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Playing the field

Player wants to be an Eagle

Jay Anderson is going through a couple of changes this baseball season.

The 19-year-old Georgetown native is playing a new position (centre field) this year instead of his usual left field spot. However the biggest change revolves around where Anderson is playing baseball. Instead of toiling for Georgetown junior Eagles, Anderson is playing his baseball savy for Brampton Braves.

However, Anderson said he'd much rather be playing in Georgetown if Georgetown had a team.

Anderson and his Eagles teammates were setting their sights at improving last year's 4-20 Central Ontario Baseball Association (COBA) showing. However, when a coach couldn't be found for the team the Georgetown Baseball Association decided to suspend team operations for a year.

So Anderson tried out for and made the Braves roster. Despite going to a team that is the defending COBA champion and is currently 5-1 Anderson said he'd much rather play for a Georgetown club.

"This (playing for winning team) is a little better than losing but I really wanted to play in Georgetown," Anderson said. "We had Saturday night games, you knew the people who came out (to watch) and it was nice to be at the ball park."

"In Brampton not that many people come to watch and I don't know any of them. I'd like to play in Georgetown, but you have to go wherever you can play," he said.

Even with last year's disappointing record, the Eagles were involved in the Ontario Baseball Association's "C" playoff. In the first round Georgetown met up with Tillsonburg, and lost out in the final game of the three-game series. Anderson felt the nucleus was there for the Eagles to have a much better season this year.

"In the first round against Tillsonburg we lost in the final game and Tillsonburg went all the way," Anderson said. "We had basically the whole team coming back and we could have built on that."

But rather than snagging flies at the Fairgrounds, Anderson is doing so in Brampton.

Anderson said going into another town and trying out for a team whose players you don't really know can be difficult. However, he had the benefit of knowing at least one player. Former Eagles catcher Pat Brooker, who moved to Brampton last year, was also trying out.

"It has taken me a little while to get to know them (Brampton players)," Anderson said. "I'm glad there was someone there I knew."

"But it really wasn't that big a deal. I did the same thing in bantam soccer when soccer in Georgetown was cancelled at my age class. It's just like trying out for an all-star team. It's a little uncomfortable at first."

Although Brampton is 5-1 and Anderson is playing two positions for the defending league champs he hopes to come back home and play ball for a Georgetown team. He has two years of junior eligibility left.

"I hope it comes back," he said. "I've heard that once you let a team go it's hard to get it back."

"But even if there was a Senior team in Georgetown I'd play just to be back in town," he said.

Gary Hudson new Gemini coach

By DAN RALPH
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 Georgetown Gemini have added more fuel to fire a rivalry with fellow Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League member Milton Merchants.

The Gemini named former Milton Steamers' coach Gary Hudson as its coach for the upcoming season. Last month the new Milton franchise (Steamers were sold) announced former Georgetown Chrysler Raiders coach Gerry Ingalls would be joining the team and fill one of its coaching vacancies.

Gemini general manager Bob Hooper made a presentation at last

week's Board meeting outlining Hudson as the team's new coach. The executive unanimously passed Hooper's coaching selection. The Board also passed former Gemini and Raider Chris Milne as the team's assistant coach.

Hudson coached three seasons in Milton, starting in December of 1983 when he took over from former Raiders' captain Ray Tonelli. The next year (Hudson's first full one) the Steamers were third overall in league standings before losing in the playoffs. Last season Hudson left the team after 15 games, he said, due to work commitments. However there were rumors Hudson had difficulties

with the Steamers' six owners. Hudson said he was pleased to join the Gemini. Hudson added a meeting with team president Dave Kentner and GM Hooper made up his mind that he wanted the vacant coaching position with Georgetown.

"This is going to be first-class," Hudson said. "These guys helped run the Raiders for years and they (Raiders) were always first-class."

"What impressed me was they (Kentner and Hooper) don't want to take a back seat to anyone," Hudson continued. "The only thing I've got to do is win. That's the bottom line."

Hudson also said he feels he has nothing to prove to the Milton club,

and has no hard feelings about the past.

