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Georgetown loses to Burlington but beats Mimico

Gemini split season openers

Georgetown Pontiac-Bulck Gemini gained a split of their first two games of the 1986-87 Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League season which began last weekend.

The Gemini began their home-opener with Burlington Cougars in fine fashion, jumping out to a 3-1 lead after the first period. However, lacklustre play by the Gemini from early in the second period on gave the visitors the opportunity to get back into the game. Burlington made the most of its chance and scored three times to take a 5-3 decision.

The crucial blow for the Gemini came late in the final frame. With the score tied 3-3 and just under four minutes left to play, Burlington con-

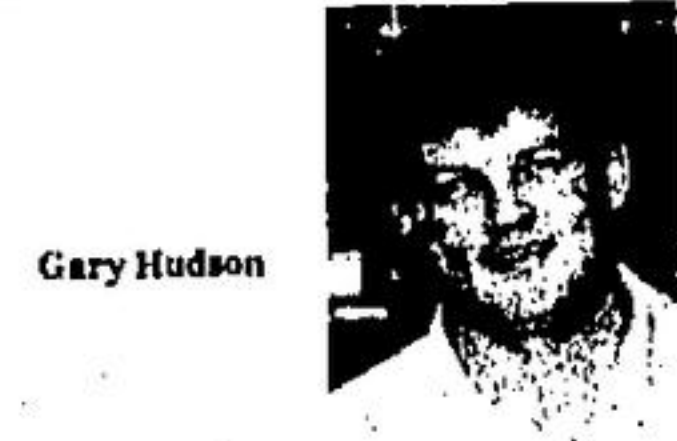
verted on a two on one advantage to take a lead that it wouldn't relinquish. Cougars added the empty net tally with just a second left in the game for the insurance marker. The loss was even harder to take as Georgetown had three bona fide scoring chances in the first two periods that were missed. At the time Georgetown led 3-1, and could easily have put the contest out of reach with the goals.

But the Gemini came back with a win on the road the following evening. Georgetown scored twice in the final period to take a 6-4 win over Mimico Monarchs. Mike Teetzel, who had but one shift the first two periods, netted the winner about midway through the game.

Wayne Morrow led the way for Georgetown Friday night with two goals. Todd Cull had the other. Al Brenner scored twice for Burlington while Cam Cooke, Steve Hart, and Andrew Diteane had the others. In Mimico Morrow had another pair of goals, including a shorthanded tally. Travis Cole, Teetzel and Brad Demone had the others. Chris DePietro, Tom Robinson and Brian Neiser scored for Mimico.

Georgetown coach Gary Hudson said the difference between the two games was simple. His club put forth a much better effort in the win over Mimico.

"The kids played three periods of hockey in Mimico," he said. "We just got an honest effort for 60



Gary Hudson

minutes from everyone. I think Friday night we just ran out of gas. You can practise, practise, practise but you need the games. We've only had two practises as a team. I'll worry about giving up 3-1 leads if we're still doing it in a month."

Hudson is pleased with the nucleus he has with the Gemini currently. He said if he went with the club he presently has the Gemini would do their share of winning. But with five import cards left to be filled, Georgetown has the means to improve itself should superior hockey talent become available.

Hudson said he's pleased so far with the play of goaltender Mike McNiven and the line of Travis Cole, John McCabe and Darren Shaw. The veteran netminder played in both weekend games and the trio of forwards have been an asset defensively.

"The two (McNiven and Dan Halliburton) know the situation," Hudson said. "I told them both we'll go with one until such time as he doesn't play well. I went with Mike because he played here last year."

"I've been pleased with McCabe, Cole and Shaw," Hudson continued. "They haven't had a goal scored against them and by Christmas that will be a good line."

But Hudson feels if the Gemini are to get better, they'll have to cut down on giveaways and improve the power play.

"We'll have to cut down the giveaways in our own end. You can blame the defence, but the defence is only as good as the forwards," he said.

