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Glen losses OASA tourney games

Specters drop heart-breakers

Glen Williams Specters had a pair of heart-breaking experiences at the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) Intermediate "A" fastball championships. The Intercounty Fastball League team dropped

a pair of one-run decisions at the tournament held this weekend in Ingersoll. In their first game against Owen Sound Saturday morning, the Specters had a 2-0 lead heading into the fifth inning. However, Owen

Sound scored three times in the fifth to win the game 3-2. Mark Curtis pitched the loss. Brad Hale scored one Specters run on a Mike Reynolds' RBI hit while Gary Halls had the other on a solo homer. The second game was

played Saturday afternoon against the host Ingersoll team. After seven innings both clubs were tied 1-1, and were forced into extra innings. The score remained tied until the bottom of the 10th when Ingersoll's leadoff hitter belted a triple. Glen Williams then walked the next two batters intentionally and were able to retire the two following Ingersoll hitters. However, after running the count to three and two, Ingersoll managed

the 2-1 win when the deciding run was walked in. Moe Curtis took the loss. "It was disappointing," said Specters' manager Ted Wilkes. "You go down there to win, and when you don't it becomes disappoint-

ing. "We had our chances to win, but we couldn't do it offensively. If anything we came up flat offensively as we had more opportunity to win than most other teams. "Our guys played well and were good enough to win. We just didn't get the breaks. Against Owen Sound I thought we outplayed and outlasted them, but we didn't outscore them," he added. NOTES-The Specters lead their best-of-three IFL playoff with Hornby after scoring a 3-1, 15-inning win in Glen Williams Thursday night. Gary Halls put the game away with a two-run homer that proved to be the winning edge. Game Two in the series went Tuesday night in Hornby, and the deciding game, if needed, will be played later in the week. A likely time would be Thursday night in Glen Williams.



GARY HALLS

PLAYING THE FIELD



DAN RALPH
 Herald Sports Editor

Electronic age making way to NHL

The United States Football League this past season was the first pro league to implement the usage of instant replays to assist officials. The National Football League decided it would experiment with the electronic devices during its pre-season, then study reports in the off season to determine if fulltime usage could occur during the regular season and playoffs.

The day may soon come when the National Hockey League too starts using replays to get better perspectives of some controversial plays.

However, 18-year NHL veteran official and Georgetown native Bryan Lewis feels a couple of restrictions would have to be taken into consideration.

"There would have to be a strict location," he said. "The camera would likely be situated above the net, which is the most logical place.

"Secondly, it would have to be used for only disputed goals, and using the replay would have to be up to the official and not the upset hockey coach.

Lewis said using instant replays wouldn't bother him.

"I think anything that makes an official's job easier is good," he said. "By making it easier I mean if it gets rid of the element of doubt and I'm able to leave after a hockey game knowing I made the right call."

Using cameras, though, would never mean the elimination of officials altogether, Lewis said.

"I think electronic devices show 98 per cent of the time an official is right, but people mostly remember the 2 per cent of the time when he was wrong."



BRYAN LEWIS

"The rulebook says the official has the final decision," Lewis said. "Be it in the pros or a kids' league, officials are needed. The human element is required."

The NHL, Lewis said, has earmarked about \$250,000 to be spent on officiating and when the referees and linemen gather this week at their training camp in Etobicoke, Lewis expects the subject of electronic devices to come up in the conversation.

"I think electronic devices show 98 per cent of the time an official is right, but people mostly remember the 2 per cent of the time when he was wrong."

"Fans are prejudiced, and justifiably so. I'm the same way when I go see my boy play. They pay good money to hoot and holler, which is fine. So long as they don't get physical or throw garbage."

"People yelling at me doesn't bother me. If I counted all the people who yelled at Bryan Lewis, there wouldn't be enough tape on a machine. If it did bother me, then I'd take a job at a cemetery," Lewis said.

Lewis said he is sure the players and managers in the NHL realize that an official's position is a tough one.

"We had a meeting between all the league officials and 20 of the 21 league general managers. The meeting was to find out our common problems, and the intent was to make officiating more understandable to them. We both have a common interest to make the game better."

"We (officials) can't be like a leftwinger depending on his defenceman after someone has gone around him. We've got to be at our best all the time."

"I think in time there will be aids in the NHL for officials to make the game easier."

NOTES-Lewis said the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association has told its officials to crack down on stick work in amateur hockey.