Both Hooper and assistant general manager Jules Russiani were pleased with appointing Hudson as coach. They said Hudson had the qualities the Gemini was looking for.

Hooper said Hudson's arrival to the Georgetown team is similar to that of Roy Hartsfield to Toronto Blue Jays in their first years of existence.

"Hartsfield was brought in as a builder and I think Gary is a builder," Hooper said. "He has the traits to be a good builder in Georgetown. Gary is the type of person we can work with and is the type of person we need."

"All the applicants (which numbered about 10) knew hockey and had experience," commented Russiani. "But they all didn't have the experience it takes to win in our league. It was a tough decision but Gary has good qualities. He knows the league, what it takes, had a good rapport with the kids and knows the game."

As for assistant coach Milne, the Georgetown native couldn't be more



Jules Russiani Chris Milne

pleased with his appointment. "With the people they've got working there (with team) assistant coach is the best position for me. I've been out of hockey for two years and this gives me a chance to get my feet wet. I'm quite satisfied," Milne said.

Hooper too was pleased Milne joined the Gemini in the assistant coach capacity.

"We felt it was very necessary to have someone with Junior "B" experience as coach, but Chris knows a lot of the younger people and has a good rapport with them," Hooper commented.



You're out

An Acton firefighter ball player is out at first here as a Muscular Dystrophy held in Glen Williams Saturday. Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller was on hand to throw the ball before the Acton player reaches the base. The two ball teams were taking part in the tournament for Muscular Dystrophy Association present also.

Pitcher now wearing Indians colors

By DAN RALPH
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 Georgetown's Andrew Braun is still playing Senior baseball this season, but is doing so a little closer to home.

The 20-year-old is toiling for Etobicoke Indians of the Labatt's Metro League. Last season Braun got his first taste of senior ball with

Marcolini eligible for draft

There will be at least one Georgetown resident interested in this weekend's National Hockey League (NHL) draft.

Georgetown native Steve Marcolini will be attending the draft in Montreal. The second-year Kitchener Rangers' defenceman is in his draft year and is eligible to be selected by any of the 21 NHL teams.

The Georgetown Minor Hockey Association and Georgetown Jr. "B" Gemini product said he hasn't heard anything about the possibility of being selected yet.

"I'm not nervous yet but I'm starting to think about it (draft) more and more," he said.

Stratford Hillers of the Intercounty Major Baseball League.

Braun said there were a couple of reasons why he elected not to play for Stratford this season. The superior treatment of import players and unfamiliar home setting rated high on his list.

Had Braun stayed in Stratford he would have played a lot early in the season. But once the American players become available the Canadian ones usually sit while the Americans play. Each Intercounty club is allowed to pick up four imports, and teams usually sign at least two pitchers. That likely would have meant Braun spending a large portion of the season with Stratford's junior club, something the righthander didn't want to do.

So he decided on pitching for Etobicoke, and hasn't regretted the move.

"I like it," Braun said. "It might be a little easier than Intercounty, but there are still a lot of good hitters."

"When I came out to the first practice the guys made me feel right at home," Braun continued. "Being at home makes me a little looser. (It (Etobicoke) is also a lot closer."

Braun's decision also seems to have paid off in terms of going to the better team. Etobicoke has a 6-3 record, just one full game behind league leader Leaside, Stratford

however is 6-6 and four-and-a-half games behind Hamel Division leader St. Thomas.

So far this year Braun is 2-1 with an earned-run average of 1.71. Braun has pitched 21 innings, fanned 20 white allowing just six bases on balls. Also, Braun has allowed only one homer thus far. In his first game in the Metro League Braun pitched three innings of no-hit ball against Barrie while striking out four and walking one.

A major difference Braun found in the Metro League was the Indians' home park. The dimensions (330 feet down the lines, 404 feet to centre, 375 feet down the alleys) are perfect for a pitcher. In Stratford, a fly ball hit to right field (a little over 200 feet) counts for a home run.

