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Minor hockey president resigns

Herald Staff
 The president of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association submitted his resignation Sunday after a 12 year involvement in the local hockey scene.

Wayne Pries' resignation was prompted by a motion of censure brought and carried against him at last week's executive meeting. As the Herald went to press, an executive meeting was to take place Tuesday (yesterday) night to discuss the GMHA president's resignation.

"Hopefully we can talk him into changing his mind," immediate past president of the Association, Ian Ward told The Herald Monday. "I can only say that it is a grave loss to the Association, which was insti-

gated by a few very selfish people." The motion of censure was brought forward by director of hockey Ed Serjeantson and seconded by vice-president of hockey Walt Buchan.

It charged that Mr. Pries has from time to time violated the Association's constitution, Mr. Pries said.

"There were no facts, no figures. The second part was that if I continue to break it... (I) will be removed from the executive," the resigning president said.

CONSTITUTION
 The motion alleged Mr. Pries has violated Schedule A of the Association's constitution in the way he divided up duties to the directors of hockey and operations.

The duties were assigned several weeks ago by Mr. Pries and he said they were the same as

last year's model. "It was divided this way last year, and there were no complaints about it," Mr. Pries said. "I don't recall any complaints that it wasn't working out."

Opponents didn't like the division of duties on the vertical rather than the horizontal plane, the president said. As Mr. Pries put it, one of the directors was to be responsible for the age group up to pee wee, including rep and house league, while the other would be responsible for boys from pee wee up to juvenile level.

"I assigned one in charge of rep and one in charge of house league," Mr. Pries said. "It's an ideological difference."

CENSURE
 The president said that as for Schedule A of the constitution, he didn't know it had been included in the Association's constitution. He said he holds the master copy of the constitution and it wasn't printed in his copy.

"The censure motion itself, I have no problem with that. It's just the threat that if I should ever violate the constitution again, then I'm gone. It was vindictive... we'll get you you sort of thing," Mr. Pries said.

"I'm going to miss hockey," he added.

If his resignation stands at the 11-member executive committee meeting, then an executive board meeting will follow Thursday (tomorrow) night.

"I can guarantee that if it's accepted, there will be several more resignations," Mr. Ward said. "I cannot resign, but I will serve no longer."

This is Mr. Pries' second term as president. He was acclaimed to the position.

Sports in brief

Bear banned from wrestling ring

By SANDY CAMPBELL Herald Staff
 Georgetown residents will be able to take part in North America's professional wrestling craze August 25 when five matches are held at Georgetown Memorial Arena.

The evening will feature a cage match with Bulldog Kent taking on Wildman. Wildman recently made the news by challenging sports commissioner Clyde Gray's decision to not issue a permit allowing Wildman's bear to enter the ring.

Wildman threatened to kill the bear, said professional wrestler Duncan MacTavish.

"If the government took away his license, then he couldn't afford to feed the bear," MacTavish said.

The bear has been banned from the ring after a minor mishap on the east coast involving the loss of the tip of a wrestling fan's finger. The bear was not responsible, MacTavish says.

Despite these controversies the bear will be appearing in the ring but he will not be wrestling.

Also present will be midgets Cubby Baxter and Little T. Former British Empire Champion MacTavish will meet Jet Star, Snake Wilson or some other pro.

"The people of Georgetown can expect good professional sports entertainment. You better get down there early because wrestling is hot right now," MacTavish said. Ring side seats are \$7. General admission is \$6 and children are admitted for \$4.

Cross country runners welcome

Those with itchy feet are invited to join the summer practice for the Georgetown District High School cross-country team Thursday (tomorrow).

The meeting takes place at the high school, starting at 7 p.m. and all runners are welcome, including elementary school athletes.

There will be practices on the following Monday and Thursday evenings as well, also at 7 p.m.

Geminis golfing

Georgetown Geminis of the Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League will be holding their golf tournament Aug. 26 at Georgetown Golf and Country Club.

Cost will be \$35 per person, which includes the dinner that will be at Brackton's that evening.

Tickets can be purchased from team president Dave Barrager, general manager Bob Webster, coach Jules Russiani and past president Bob Tost.

Prizes will be offered after dinner.

On winning streak

Acton A's

By ANI PEDERIAN Herald Staff
 In a double header game against Erin Saturday night, the Acton A's scored two huge wins.

In their first game, Acton won 8-1, and in the second, 11-1.

A third game in the Intercounty fastball tournament against Hornby was rained out by the third inning.

