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Playing The Field
 By Dan Ralph
 Herald Sports Editor

Thanks for your help this year

As the sands of time run thin on 1985, I'd like to take time out now to thank all of the volunteer individuals who on a weekly basis spend a lot of their time writing up the many hockey, soccer and baseball results that happen here on an annual basis. Your promptness, dedication and genuine interest is greatly appreciated and recognized.

It is difficult to comprehend what the sports coverage of The Herald would be like if all those volunteers decided against handing in the results of their respective activities. Like a boat without oars it would be hard to move ahead. Rather, you'd be drifting with no real direction.

However, in part through the actions and dedication (here I go using that word again) of the many interested individuals out there, The Herald is able to keep the readers informed as to what is happening in the sports world that is rich and abundant in both Georgetown and Acton.

It is quite difficult to get out to all the athletic events that are held in Halton Hills annually. But with your help we're able to keep both the competitors and fans alike informed as to the weekly happenings.

I am continually amazed with the level of proficiency and competition this area has in its athletic events. Not many centres are as rich in baseball, soccer, hockey and high school athletics (and athletes) as Halton Hills is. Just one look at the athletes, both past and present, bears that out very much. Many Halton Hills natives are in the pro leagues of their respective sports, with many more teams going on to local, regional and provincial competitions and performing with the best Ontario can muster. Even more impressive is that for a community this size, a fair number of squads do more than just hold their own in those same competitions.

And with your help we're able to be there to capture the occasion when a Halton Hills native or team captures the gold and proves they belong with Ontario's best.

Looking back 1985 has been a real memorable year of athletics with many standout performances. Even more, there seems to be every indication that 1986 will also provide its share of thrills.

So while you're out (or in) enjoying the festive times associated with the Christmas season, have fun and enjoy yourselves. You've got a lot to be proud of here in Halton Hills.

On behalf of the staff here at The Herald, I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and all the best luck in 1986.

YMCA loop
 Youth basketball with the YMCA begins Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Separate School in Georgetown.
 Registrations will be taken on that evening. If your child is looking for a sport alternative, basketball may be the answer. Juniors, ages 8-10 years (co-ed) practise Tuesday evenings at Holy Cross and have their games Friday evenings at St. Francis of Assisi.
 The cost for YBA is \$40 and this includes a T-shirt, a manual, coaching and loads of fun. Call 877-6163 for more information.

Senior "A" team splits two games

Bet paces Gibson, Raiders to win

By DAN RALPH
 Herald Sports Editor
DUNDAS-After the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders' 6-3 win over Dundas Friday, Tom Gibson proudly puffed on a cigar that took him but 45 seconds to win.

operations Barry Whitworth that if Gibson scored in the third period Whitworth would give him a cigar. Gibson tallied at the 45 second mark of the final frame, and gave Georgetown a 5-3 advantage at the time.
 After he scored the goal, Gibson was all smiles when looking up at Whitworth as the Raider centre lined up for the ensuing faceoff.

"He was like a little kid with a new toy," Whitworth said.
 The win came a night after the Raiders dropped a 6-5 decision in Flamboro. The week's split gives the Raiders a record of nine wins against eight losses so far this season.
 Friday the Raiders started out slowly and were down 2-0 at the end of the first period. However, when the

team started to play physically, Georgetown began to get on track and led 4-3 heading into the final frame.
 Raiders' coach-general manager Gil Eyre said his club was able Friday to eliminate the breakdowns that cost them earlier against Flamboro.
 "We didn't have any (breakdowns) and kept to the system," he said.
 Paul Gallagher, Gibson, Graham Craig, Joe Panniccia, Ben Panniccia and Dave Hill scored Friday.
 Eyre said Friday his club was able to play strong hockey in the third period despite having played the night before.

also.
 The Raiders' next game will be Friday when they host Flamboro at the Alcott Arena. The game will also be the club's annual Kids Night. Saturday the team is in Chatham.
 While the schedule doesn't get any easier, Eyre said the fact that his club is playing well does help.
 "We're on a roll and I think the guys realize that if we play as 'we' and not 'I' the benefits are there," he said.



