

GBA may be forced to cancel minor house league ball

By DAN RALPH
Herald Sports Editor

House league baseball stands to be cancelled this summer unless new blood is injected into the Georgetown Baseball Association (GBA) executive via more public interest.

That strong and real possibility stems from last week's poor showing at the GBA annual meeting. Only one new person (outside from last year's executive) attended which meant a new executive couldn't be elected. Technically the GBA right now is without a governing body.

Last year's GBA president Rich Lorito said the cancellation of house league baseball is one of a handful of possibilities that could be adopted. About half of this year's executive is interested in returning for another season, but to ensure a fair division of the workload about eight or nine new members are needed. Should the needed individuals fail to materialize, the talk is the existing executive members might decide to focus their efforts on rep ball entirely. The reason being it would be easier for the six or so individuals to make arrangements for four or five

rep teams than do the same for both rep and house league squads.

Last year a total of 16 house league teams (with 14 players on each team's roster) were under the GBA's jurisdiction. That means about 300 youngsters signed up last year to play baseball in Georgetown, and over 70 per cent of those players toiled at the house league level.

Lorito said what was disappointing about the low turnout was during the season spectators and fans weren't afraid to voice their opinions to GBA executive members. However, when an opportunity

arises for these same people to actually help the GBA, they aren't taking an active role in Georgetown minor baseball.

"I think the people in the executive this year worked hard, did a good job and we had a good year," Lorito said. "We can't believe the lack of support. We're hurt. We worked hard, had a good year only to have one person come out."

Last year Lorito took over the president's position after Pat Brooker moved to Brampton. At the time of his appointment Lorito informed all concerned he was taking

the job for only a year. A number of his 12 executive members too informed Lorito ahead of time that they weren't going to come back for another year.

While all went well in the GBA with 12 executive members, Lorito is hoping for another eight or nine individuals to come out and join the GBA. Duties would include helping out ordering uniforms, baseballs, umpires, convening. While it sounds like a lot, Lorito said an executive of 15 people would be able to easily handle the workload without anyone getting bogged down.

If anyone is interested in helping out, they had better make their intentions known soon. The GBA will need its new members in the next week so another meeting can be arranged, the executive selected and plans be made for the upcoming season.

"I don't think we're pressing the panic button when only one person comes to the meeting and now there's no executive," Lorito said.

Anyone interested in helping out is asked to contact Lorito in the evenings at 877-7409.

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Novices taste pair of victories

By RITA DAVIDSON

The major novices travelled to Stoney Creek and eliminated their distant league mates 3-1. Totally in control throughout the game the novices showed fine passing plays with tallies going to Paul Sandifer, Timmy Diardichuk (2), assists to Josh Richardson, David Boere, and David Kalbarski.

The first defeat this aggressive team experienced was a bitter pill to swallow. A very close match with Flamboro saw Georgetown open when Marc Boucher set linemate Fraser Thorn up for Fraser's first season goal, a real sizzler! Flamboro pressed to tie then Paul Sandifer scored from Robbie Monckton to again go ahead. This back and forth action continued throughout with end to end breaks and clean crisp passing. Early in the third Flamboro went ahead for the first time but Timmy Diardichuk set Paul Sandifer up for what appeared to be a tie maker but with seconds left in this closely fought event Flamboro squeaked a stinker past and North Halton Majors experienced their first loss.

If one thing is to be said about the North Halton Major Novices it is that they are this year a very determined aggressive club. The team appears to function well together and often slow off the mark they continually press helping one another towards "the win".

We saw a fine example of this Sunday when Oakville arrived in Georgetown. Throughout their many games together Oakville has always produced the win with Georgetown only ever gaining a tie. Keeping this in mind the coaching staff prepared the team for a fast paced positional type game. Oakville opened in the first period with only fifty-six seconds gone as North Halton Majors seemed slow to start. They geared up though and held Oakville through the first and second to very few shots. Always pressing they hit post after post and came close dozens of times.

They exploded in the third. This was their period as Scott Lahey went the length of the ice making a beautiful passing play to set up Timmy Diardichuk for our first marker. The ice was all ours as Oakville scrambled to keep up with Georgetown's skating passing drive but still couldn't contain Paul Sandifer to Robbie Monckton who netted his first of the season. A hard wrist shot close in. A rushing defenceman is nice to see as Sandy Davidson took the puck up over centre to set up Robbie Monckton whose heads up pass to Paul Sandifer cinched the win. Oakville got one more, a mad scramble in front of Steven Heinz with the puck just slipping in off of one of our players.

The final 3-2 indicates a close game but Georgetown held the play and the celebration after indicated their pleasure at finally beating Oakville. Busy week sees the team travelling twice, once to Burlington then Streetsville and home Sunday to Dundas 4p.m. Memorial.

Gemini split weekend games

By DAN RALPH
Herald Sports Editor

What started out looking like a positive weekend for Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Gemini ended quickly on a very disappointing note.

The Gemini defeated Burlington

Cougars 6-3 Friday in Burlington in what was Georgetown's best game of the young season. Team officials were confident Georgetown had finally hit its stride after struggling earlier. But that sense of optimism was shortlived as Nobleton

outplayed the locals in almost every facet in taking a 4-2 decision at the Alcott Arena.