This last game for the A's is being rescheduled. If they win again, then they'll have to play another game to break a tie with the Glen Williams Specters who've won 21 and lost seven games in the standings. So far, Acton has 20 wins and seven losses to its record, with the game against Hornby still to be played.

Roy Spear pitched the first game and put on a tremendous performance. He had nine strikeouts and only gave up five hits to the opposing team.

Two runs were scored in the second inning. Kelly McArthur had a single and Glenn Scott had a home run.

In the fourth inning, McArthur walked, as did Paul Cargill. Glenn Scott hit another home run.

There was another

home run in the fifth inning by Roy Spear.

Action boiled in the sixth inning, when Cargill tripled, Scott singled and Tim Baker singled, to score two more runs.

The winning pitcher was Roy Spear, and in the first game, Glenn Scott was 3 for 3 at bat with two home runs.

In the A's second game, Jim Schnarr was the winning pitcher. He had 10 strikeouts and gave up four hits to his credit.

During the first inning, Mark Symes had a double, Baker was hit by a pitch, Dick Spear hit a single and then Cargill had a double and scored two runs.

Things were busy in the third inning when Baker, McArthur and Dick Spear singled. Cargill walked while Scott and Mark Duval singled.

Four runs were scored in that third inning.

In the fourth inning, Baker walked, and McArthur, Dave Lawson and Tim Evans singled. That scored the team three more runs.

In the fifth inning, Duval singled, Baker walked again, and McArthur doubled. Another two runs were tallied for the Acton A's.



OUT OF LUCK
 A Tillsonburg runner gets tagged out by Eagles first base man Dan Curtils. The Eagles played Tillsonburg in a three game series this weekend, winning one and losing two. (Herald photo)

Specters share prize

By ANI PEDERIAN Herald Staff
 It was one loss, one win, and one rain out for the Glen Williams Specters on the weekend tournament in Collingwood.

The Intercounty fastball team lost the first game 3-2. Collingwood scored a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to edge past Glen.

"We played terrible," team member Rob Wilk

es said. "We didn't play good ball."

The second game in the tournament was a whooping win for the Glen. The score was 11-0. Rob said this second

Specters playoffs get extended curfew

Glen Williams Specters won't have to worry about playing extra playoff games this year.

The Intercounty Fastball League team had its park curfew extended by the Town of Halton Hills last week. The extension pertains to just playoff games.

Last year the Specters had two playoff games postponed because the lights at Glen Williams Park had a timer on them that went off at 11 p.m. In those two games, the contests had not yet been completed at the time of the curfew.

Therefore, the two games had to be

replayed.

Specters' manager Ted Wilkes approached the IFL this year about the possibility of tie games, and the league decided it would allow for ties during the regular season but not the playoffs.

Thus Wilkes wrote to the Recreation and Parks Department about the curfew extension, which was granted at the town council meeting.

The new curfew now is for midnight, which is "plenty of time" for Wilkes and the Specters.

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Batting blamed for Eagles' two losses

By ANI PEDERIAN Herald Staff
 In a three game Ontario Baseball Association series against Tillsonburg this weekend the Georgetown Eagles

racked up two losses and one win.

The Friday night game in Georgetown was a 6-5 win for Tillsonburg. The next two games were in Tillsonburg, with

pleased with our pitching. It was good enough to win in any game. Unfortunately, we weren't hitting very well," Guistini said.

"The guys couldn't get

baseman, and Cuba eventually scored seven runs to walk away with the game 9-1.

Houdini couldn't have better predicted what happened to Canada in their game with Taipei. In the bottom of the ninth, with two men on and the score tied 2-2, the Taipei pitcher faked the throw to third. He then turned around and faked the throw to first.

The Taipei first baseman pretended to be running for a wild pitch, and fooled the runner on third into believing it. The runner made the move to home, but the pitcher who had the ball from the start threw him out. The runner on first tried to go to second, but was also thrown out.

Ridley was disappointed with Canada's placing in the tournament. Before leaving for Albany, he said his club had the potential of making the medal round.

"I still maintain we're better than Venezuela (who were fourth and made the medal round at 4-3). When we met them they were 3-0 and we were 0-3 and we beat them handily 9-5. Getting a few wins and a good start early is important in a tournament like this."

Ridley is suggesting in his report to Baseball Canada that the team be together for a longer period of time (three weeks instead of two) before heading to play in the tournament. Even when the squad arrives, Ridley is suggesting it play a few exhibition games at the tournament site.

