

Officiating upsets Gemini coach in loss

The next time referee Mike Legros officiates a Georgetown Gemini junior or "B" hockey game, you can bet coach Jules Russiani won't be behind the bench.

Burlington Cougars downed Georgetown Saturday 9-4, but that was mostly thanks to some very questionable calls by referee Legros, Russiani felt.

In fact, Russiani said he would never coach if Legros ever officiated a Georgetown game again. Saturday's game wasn't the first time Russiani and Legros had been involved in, and Russiani said the referee let personal feelings interfere with his job.

"He was actually showing animosity to Georgetown and to me," Russiani said. "I'll definitely be writing a letter to the Ontario Hockey Association about this."

There was some truth to Russiani's words. For instance when Gemini Chris Caponi approached Legros about why teammate Mark Snow received a minor penalty late in the first period, Caponi was slapped with a two-minor unsportsmanlike minor. That left Georgetown two men short early in the

second frame and Burlington's goal 13 seconds into the period opened a tight 2-1 contest.

However, the most visible call Legros missed came in the second period when a Burlington player and Gemini Ray DeSouza were involved in a shoving match. The Burlington player spit at DeSouza in plain view of Legros, who ended up giving DeSouza



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a double-minor.

With a rash of penalties in the second period, Burlington scored five times (four on the power play) and had a 7-1 lead going into the third period. Georgetown managed three goals in the final frame, but by that time the contest had been decided.

Friday night the Geminis played probably their best game of the year in Oakville. The two teams skated to a 4-4 tie in a game where Gemini goalie John Lockyer faced 36 Blades' shots.

"You don't come off the type of game we played Friday and change overnight," Russiani said. "It sounds like sour grapes, but I saw it, the players saw it and the people watching the game saw it."

When Russiani was ejected from Saturday's game in the second period, he got a boost from one person who agreed with him that the officiating cost Georgetown the game.

"There was a scout from Union College watching the game and after he came up to me and said the referee took the game away from us. It's encouraging when someone like that agrees with you," he said.

Earlier in the week the Geminis dropped a 7-3 decision to Vaughn Raiders in Vaughn. To date the Gemini record is seven wins, 12 losses and seven ties.

Brad Demone, Wayne Morrow, DeSouza and Darrin Shaw had the goals Friday night while Morrow, Demone, Brian Demone and Shaw scored Saturday. No goal scorers were available for the Vaughn game.

Georgetown has only one game this week. Sunday the Geminis are in Nobleton for an afternoon game there.

NOTES-Sunday was the first cut-down date for Georgetown, who had to send in five of its cards. No players were cut as five cards the Geminis gave up during the season were handed back....As well as the Union College scout present Saturday, the Geminis had a Princeton scout watching Rod McClure play Friday night in Oakville. In Vaughn last week a scout from RPI was present also. The Union College scout was watching Wayne Morrow, Todd Cull and R.J. Farnsworth....Former Gem Kent Falby is playing in New Market with the Tier II team there after being released from Kitchener Rangers. New Market is the Rangers' affiliate team....GM Bob Webster offers an interesting reason why his club is struggling this year after the optimism for a banner year was so high in camp. He said up to eight of last year's players who were eligible to return this year are not here and having to put new faces in the line-up means an adjustment period is needed. Eligible to return but not here are defencemen Glen Leslie (London Knights) and Rick Dodds (in the army), Chris Sparrow (U of T), John Hodgins (moved to Burlington), Ken Kavanaugh (at Brock University and playing Jr. C in Acton), Falby (Tier II), Ray Andrews (Tier II in Alberta), and Scott McDougall (work commitments, not playing at all).



HOLY BUMP

Holy Cross Separate School volleyball player Bridget McCauley dives here to bump a ball in her school's match last week with St. Francis. The two schools met in the Halton Separate School championship, with Holy Cross taking the title for the eighth straight year. Both schools met in the boys final too. See team photos on page B4. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

World junior tourney notes

Hot tickets

Tickets for the World Junior Hockey championship game between Sweden and West Germany slated to be played Jan. 2 at the Alcott Arena have gone on sale. The \$5 tickets are being sold at M and M Pro Sports, North Halton Sports and Delrex Smoke Shop.

