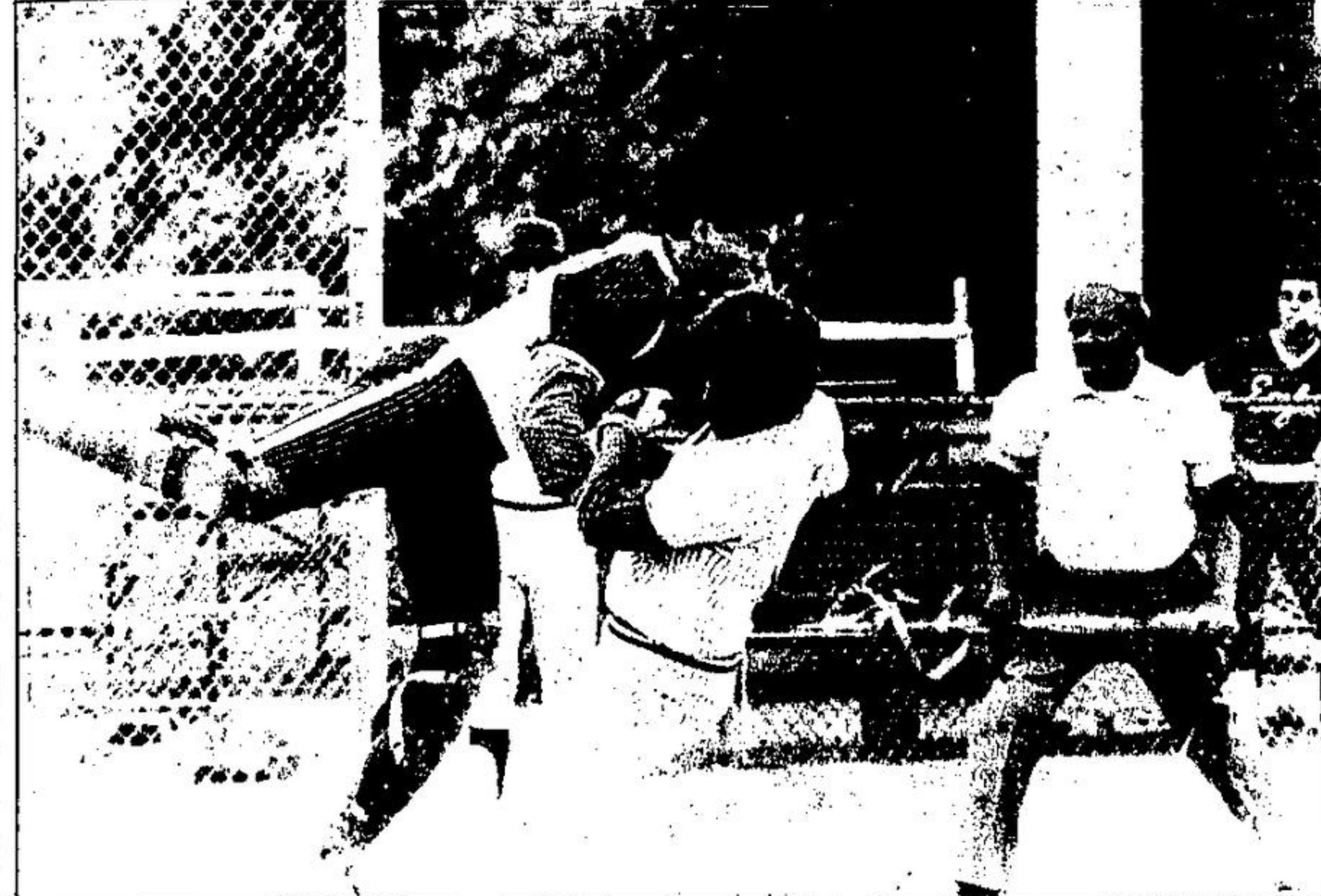
across the plate with a one-out single. Mario Galvao notched the win for Georgetown. The veteran went the distance and allowed 10 hits while fanning five. He also walked one.

The game did not start well for the home team as Glanbrook scored three runs in the first inning. Georgetown scored their first run of the ball game in the second, then added four

more in the third. Glanbrook scored a single run in the fourth, then added another in the sixth before tying the game up with two runs in the ninth.

First baseman Scott Farley had three runs batted in for the Eagles, with a single and double. Outfielder Mario Colocchia had a pair of runs batted in as he also hit for a single and double.

Pitcher Galvao had a run batted in after being walked with the bases loaded in the third inning. The Eagles were without manager Dan Guistini, who was on holidays. Guistini was back for Georgetown's game Tuesday night however. Galvao and Brooker were the acting coaches for the game.



Georgetown Junior Eagles catcher Pat Brooker, with bubble gum bubble intact, gets set here for a throw to home (left). At right, Brooker meets head on with a Glanbrook player, but unfortunately the ball goes on by past the far pole as the umpire looks on. The runner was safe, but the Eagles staged a ninth-inning rally to pull the game out 8-7 at the Fairgrounds Saturday night. (Herald photos by Dan Ralph)

Sports and Fitness camp promotes activity

School does not begin for another month, but already there is a bustle of activity at Georgetown District High School (GDHS).

The school is the site for three one-week sports camps involving youngsters from six-year-old right up to 13-years of age. GDHS physical education department head Grant Clatworthy is in charge of the activities here. Similar camps are being run in Milton and Acton.