"We hadn't been together long enough to win our first few games," Ridley said. "The longer you're together the better you can get into their heads and break down the pressure."

in the fifth inning.

After the fifth inning, he never gave a hit and pitched an excellent game, coach Guistini said. Galvao had six strikeouts.

"However, we made a few errors that cost us," Guistini said. "The first three runs in the game were unearned. Our fielders made errors that cost runs and that doesn't help you score at the end of the game."

The Tillsonburg pitcher only gave up three hits, in the entire game. In the first inning, four Eagles walked and the teamed scored two runs, without even a hit.

In the third inning, the Eagles scored a run, and Jay Anderson and Louis Galvao walked.

Pat Brooker laid down a sacrifice bunt which advanced the runners to second and third. Next, runner Mario Galvao scored an RBI (run batted in) sacrifice fly to second field.

Paul Guistini next, had a sacrifice fly to deep centre field that scored Louis Galvao.

It wasn't until the second inning that the team scored a hit. Jay Anderson doubled, and tried to stretch it into a triple.

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PLAYING THE FIELD
DAN RALPH
 Herald Sports Editor

One capable shortstop, please

If Santa Claus wanted to do Jim Ridley a favor he would give the Canadian national junior under-18 baseball manager a couple of late, but much appreciated gifts.

The first one would come in the form of a capable shortstop with good range and speed. The second would be a host of batters who can hit righthanded pitching.

Those two elements were missing from this year's team, and played crucial roles in Canada's 2-5 record at the world championship tournament. Canada travelled to Albany, New York early this month to play in the event, and arrived home last week.

"I was quite surprised," Ridley said. "I thought we had a good defensive team, but we had problems at shortstop."

Ridley was not surprised that five of the seven teams Canada played started left-handed pitchers. But he could not do much to combat this

because he only had four right-handed batters on his roster.

However, Ridley was surprised at the level of umpiring at the tournament. He said a few officials made calls that ended up costing teams ball games, Canada being one of them.

"In our first game with Australia the score was 0-0 and Australia has the bases loaded. Our catcher gets the ball, touches home plate, then tries to throw to first for the double play.

"The umpire calls the runner safe because our catcher didn't touch him. I told the umpire that the bases were loaded and that the catcher doesn't have to touch the runner.

"The umpire says 'Oh', then says the runner beat the tag at home.

"In our final game with Panama there are two out with two runners on base. Again our catcher touches the runner coming home, really drilling him eight feet from the plate. The umpire calls him safe. I couldn't believe it. I go out to discuss the play with him, but he can't understand English. So I call for some help on the play, but didn't get it."

Not all of the umpires proved to be so reluctant to admit they were wrong. Ridley said one approached him after one particular game, but it was too late.

"We're in the bottom of the ninth, two out with two on base and the score tied 2-2 with Taipei. A long fly ball bounces over the fence. The go-ahead runner comes around third and misses it by at least 18 inches and scores the winning run.

"The umpires leave the field, but I want to appeal because the guy missed the bag. Finally the umpires come back and the third base umpire says the runner was safe. But he wasn't less than 50 feet from the play.

"So I'm back at the motel later that night, and I'm listening to the radio, and I hear Taipei beat Canada 5-2. It turns out the second base umpire called the ball out of the park a homer, but he didn't tell me that when I was there.

"I'm in the stands watching a game, when the same second base umpire comes up to me with tears in his eyes apologizing for making the wrong call. It seems he saw the television tape of the game and saw the ball wasn't a home run and that the runner did indeed miss the base.

"Don't get me wrong. It's not a case of sour grapes. As a manager you want to see something established in the first inning and see it go the whole game. I didn't see it. Some of the officials weren't the same calibre as the players in the tournament.

"We lost 9-1 to Cuba and I couldn't blame the umpire behind the plate. That umpire did an exceptional game, and was one of the best there. He was named to the umpiring crew for the championship game, but was on third because Cuba was playing."

The Canadians did have their share of bad breaks too. For example in the same Cuba game, Canada led the eventual tourney champions 1-0 heading into the eighth inning. There rightie Darrell Myers was sailing along with a three-hitter.

"I went down believing that a decent left-hander could throw off right-handed hitters because they weren't used to a curve ball, and sure enough through seven Darrell had Cuba 0-3-1 (no run, three hits, one error)."

However, while trying to field a routine sacrifice bunt, Myers collided with the third

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