Also, tickets can be purchased from members of the Georgetown Hockey Group executive. To show just how hot a commodity the tickets are, they went on sale Thursday and by Friday almost 300 had been sold. About 1,500 tickets are available.

What to do

Members of the Hockey Group will attend a reception Dec. 9 in Oakville that will brief all hosting centers on protocol and what each group will have to do for its game(s). Event sponsors Labatt's and Esso will be handling the opening ceremonies for the Georgetown game, but local dignitaries will be present at the opening faceoff.

CBC coming

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) will be at the Alcott Arena for the Sweden-West Germany game too. The CBC will be taping the game for feedback to both countries.

Free momento

The Hockey Group will be selling official programs at the game for \$3. Also, the group will be publishing its own momento of the game and will be giving it out free of charge.

Buffet planned

After the Jan. 2 contest there are plans being made for a buffet dinner to be held at Sacre Coeur. Tickets will be made available once final plans have been made. No prices have been mentioned for the dinner.

Fins host first meet

Sunday Halton Hills Blue Fins Swim Club hosted a meet against teams from Richmond Hill and Acton. Blue Fins won a total of 71 individual ribbons with 54 of their swimmers competing.

First place finishes were recorded by Jenny Williams (3), Glen Oomen (2), Matthew Zuraw, Andrea Herner, Jay Kerslake, Scott Hamilton and Scott Lightowers. Janine Glaser took 3 second place ribbons; 2 went to Kristin Herner and singles to Oomen, Keith Smith, Brett Gillett, Williams and Hamilton.

Third place finishes were taken by Andrea Herner (3), Andrew Kerslake (3), Terry Harrison, Scott Hamilton and Scott Lightowers (2 each), Matthew Zuraw, Dawn Newman, Mark Rattenbury, Janine Glaser, Pat Wanner and Kristin Herner. Fourth place wins went to Dawn Newman (2), Keith Smith (2), Michael Zuraw (2), Matthew Zuraw (2), Jay Kerslake, Dionelle Benito, Jennifer Cranston, Andrew Kerslake, Brandt Gillett and Brett Gillett.

Fifth place finishes were recorded by Terry Harrison (2), Diana Morrow, Michael Zuraw (2), Dawn Newman, Christy Lightowers, Mark Rattenbury and Keith Smith. Sixth place wins went to Brandt Gillett (2), Danielle Bradford, Chris Adams, Russell Law, Dionelle Benito, John Colton, Leilani Lee and Bruce Jakes.

All swimmers worked hard to better their individual times, with some novices showing as much as 20 seconds off their previous best. Also competing for the Blue Fins were Justine Colton, Emily Hamilton, Susan MacFarlane, Dawn Allen, Richard Herricks, Allison MacFarlane, Kathy Wanner, Lisa Reid, Noreen Ortilia, Kelly Bowman, Kimberley Peasgood, Alana Kanapka, Andrea Crosby, Kelly Campbell, Robert Weston, Ryan Vincent, Matthew Parent, James Young, Andrew Tyhurst, Cecilia Lee, Leslie Scarth, Sarah Geh, Allison Munro, Steven Robertson, Julie oberstorn, Sacha Reid, Warren Appleby and James Burt.

Two-hundred meter freestyle relay races were the final events. The 9 and 10 year old boys and girls teams both came second. The 11 and 12 girls teams came second and fourth, while the 11 and 12 year old boys relay teams came first and third. The 13 and over boys came second, spurred on by the competition of their coaches swimming exhibition, in the next lane.

The success of this meet can be credited to the many parent volunteers, as well as the club's executive and the dedication of the coaches.

Donations from our sponsors for this meet, Georgetown Stationery Supply, Scott's Chicken Villa, McDonald's Restaurants, Neilson's and A and P were greatly appreciated.

Icing called off

Continued from page B4. agreed and upheld the decision until the other officials told him of Tonelli's attempted pass....Defenceman Fred Boimistruk will likely be called back to work by CN and could be in a Raider uniform in the next couple of weeks.... Another Flint player who started the year with Georgetown will be protected. Jim Eggerton is doing well there, but if he comes back for any reason the Raiders want him to play here.