"It's going to be a learning experience because fans are going to see things called that in past years wouldn't have been called."

Lewis became involved in officiating while still a player in the midget and juvenile ranks. He said the experience of being on both sides of the fence did help him.

"I would encourage it," he said. "It gives you a better knowledge of the game."



Saturday was the Georgetown Soccer Club's boys Cup Day. A total of eight champions were decided in action played at Cedarvale and Yoder fields. Many of the championship contests were decided by shoot-outs. Here, a goalie



just misses the ball during the pee wee shoot-out. Right, members of a team celebrate a goal during the extra playoff circumstance. For more, see B3. (Herald photos by Dan Ralph, Dave Rowney)

SOCCER CUP DAY

Ince catches Eyre's eye in bid for goal position

Although Georgetown Chrysler Raiders had the second best goalending numbers in the Ontario Senior "A" League last year, there will be a dramatic change in goal this year.

Last season Dave Tataryn was the Raiders' iron man, playing over 2,000 minutes in goal. The major reason for the former Cambridge Hornet all-star logging so many minutes was the Raiders did not have a backup to spell him now and again.

This year however, Raiders' general manager is looking to remedy that situation. He has five goalies in camp fighting for the backup slot.

"It's very important that we get a backup," Eyre said at the Raiders' practice Thursday night. "Last year Dave showed a lot of class in the way he handled the situation in particularly tough times. He played hurt last year."

Of the new faces in camp, Eyre has been particularly impressed with Ron Ince. Ince has been out of competitive hockey for almost four years, his last team being Stratford Cullitons of the Mid-Western Ontario Junior "B" loop.

"He's really impressed me," Eyre said. "He looks really good out there."

However, Ince, 22, almost didn't end up coming out to Thursday's practice session. He said after his first night out (Monday), he nearly decided to stay home instead.

"My timing was really off Monday night," he said. "I was kind of depressed with myself, and had some doubts about coming out."

Although Ince doesn't have any Senior "A" experience, he has had some Major Junior exposure. In the 80-81 season Ince saw action with Peterborough Petes, playing backup to Rick Laferriere (who now toils with Collingwood). After spending some time there, Ince was invited to the Stratford camp, where he stayed for a season.

Since then, he has worked with a construction company and taken night school courses to



GIL EYRE



RON INCE

catch up on his education. Ince was not formally invited to the Raiders camp. He telephoned Eyre, and asked for the tryout.

Ince had heard of the Senior league when he was in Stratford, which was home of the now defunct Stratford Indians. The 6'1", 195-pounder found out about the Raiders camp through another rookie that he had played summer hockey with.

"A lot of the guys I played against in junior are now playing in the National Hockey League, so I figured I'd come out and give this a try. "I had butterflies Monday night. When you walk in and see names like Fred Boimistrak and Darren Lowe, you do tend to get a little intimidated."

"These guys shoot a lot harder than players from where I last played. All have played good hockey and know what the game is all about," Ince said.

While admitting he is a little rusty, Ince said getting his skills back will just be a matter of time.

"As for the pressure, it's what you put on yourself. It's just a matter of how badly you want to play."

NOTES-The Raiders have officially arranged for an exhibition game with University of Toronto Varsity Blues. The game will be played Oct. 3 at the Alcott Arena. Fred Boimistrak could be in the Raiders' camp as early as October. Right now he is busy working with CN up North until the end of the month. Some other new faces in the Raiders' camp include: Jim Egerton, RW with Muskegon of the International league where he averaged 50 goals a year, Bruce Kinseman defence, Peter Jennings, LW from Streetsville Junior "B" Derbies.

Gems impressive in exhibition victory

Georgetown Gems picked a good time to record their first win and overall best effort of the exhibition season.

The Gems defeated Kitchener Junior "B" Rangers 4-1 Saturday night at the Alcott Arena. The exhibition game was the final one for the Gems, who officially start their Central Ontario Junior "B" League season Friday night in Milton.

The Georgetown squad will open at home Saturday night against Barrie Colts. The game will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena.

"We wanted to start our season on a winning note," said Gems coach Jules Ruzanski. "I'd say this was overall our best effort."

The Gems dominated play in the first two periods, and had a 4-1 lead heading into the third period. However, penalties gave Kitchener the advantage for most of the final frame and the visitors were able to come back and make the score close.

"We lost a little bit of our composure and discipline," Ruzanski said.