Those enrolled follow a designated program for four days of the week. However, on each Thursday the three camps come together for a Sport and Fitness Field Day that this year is being held at GDHS.

In past years such a day was held at Guelph University. Each camp would take a bus there and use the facilities at Guelph for the day. However this year there are repairs going on there, and much of the equipment the youngsters would use is not available.

Clatworthy expects around 125 children to take part in the Georgetown camp over the three weeks. About the same will participate in Milton while about 75-100 children will take part in Acton.

The youngsters are divided into groups according to age for the most part. The exception would be if a child was a little big for his age, he would like to be grouped with those similar to him physically. All groups are co-ed.

The different groups would then take part in a number of athletic activities, switching at different times to different sports.

For example, all groups would start the day with either a fitness session or off-ice hockey conditioning. The fitness would deal with calisthenics, stretching and running while the hockey conditioning would include speed work and running hills.

After that the groups would play soccer, baseball, European handball, floor hockey and do weight-training. The last three would involve rotating from each event every 30 minutes. After a 15-minute break the groups would switch activities until 11:30 when all come back into the school gym.

There the girls would go to rhythmic gymnastics and the boys would learn wrestling technique. After, all would break for lunch.

Another sports session would be run after lunch, then all groups would take a 15-minute break. After, a half-hour games time would be next, then a 75-minute swim period in the indoor pool. Upon the conclusion, the youngsters would go through a 15-minute fitness appraisal before being allowed to go home.

All groups have a leader who is employed by the Halton Recreation and Parks Department. That leader stays with their group the entire day.

"We try to promote activity for the kids," Clatworthy said. "We have a structured program where the kids are supervised from the time they arrive to the time they leave. The parents like that."

"We also try to make the first sessions teaching sessions so the kids learn something about the sport, rather than telling them to just go out and play."

There are many ways of clearing a high jump bar. Here a competitor uses the reliable "dive over" technique. This week was the first one for the Sport and Fitness camp being offered at Georgetown District High School. The high jump was one of the activities in Thursday's meeting of three area camps. (Herald photo)

Specters' ace shines in win

Moe Curtis' three-hit shutout was the highlight as Glen Williams Specters won two of their three Intercounty Fastball League games this week.

Curtis' three-hitter came in a 12-0 drubbing of Erin in Erin. The Glen Williams hurler fanned 3-3, Glen Williams had 18 and also had two home runs in the game, including three-for-five at the plate. Mike Reynolds had a perfect night hitting, finishing up with a four-for-four effort. Andy Broadbent added three hits in his five trips to the plate.

At home to Fergus, Gary Halls pitched the win as Glen Williams defeated Fergus 6-1. The Specters got off to a good start in the first inning when John Edwards and Broadbent led off with single home runs.

Reynolds also had a good night offensively, going three for five. Tim Field chipped in with three hits in four plate appearances.

Thursday night Glen Williams was in Orangeville, but came away with a narrow 4-3 loss. Moe Curtis took the loss, although he pitched a

four-hitter. Offensively, the Glen team had eight hits.

The game was a pitching duel for the most part as heading into the seventh inning the two clubs were tied 0-0. However, going into the ninth inning with the score tied 3-3, Glen Williams had an opportunity to go ahead with a man on third base. However, the go-ahead run didn't score.

Orangeville scored their winning tally in the bottom half of the final inning.

The Specters were to have played their final two games of the year Tuesday night, but the doubleheader with Hornby was cancelled, and will be played at another date. Presently the Specters are in top spot with a record of 19 wins against seven losses this year.

NOTES-The first round in Ontario Amateur Softball Association Intermediate "A" playoffs is over. Glen Williams will play the winner of the Durham-Grimsby series, which was not known at press time.



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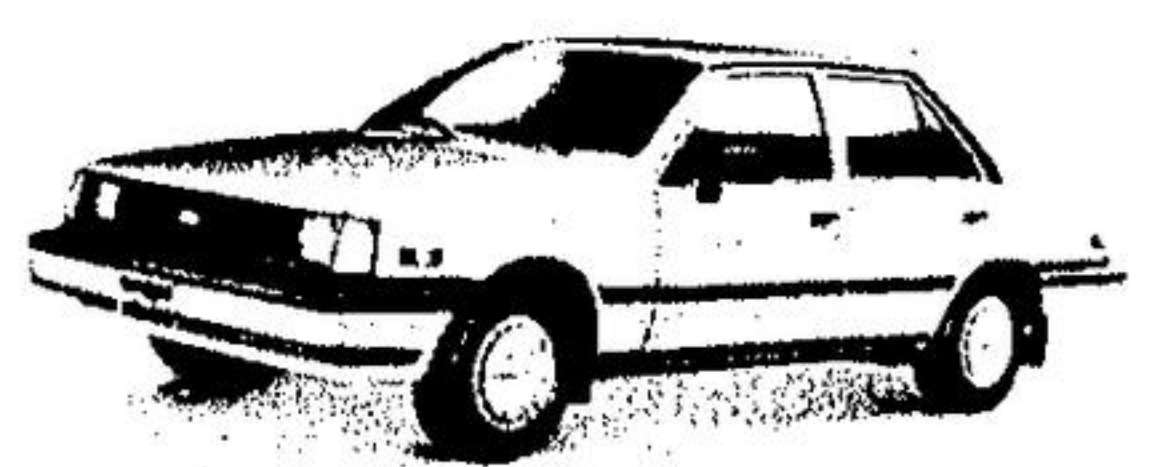


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