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Rebel swimmers in first meet of year

In their first meet of the year, the Georgetown District High School swim team placed second in the 33-team McMaster University Invitational meet.

Top honors went to Karen Pepper who won gold medals in 100-meter IM, 100-backstroke and joined Teresa Politt, Jenni Lusby and Kim Dryden in the gold medal medley relay. Carber Goodlett earned silver medals in the 100-freestyle and 50-meter freestyle.

Bronze medal performances were turned in by Jason Dodokin (50-meter butterfly), Christian Wasserman (100-meter IM) and Jull Lusby (50-meter freestyle).

They classified their competitors as Dodokin, Brian Terrell, Cam Oomen and Jon Newcombe won their class. The same foursome tasted victory in the freestyle victory.

The team members all turned in fine performances as 95 per cent of the swimmers were personal bests. The Rebels' performance shows the team will be a squad to reckon with in provincial competitions despite the loss of 11 graduates, four top competitors who moved away and the absence of many others who were unable to take part.

The team's next meet was Tuesday when it hosted Nelson High School.

Atoms end week in strong fashion

Travelling to Milton Monday the Lilley Resource Major Atoms appeared to have lost their usual "hype" during the drive there for the match and suffered a 5-2 loss.

Period one belonged to Georgetown's Jeff Wright who put the locals ahead going in alone to beat the "green machine" with a backhand flip shot in the top corner. A scoreless second stanza must have been the lull before the storm as Milton exploded in the third frame for 3 goals to pull out front.

Brad Cuthbert and Gord Buchan set up Jeff Wright for his second marker as he again scored with a hard wrist shot after breaking in alone. Milton counted two more to cement the win.

Hosting Burlington at Memorial Arena Thursday these major atoms had their "psych" firmly affixed and ready to tackle the team who had previously handed them two losses. Great hustle, solid checking and "hot" Georgetown netminding by Kevin McMurray did the job for the locals in a extraordinary team effort.

At 4:02 in the first frame Kevin Patrick was dead sure on a goalmouth pass from Steve Wright to put the rubber home and light up the scoreboard for the locals. "Rooster" Pearce set up Greg Dawson with a pass from behind the net for Dawson's wrist shot to make it 2-0.

The second period was all Georgetown as well as Ryan Schirk blasted a boomer from the blue line and a screened goalie was beaten when Jeff Wright deflected the puck into the net. Wright put away the insurance marker with a "Gretzky" style goal from behind the net assisted by Ryan Schirk. Burlington's lone tally in the final stanza was far from enough and the Lilley Resources atoms were jubilant with the 4-1 decision.

With home ice advantage again on Dec. 1 these atoms hosted Ancaster turning a loss into a win in the last 29 seconds of the game. Tommy Diardichuk in net for the locals kept the team in the game.

Ancaster drew first blood early in the 2nd frame with a powerplay marker but Steve Wright's wrist shot tied the match less than a minute later. Assisting were Spike Gratto and Kevin Patrick. "Rooster" Pearce gave the locals a short lived 2-1 edge going in alone to score on the short side. Ancaster again retaliated to even the count.

In the last minute of play in the game Ancaster again pulled ahead. At the 35 second mark Kevin Patrick picked up the loose puck out of a heap of downed players and took it around

the net to score the equalizer. Steve Wright assisted. Only 6 seconds remained on the clock when Troy Gardner's backhand shot took a bounce off the Ancaster goalie's pad and went straight up into the top corner to clinch the match. Earning assists on the final tally were Jeff Wright and Gord Buchan.

Juveniles defeat Brampton

The Georgetown DRG Stationery juveniles scored three times in the third period en route to a 5-1 win over Brampton in Tri-County "AA" juvenile hockey action this week.

Mark Pusiak gave the locals an early 1-0 lead, but Brampton tied the game before the period ended. Hank Hamilton scored the lone goal of the second period and put the home team ahead 2-1 heading into the final period of play.