The Gemini are in action this weekend also. Friday the team travels to Oakville to face the Blades in a rematch of last year's playoff pairings. Saturday the team returns to the Alcott Arena to face Milton Merchants in a 7:30 p.m. start. Milton is coached by Georgetown resident Gerry Inglis and former Georgetown Raiders player Ron Twiss.

NOTES-Georgetown has traded defenceman Joe O'Toole to Mimico for cash and a player from the Monarchs' Mississauga Black Hawks midget affiliate club.



SPONSOR'S SWEATER-Georgetown Pontiac-Bulck Gemini VP of Hockey Operations Jack Handy (right) presents team sponsor Barry Whitworth (left) with a Gemini sweater that has Whitworth's nickname on the back. The presentation was made Friday prior to the start of the season opener for the Gemini, who hosted Burlington at the Alcott Arena. (Herald photo)

Rebel volleyball teams begin defence of titles

The Georgetown District High School senior and junior volleyball squads began defending their respective Peel-Halton and Halton championships in fine fashion this week.

Both teams won their first two games of the season last week, defeating E.C. Drury and Oakville Trafalgar in contests played at the Georgetown gym. The Rebels travelled to Acton Monday and are at Perdue tonight for senior-junior doubleheaders.

The senior contingent opened its season last Monday hosting E.C. Drury and won the first two games of the three-game set 15-5, 15-3 before the visitors took the final contest 15-10. Wednesday against Oakville-Trafalgar the Rebels opened the set with a convincing 15-1 first-game win. Georgetown allowed the visitors to come back and make a game of it in the second contest before winning 15-12. With a team



Grant Clatworthy Bob McKay

made up mostly of second-squad players, the Rebels took Game Three with little difficulty 15-0.

The senior Rebels, with five of last year's starters returning, figure to be the team to beat in Peel-Halton this season. The returnees too are anxious to improve this year in reference to last year's showing at the Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association (OFSSAA) championships. Georgetown last year won one of three round-robin games which eliminated the Rebels from making the quarter-final round. The losses weren't the result of being outplayed, but rather the Rebels coming up flat at inopportune times.

