

Coach impressed with Geminis exhibition effort

By DAN RALPH
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BURLINGTON - What might have been first perceived as a problem for Georgetown Geminis might not be as serious as first thought.

However, that wasn't the case Friday night as the Geminis tied Burlington in a Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League game at Nelson Arena.

The Geminis led 4-2 after the second period, but ran into some penalty problems in the final frame. The home team was able to capitalize and rally for the tie.

But Russiani was more than pleased with what he saw, particularly in goal.

"We used three goalies, and I was kind of impressed with all three," he said. "We thought goal might be a problem for us, but it might not be."

Russiani started Brampton native Paul Coleman in the first period, and the Brampton native gave up two goals. Danny Haliburton played in the second frame, and didn't allow a Burlington marker.

Toronto's Brian Dawe played the final period, and saw a lot of action as the Cougars seemed to be on the power play the majority of the period.

Guelph natives Rick Floto and Dave McVicker had single goals for the Geminis while Milton players Terry Elwood and Mike Mangolich also had singles. Georgetown native Mark Pries had the other goal for the Geminis.

Russiani was not only happy with the play of his goaltenders. He said the Geminis played quite well as a unit.



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PLAYING THE FIELD

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Quality aim of Raiders training camp

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders hope to stress quality rather than quantity at this year's training camp.

General manager Gil Eyre has spent the summer contacting potential players, and said about 30 hopefuls should hit the ice for the opening of camp tonight. A nucleus from last year's squad along with a number of newcomers will be out competing for positions on the club.

"In all fairness, though, the newcomers are going to have to beat out the players from last year," Eyre said. "But it will be a very competitive camp."

"I've gone after the players I wanted, and the majority of them will be coming to camp. I don't think there are many better hockey players than the ones we have coming in."

This year Eyre has had the time to search out and find the players he wanted. He assumed the general managing duties late in August last season, and did not have the time he would like to have had to get players.

Camp begins almost five weeks before the Raiders officially open the 1985-86 Ontario Senior "A" Hockey League season. The Georgetown team start the year at home October 11 hosting Dundas at the Alcott Arena.

"Last year it took us a long time to get on track," Eyre said. "This year I'm hoping by the opening game we will have a good hockey club that won't need many players coming in after Christmas."

This season will be the third for the Raiders in the Senior "A" loop. After finishing fourth overall last year, the Raiders were eliminated from the playoffs by Petrolia Squires. The series was decided in the seventh game, won by the Squires at the Alcott Arena.

Eyre said that memory should be a strong motivator for last year's players.

"I think any player worth his salt has (memory of the playoff elimination)," Eyre said. "I know it is still in my mind."

"I'm really looking forward to this season. I think we're going to open a few eyes. However, I'm not looking forward to training camp because some feelings are going to be hurt," Eyre said.

Director of hockey operations Barry Whitworth also stresses camp will be an open affair.

"As far as I'm concerned all positions are open," he said. "No one from last year's team has a lock on a position. I can guarantee that."



With a man on second, Glen Specters' pitcher Mark Curtis is nothing but a blur as he winds up.

Specters heading to Ont. tourney

By DAN RALPH
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Glen Williams Specters are Ingersoll-bound!

The Specters defeated Grimsby 2-0 in the best-of-three Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) zone playoff. The victories qualify the Intercounty Fastball League team for the provincial Intermediate "A" championship tournament slated for Ingersoll Sept. 14-15. The other seven zone winners will be on hand.

The Specters captured the first game of the series 17-2 at the Glen diamond. A total of 13 runs in the third inning paced the Specters' attack.

However in Game Two Thursday night in Grimsby, the Specters had to come from behind to win 3-2. For manager Ted Wilkes, the narrow win was the most satisfying of the two.

"I like the come-from-behind wins better," Wilkes said.

going behind 2-0. Andy Broadbent narrowed the gap to a single run when he homered in the fourth inning. Mike Reynolds provided the winning tally later in the game when his single brought home pinch-runner Rob Hatcher.

John Edwards first singled, then came home when pinch hitter Brian Peavoy doubled. Hatcher then ran in Peavoy's spot, and came home when Reynolds hit his single.

"It was a clutch hit," Wilkes said of the winning single.

Mark Curtis pitched both wins.