In the third period Marc Butcher, Pusiak and Paul Basha netted goals to put the game out of reach for the visiting Brampton squad.

Central Ontario Sectionals

Skaters congregating here

There is a distinct possibility some of those figure skaters competing in this year's Canadian championships will be in Georgetown this week trying to realize that dream.

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club will be hosting the 1985 Central Ontario Sectionals starting Thursday and running until Sunday evening. Over 200 competitors are expected to arrive for the competition from centres like Ajax, Oakville, Orillia, Owen Sound, Kincardine, Severn River and Georgetown.

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club will be represented by Andrew Hoddinott, who will be competing in the novice men's class and Danis Cammick, who will skate in the pre-novice ladies competition. Also, Georgetown resident Darren Kemp will compete in the junior men's class, but will represent the Toronto Cricket and Curling Club, where he trains.

Also, Campbellville's Kevin Parker will be here representing the Granite Club of Toronto.

Both Georgetown arenas will be used for the competition. The figures will be performed at the Memorial Arena while the Alcott Arena will be where the free skate, dance and pairs competitions will be held.

Skating enthusiasts can purchase passes enabling them access to all the events. Adult passes will go on sale for \$10 while senior citizens and students will be charged \$7. Children under 12 will be charged \$5. Ino, daily admissions will be charged. On Thursday and Friday adults can pay daily fees of \$3 while seniors and students will be charged \$2. On Saturday and Sunday, the daily admissions increase 50 cents per age class.

As well as the skating competition itself, the Sectional meet will feature some notable names from the skating world. Canadian champ and Olympic silver medalist Brian Orser will judge in the weekend meet while guest skaters Kayrn and Rod Garsino will perform. The duo is the second ranked dance team in Canada.

The top four finishers in the novice-junior and senior events qualify for the Divisional meet slated for Whitby Jan. 9-12. The top four in that meet advance to the Canadian championships that will be held in North Bay Feb. 7-9.

While this isn't the first time the Georgetown club has hosted the event (it did so 10 years ago), event co-chairman Marg Garrison said the club is excited about the upcoming weekend.

"We've been working on this the past six months, and will be using at least 200 volunteers on the weekend. I think it will be good for the Town in that people coming here will spend time and do some Christmas shopping in Georgetown."

"As for figure skating in Georgetown I hope this will promote it. Our club has 380 members and it is growing," she said.

In addition to the skating, some social events have been planned. A V.I.P. reception will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Alcott Arena while official opening ceremonies will be held at 7 p.m. Later that evening at 10 p.m. there will be a wine and cheese event, also at the Alcott. The medals will be given out Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Alcott and at Holy Cross later that evening at 7 p.m. the championship banquet will be held.

The last time Georgetown hosted this event, Bob Howard was the chairman. Now Howard is the vice-president of the Canadian Figure Skating Association and the Georgetown club's past-president will be present at the competition.

Local ball player will start

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"I haven't really thought much about it, but when they're paying for your education there is quite a bit of pressure to play well," she said. "If I play to my potential and the way I'm capable of it won't be a problem," she said.

McGaw graduated from high school in 1984, then took a year off to work. Now she is anxious for school to begin.

"I took a year off because I wasn't sure what I wanted to take at university, or even if I wanted to go to university," she said. "After a year off I found I missed school."

"I know I'm going to be homesick and miss my friends and family. But once I get settled into my classes and the team starts to travel, I'll be fine," McGaw added.

The 5'5, 123-pound left-fielder won't be spending much time on the bench. Western Illinois coach Kathy Veroni had said McGaw will bat leadoff and play regularly in the outfield.

The Western Illinois Western Wind play in the Gateway Conference, and are defending champs. Coach Veroni has been there 13 years, and has a record of 308 wins against 81 losses. Veroni also coaches a summer team made up of Western Alumni and combined has a win-loss record of 556-221 and she is also a member of the American Softball Association Hall of Fame, and has played professional softball.

As a member of the team McGaw will do a fair bit of travelling. The squad will attend a tournament in Florida in March and will travel to either Hawaii or California in April. The regular season begins in the fall.

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