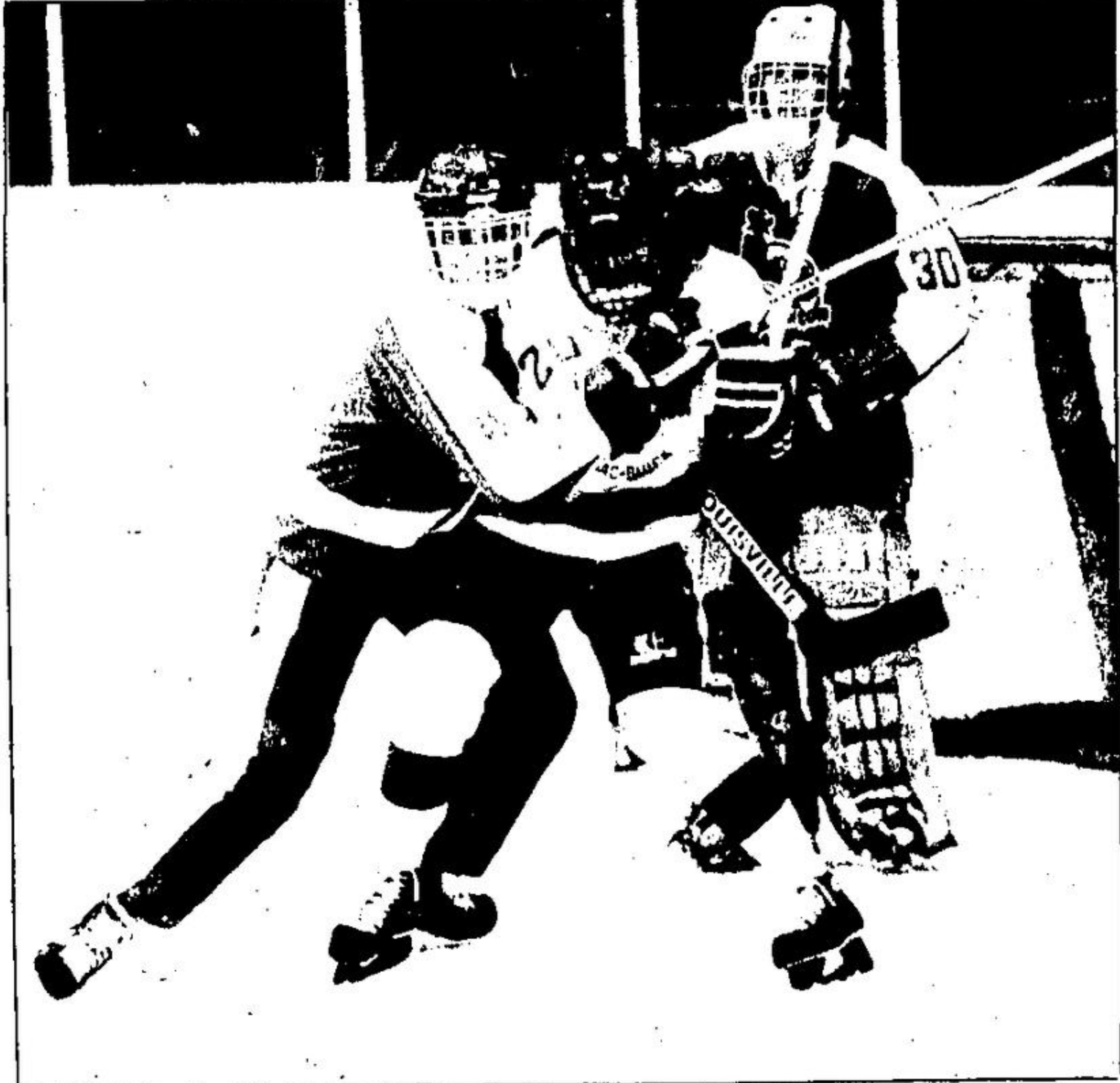
Rebels' coach Grant Clatworthy said it's that desire to do well at OFSSAA that's in the back of his starters' minds. That in turn should keep the Rebels' motivation to do well this season very keen, he added.

"They figure they're in their last year (five starters graduate after this season) and if they don't do it now they won't be able to do it at all," he said. "As for complacency, you don't worry about it this early in the season. We'll be going to a tournament at York University so we'll know where we stand and what we have to do."

The junior Rebels also have begun the season with a pair of wins. Monday Georgetown defeated E.C. Drury 15-10, 15-10 before dropping the third contest 15-7. However, the big win came Wednesday when the Rebels hosted Oakville-Trafalgar. Georgetown played near-perfect volleyball in taking the first two games 15-5, 15-4 before Oakville-Trafalgar took the third contest 15-12.

Not only did the win over Oakville-Trafalgar keep the Rebels' record to 2-0, but it was important from the standpoint that these two teams figure to be the best in Halton this year. Rebels' coach Bob McKay said Wednesday's victory was the best effort of a Georgetown team has put forth in his four years of coaching.

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STANDING HIS GROUND-Georgetown Pontiac-Bulck Gemini forward Mike Teetzel (20 in white) battles a Burlington Cougars defenceman here in front of the Burlington goal. Georgetown hosted the Burlington team Friday at the Alcott Arena in the Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey league season-opener for both teams. Burlington won this game 5-3, but the Gemini came back with a win on the road Saturday in Mimico by a 6-4 verdict. Teetzel netted the winning tally in that game. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

Bingham starring with WMU

HERALD SPECIAL

KALAMAZOO, MICH. Joanne Bingham of Georgetown, a freshman outside hitter on the Western Michigan University volleyball team, had four kills in seven attempts during the Broncos' victories over Miami (15-1, 15-6, 15-6) and Ball State (15-5, 15-9, 15-8) this past weekend.



Joanne Bingham

Bingham, a Georgetown District High School graduate, saw action in all three of the Broncos' matches the week of Sept. 15-20 and will be expected to provide WMU with depth at the left-side hitting position. She is presently the number 2 L-1 player behind All-American senior Sarah Powers.