UNPROTECTED IN FRONT-Georgetown Chrysler Raiders goalie Mauro Dillilo (20) can only look on as the puck goes into the net as a Flamboro player is all alone in front. Georgetown dropped a 6-5 decision Thursday in Flamboro, but came back with a 6-3 win in Dundas Friday night. (Herald photo)

"When you play back-to-back nights you tend to get tired," he said. "But after our two goals early (in third) we played it smart."
 In Flamboro the night before the Raiders took two periods before they played a physical game, but by that time the Mott's Clamatoes team led 6-3. Compounding the Raiders' problems was they only had three regular defencemen in uniform and forward Russ Elliott had to play on the blue line corps.
 While the Clamatoes led 4-2 after the first period, the clincher came late in the second. With just two seconds left to play Rick Barkovick scored a power play tally that gave the home team a 6-3 lead. Georgetown did take command in the final period and made it close, but their fifth goal came at the 19:57 mark which left too little time for a tying goal.
 Larry Power had two goals for Georgetown while Graham Craig, Gary McFadyen and Doug Fry scored

NOTES-Goalie Dave Tataryn didn't play this week as he is nursing a painful groin-area injury. He won't play this week....Forward Derek Booth might not be back after this week. He was criticized for his play Thursday and might have taken it personally....Georgetown's goaltending is in good hands in Tataryn's absence as Mauro Dillilo has shown he can play. Of the nine goals he allowed this week, maybe three were his fault....The nicest goal in Thursday's game came from Fry, who made a couple of nice moves at the blue line then put the puck high just as he was deked and went into the boards.... Thursday's game began late as the officials went to Brantford instead.

Geminis play full three periods in 6-4 victory over Vaughn squad

Complete play resulted in an impressive win Saturday for the Georgetown Geminis.

The Geminis defeated Vaughn Raiders 6-4 at the Alcott Arena. Wednesday the team dropped a 7-6

decision to Mimico Monarchs in Mimico.

something different to do it would take their mind off letting up. It was somewhat of a change in philosophy," he said.

World junior tourney notes



With his instructor in the water, this youngster jumps in to have some fun in the pool. This was part of a miniskit put on at the first annual Christmas Water Show held Saturday at the Georgetown Indoor Pool. See photos on page A13. (Herald photo)

Saturday the Georgetown team led 3-1 after one period, and 5-2 after the second. Throughout the season when the club had a lead going into the final frame the Geminis would have trouble maintaining it and had to settle for many of their eight ties. However, Saturday the team continued its pace of the first two periods and although Vaughn scored twice, the contest wasn't much in doubt.
 Brad Demone and Wayne Morrow both had hattricks for the Geminis while Brian Demone had a pair of assists. Morrow also had an assist.
 Geminis' coach Jules Russiani said he felt his team did put together three fairly consistent periods and eliminated many of the mental errors that has hurt the club in the past.
 "I kind of thought we had three fairly solid periods," he said. "We had mental breakdowns here and there, but we played a pretty good hockey game."
 The Vaughn contest was a good one for the Georgetown defence and goaltender Joe Moneypenny. All night long the Geminis' blueliners did a fairly good job of protecting their goaltender and moved the puck out well from their own end.
 For his part Moneypenny was very sharp and came up with many fine saves throughout the contest. The Geminis' goaltender faced a total of 32 Vaughn shots in the Georgetown net.
 With a 5-2 lead going into the third period, Russiani said he tried something different in the second period intermission. Instead of telling his players not to get overconfident, he changed their strategy a bit.
 "Instead of preaching to them not to get overconfident, I gave them something different to do (on the ice). We had been coming out of our zone up the side and decided to try going up the middle instead.
 "I figured maybe if you give them

In Mimico Wednesday, The Geminis fell behind 5-1 in the first period before coming back to make the game a lot closer. Morrow had three goals for the Geminis while Rod McClure, R.J. Farnworth and Terry Elwood had the others.

Musical pieces
 When the World Junior hockey game between West Germany and Sweden is about to begin, there will be three pieces of music played before the faceoff. The IHF march will be the first played, followed by the national anthems of the two teams. There won't be one played on Canada's behalf.
No cameras
 Those wishing to perhaps video tape the game and festivities won't be given the opportunity. No video cameras will be allowed in the Alcott Arena. In fact, no cameras of any kind will be admitted without the person first having the proper accreditation.
Media coming
 Speaking of accreditation, a total of 37 members of the media will be on hand for the game. The press will have an area barricaded off for their use.
Local reps
 All members of council along with Recreation Director Tom Shepard and the Alcott Arena manager will receive tickets to the game and reception at Sacre Coeur Hall following the contest.
Discount tickets
 There are discount tickets being offered by Esso, a sponsor of the world tournament. However, they can only be purchased from Hockey Group committee member Wayne Pries. The tickets offer a \$2 discount, and once they're gone there will be no more available.

COME ON IN
 With his instructor in the water, this youngster jumps in to have some fun in the pool. This was part of a miniskit put on at the first annual Christmas Water Show held Saturday at the Georgetown Indoor Pool. See photos on page A13. (Herald photo)

Winter-spring Y brochure
 The new winter-spring YMCA brochures are available at the Georgetown and Acton Ys.
 In the brochure you will find programs on fitness, karate, judo, gymnastics and much more. For more information call 877-6163 or (Acton) 853-1070.

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