But Braun is also finding the Metro circuit seems to have more exposure than the Intercounty league (principally Stratford) does.

"My coach in Etobicoke is a former New York Mets scout and has more connections," Braun said. "Also there's a lot more coaching here and it seems to be helping me out a lot more."

One thing Braun doesn't have to worry about playing in Etobicoke is the possibility of doing something else other than pitching. In Stratford Braun played the infield in addition to pitching and he said that activity put more strain on his arm.

Race's cancellation frustrating to rider

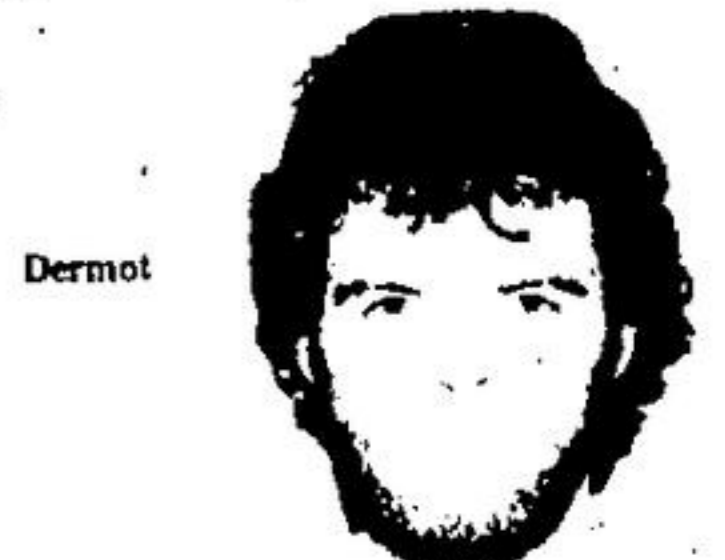
By DAN RALPH
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 Cyclist Dermot Cleary will have to wait until sometime next month for the Ontario Track championships.

The event was scheduled for this past weekend, but the rainy weather resulted in its cancellation. While it wasn't raining on the proposed day of the event, the rain that fell during the week resulted in the lines not being painted on the Delhi track.

When Cleary heard about the cancellation he was naturally disappointed. Cleary felt he was at his peak having come off an impressive showing the weekend before at the Quebec track event where he shaved a lot of time off his personal best 4,000-metre pursuit and kilometre time trial races.

"I was peaked for the event," he said. "But it was just one of those things. You've got to be flexible for these sort of things that come along all the time. If you're not flexible, the stress will get you down."

Ontario Racing Committee members will decide this week as to when the event will be re-scheduled.



Dermot Cleary feels the committee will schedule track event after the July 5-6 provincial road race slated for Thunder Bay.

"That way it would give riders more time to prepare for both races," Cleary said.

So rather than dwell on what he can't change, Cleary will begin training for the road event. That means spending more time on longer rides, increasing his mileage from the 200/week he did while training for the track championships (with speed work also) to 500/week (minus speed work).

"I have to train for the next event and the event to train for is the road race," Cleary said.

In Thunder Bay the 25-year-old will ride two events. The road race is made up of a 165 kilometre race and a 40 kilometre time trial.

Having spent the past while concentrating on the track competition, Cleary said he won't find it difficult changing to a training routine more suited to the longer road event. That's because each spring a rider spends a lot of time building his fitness level up first before getting into the specialized training.

"It will be like going back to my old times," he said.




Just because he will be riding longer now though doesn't mean Cleary's training will be simpler than it was for the track races.

"They (different training schedules) are difficult in their own ways. The speed work is difficult because it's so intense and it's frustrating with all the waiting around," he said. "With the endurance it's difficult from the sheer mental toughness points because you're spending hours upon hours on the bike."

Cleary will still attend weekend races, but his sole aim is doing well in Thunder Bay next month. That's even with limited finances. He will pay for the trip out of his own pocket.

"I'll be going to Thunder Bay and spending a week there," Cleary said. "I'll be trying to do it as cheaply as I can but it will still be expensive. But I'm not the only one. I'll get there somehow."

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