Western Michigan is currently 5-3 overall and ranked 20th in the nation. They have won 62 consecutive Mid-American Conference matches.

Senior volleyball makes return to AHS

Acton High School's senior volleyball program got off on the right foot last week after a one-year absence.

Last Monday the senior Redmen scored a close win over Milton Mustangs (15-7, 2-15, 16-14) in a game played at the Acton gym. However, the Redmen suffered a defeat Wednesday at the hands of Queen Elizabeth Park (2-15, 15-13, 1-15) to even their record at 1-1 early in the season. Monday the Redmen faced Georgetown Rebels at the Acton gym.

Acton senior coach Bruce Andrews said it will take his players a while to get back into the swing of volleyball. A lack of players last season forced the senior program to be shelved for a year.

Andrews said in the Milton contest it was important for the Redmen to claim the win. With no program the season before, the win was viewed as giving the Acton squad confidence early in the year.

Redmen squad wins season opener after program put on hold last year

"I think it (third game against Queen Elizabeth Park) was nerves," Andrews said. "We just never seemed to get off the ground in that third game."

Andrews knows it will be a tough road for his team to hoe this year. Acton is a "A" school competing against "AA" and "AAA" teams that have more of a student body to draw players from. But Andrews said this year's team has some good athletes on it.

"The players are starting to fit into the practice routine," he said. "It's nice working with kids who have good athletic ability."

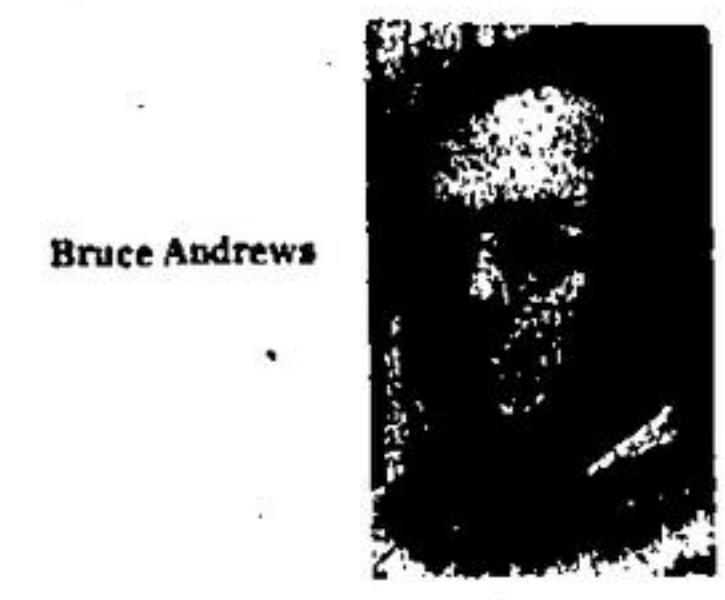
Andrews is looking at Redmen Al Scott and Kevin Lobsinger to set a good example for teammates to follow. As well, Andrews said he has some first-year players who show

good potential.

"Al played for our junior team last year and he's a team leader," Andrews said. "He knows where the ball should go. Kevin is a dedicated student who wants to win and gets upset when he doesn't which is something you like to see. Also, Colin Lewis gives a good effort and first-year player Mike Peters has good potential."

What Andrews wants to do is have some junior team members attend clinics to better themselves for when they become senior. If future players do attend clinics, then the Redmen volleyball program will have a solid base from which future coaches can build on.

As for the junior Redmen, the team has gotten off to a slow start. The Redmen dropped a 3-0 decision



Bruce Andrews

to Milton in the season opener. The result wasn't different in the team's second contest as Queen Elizabeth Park took a 3-0 win over Acton.

NOTES - The senior Acton team took part in a tournament held at Georgetown District High School last weekend. Acton lost its first four games: (15-9, 15-13 to Assumption; 15-4, 15-6 to Georgetown; 15-8, 15-7 to Loyola; 15-7, 15-3 to Queen Elizabeth Park) before taking a win over Milton 15-3 after losing the first set 15-7.

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