Saturday's game was the second of a home and home series between the two teams. Thursday night in Kitchener the Gems fell behind 3-1 after the first period, and eventually lost a 3-2 decision.

"I thought we played pretty well in that game," Ruzanski said. "I'd have to say our goaltending let us down a little bit."

Wayne Morrow and Don Zubyk had two goals each Saturday for the Gems. Darren Shaw and Brian Demone had the singles. No scoring details were available for Thursday's game.

While Ruzanski was happy with his club's overall play, he said he was very pleased with how his defence performed Saturday.

"What I feel will be our strong point this year was just proven tonight," Ruzanski said. "I thought our defence really stood out."

Ruzanski said was a "blast" for the Gems.

"Wayne's the heart and soul of this hockey club. The guys in the bench watch him and they become inspired."

The Gems again tried three goalies in Saturday's game: John Bulahn, John Lockyer and Brian Dawe all played for a period.

Ruzanski will have to make a decision this week about who will tend goal for his club. So far the Gems have signed one goaltender (local Joe Moseyenny).

"With the season starting in just a couple of days, Ruzanski said he is looking forward to the upcoming year. He is happy with the team he has. Last year he inherited the Gems after Ken Gowdwick resigned as coach. This year Ruzanski has been able to get the players he would like to have.

"This team has a lot of youth, heart and desire and they are improving the way they're playing. It is an easy team to coach because they listen well."

"I am looking forward to this season. I think we will turn a couple of heads," he said.

NOTES-Former Gems player Terry West was in the Kitchener lineup Saturday night. So far the Gems have signed 13 players. They include veterans Brian Demone, Mark Shaw, George Osborne, R.J. Farnworth, Joe O'Toole, Wayne Morrow and Don Zubyk. The new faces are Chris Caputo, Ray Demone, Brad Demone, Steve Wagner, Moseyenny, Rick Shaw, Terry Morrow, Don Zubyk, Scott Farley and Darren Shaw. The Gems could sign as many as 20 players, but will likely stay around 15.

With members of last year's team still at Junior "A" camp (Ken Shaw, John Bulahn and Glen Lewis), the team will watch and not have their minds out before starting next season.

Zubyk played last year with Milton. The 11 team and the Gems are waiting for his release. He has been good in camp. Ray Anderson, a member of last year's team, was out last week from London, Ontario.



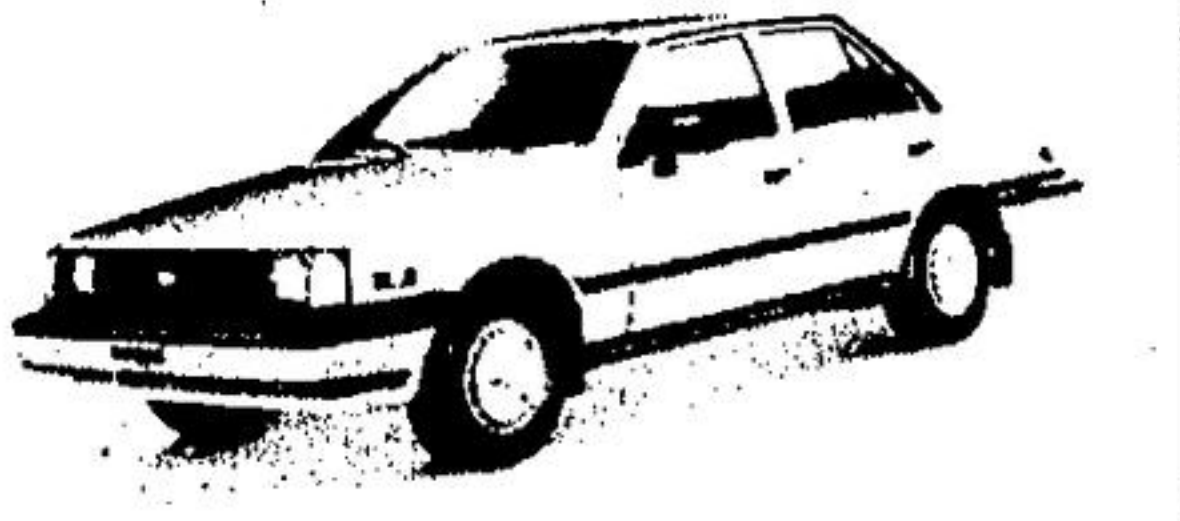
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