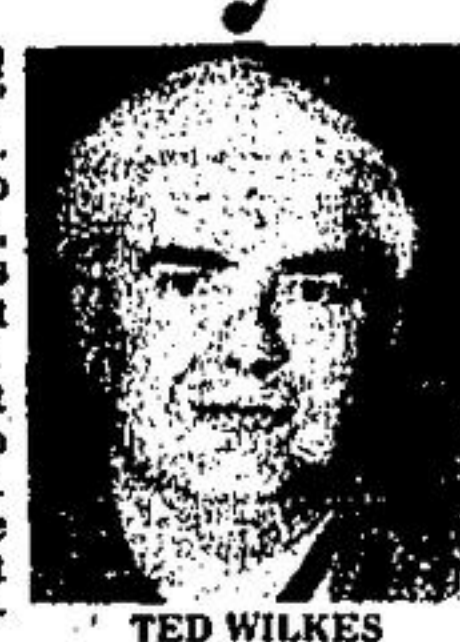
But was not the case Tuesday when the Specters blew open a 2-1 ball game with 13 runs in the third inning. Featured were a pair of grand slam homers.

Edwards nailed the first grand slammer of the inning with Gary Halls launching a rocket for the second. Halls' hit ended up in the Credit River.

Other offensive statistics for the game included a total of four Specters homers in their 26 hits. Yet even though his club had an enormous lead, Wilkes said the Specters still played the next three innings very hard.

"There was a lot at stake like the Ontario championship," he said. "Crazier things have happened, but we just didn't give them a chance to get started."

"It's satisfying to be going to Ingersoll. What this (series win) does is create an opportunity. Anything can happen."



TED WILKES

Thursday night. "But I've never been in a game where a team has hit two grand slams in the same inning. I think I'll frame Tuesday's scoresheet. I've never had a game like that before," Wilkes said.

NOTES-The Specters will play Acton tonight (Wednesday) in a sudden-death game to decide the Intercounty Fastball League first place winner. Both clubs finished the year with identical 21-7 records. The game was played at Prospect Park in Acton.

Mike Hurley paces Region to tennis championships

Georgetown's Mike Hurley was chosen to represent the Southwest Region in the Ontario Tennis Association junior championships held this weekend at the Manitou-Wabing sports camp near Parry Sound.



MIKE HURLEY

finish undefeated in the doubles class. All team members received gold medals for their efforts, but more importantly won valuable points towards their computer rankings in the Ontario tennis standings.

There were nine teams from across Ontario consisting of two male and female players in the under-18 and under-14 age classes.

All team members played singles and doubles in an elimination style Davis Cup format. Hurley played a key role in the Southwest Region team's championship win. He won all of his under-18 singles matches and teamed with Bob Armitage of Burlington to



TAKING IT EASY

During a hockey game, those players penalized must serve their penalty in the penalty box. However, for those youngsters at the North Halton Sports Camp, if they are found to be a little mischievous, then they too must serve time in the cooler, as this young player is doing. For more see story and photo on A10. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

GMHA tryouts

The Georgetown Minor Hockey Association will be holding a series of tryouts this weekend. Saturday bantam and midget "AA" hopefuls will take to the ice. The bantams will go from 9-10:30 a.m. while the midgets will go from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Sunday a full slate of tryouts will be held. At 8 a.m. the atom Tier II (born 1974-75) will be first, followed at 9 a.m. by the Pee wee Tier II (72-73). The bantam AA will be on the ice from 10-11:30 a.m. while the midget AA will follow at 11:30 a.m. The juveniles will take to the ice at 6:30 p.m.

Players attending will be charged \$3 per session. Coaches at the "AA" level will be in attendance during the Tier II tryouts.



GIL EYRE



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Sports in brief

Eagles on hold

Georgetown Junior Eagles have temporarily had their next baseball series put on hold. The team was to have played a best-of-three Central Ontario Baseball Association (COBA) playoff series with Brampton. However, last week the Brampton team didn't want to play as it was getting ready for its Ontario Baseball Association "A" playdowns on the weekend.

So Eagles' manager Dan Guistini has been attempting to contact the COBA convenor to find out if indeed there will be a series. With school starting, Guistini finds himself in a particularly difficult situation.

A number of Guistini's players are attending university, and thus it makes it quite difficult to first get everyone together to practice, and even to play a game, let alone a series.

"All the coaches I've talked to have told me there would be a COBA playoff," Guistini said. "But I can't understand it. If there was going to be a playoff, then they (the league) would have been in contact with me."

"No one has contacted me, and when I try to phone the convenor, I can't get a hold of him. We're just sort of hanging there at the moment," Guistini said.

Sabres practising

Acton Sabres will continue with their tryouts this week with a pair of practices. The Junior C team will practise tonight starting at 8:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena. The session will go for two hours.

Friday night the team will hold another tryout, starting once again at 8:30 p.m. and running for two hours.

Programs over

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department's Summer Programs are over for another year.

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