Gemini coach Gary Hudson was visibly disappointed with his club's play Saturday. Not only was Hudson unhappy about the loss but he was

concerned with how his club had been soundly outplayed. Had it not been for the superb goaltending effort by Georgetown's Dan Halliburton (who faced 49 shots, 24 in the second period alone), the score would have

gotten into double figures.

"They (players) aren't coming to play. They've got to realize there are 30 people working their tail off for the executive of this team and for what," Hudson said. "It seems like the players are coming for the party after the game."

"Friday night it seemed like we were a different team," Hudson continued. "The difference was we came to play. You could see that in the warm-up."



BIG SAVE-Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Gemini goaltender Dan Halliburton here makes the glove save in the first period of Saturday's game with Nobleton.

Defenceman Mark Pries looks on just in case the puck

manages to come loose. Georgetown began weekend play on a positive note defeating Burlington 6-3 on the road. However, Nobleton came to the Alcott Arena and left with a 4-2 win. (Herald photo)

Home isn't so sweet for Gems

Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Gemini might want to give a little thought to possibly playing the remainder of its Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League games on the road.

The Alcott Arena hasn't been too hospitable for the Gemini early this year. To date Georgetown has dropped all five of its home games, the last of which was Saturday's 4-2 loss to Nobleton. However, when one looks at the Gemini's away record one finds a very respectable 2-1 mark, which includes Friday's 6-3 win over Burlington Cougars in Burlington. Presently both of Georgetown's wins this year have come on the road.

The team's scoring statistics too seem to point towards the Gemini being more comfortable on the road. Georgetown has averaged only 2.4 goals-for in the five home games while giving up 5.2. But away from home Georgetown has averaged 5.67 goals-for while only giving up an average of 3.33 goals-against.

"It's definitely a big concern," said Gemini coach Gary Hudson. "I don't know why it is. If I knew I'd be trying something to turn this around."

Hudson said in Friday's contest his troops stuck to and effectively executed the game plan that was formulated. However, such wasn't the case against Nobleton. All too often one of two Gemini players would try to do it all by themselves, which Nobleton was able to neutralize. But when Nobleton got the puck, there was usually five or six passes made before a shot was put Halliburton's way.

The weekend split leaves Georgetown with a record of 2-6 so far this season. It's a record that Hudson feels should be dramatically better.

"We should only have one loss this year and that's to Barrie," Hudson said. "But we were in that game too. We're making teams happy to play us because we're giving games away and I don't know why that is. There isn't a team in this league that we can't beat. They (Gem players) have a chance to be the heroes of the town and I can't understand why they're not taking it."

With Georgetown's dismal start, Hudson has thought about the possibility of being fired. While being disappointed with the Gemini's play to date, Hudson is also thinking about the situation some of his superiors are in.

"These people are running the hockey club as a business and it's easier to get rid of one person rather than 19. The only thing I feel bad about is I'm letting some people down. A guy like Jules Russiani spoke highly of me to get me here and I feel like I'm letting him down," Hudson said.

Hudson said there isn't likely to be a major shuffling of players. He's confident if his troops can stick to the game plan in future games there's enough talent on the Gemini to win consistently.

"There is talent here. I'd just like an effort from them. I know these guys know how to play hockey," he said. "I think they've got to take a look at themselves in the mirror. If they're giving 100 per cent then they have no problems. But if they're only giving 60 per cent and are being given 100 per cent from others then there's a problem."

Saturday Rod McClure and Glen Leslie scored for Georgetown. The night prior in Burlington Joe Washkurak and Wally Petrie both had two goals for Georgetown while Wayne Morrow and Rick Floto had singles. Halliburton was once again quite steady in the Georgetown goal.

Georgetown has a pair of games this week. Tuesday the team was in Vaughn to take on the Raiders. Saturday evening the Gemini play host to Oakville Blades at the Alcott Arena.

GDHS Rebels continue domination with defence of cross-country crown

By GREG SHOLDICE
Herald Special

At the Kelso Conservation Area last week the Georgetown District High School Rebels cross country team swept the Halton final winning four of the six categories (midget boys, midget girls, junior boys, senior girls).

The midget girls had an outstanding race having five runners in the top 15 and beating second-place Assumption by over 30 points. Sheri Cave and Sherri Nairn ran across the finish line hand in hand for a first-place tie. Kim Barr and Sonia Letarnee were close behind finishing fifth and 11th respectively.

The midget boys did very well also finishing first with Bob Donker finishing second by only one second. David Seida finished a close sixth while Paul Lalonde was right behind placing seventh. Eddie Powers drove the win home with his 12th place finish.

The junior boys easily won their category beating the second

place E.C. Drury team by 30 points while having four runners in the top 10. Dave Paul was first with Jeff Amato second, Glenn Mulder fifth and Brendan Cleary eighth.

The junior girls on the other hand placed third overall and had three runners in the top 15. Janelle Lewis was the top Rebel in eighth, while Liette Chiasson was 11th and Toni McClements was 15th.

The senior boys had an impressive second place overall finish with Jim Clarke placing sixth, Yanne Letarnee was ninth and Zander Oldaker finished 13th.

The senior girls stole the show having all of their six runners competing place in the top 10. Amy Powers was second while Linda Wenham was third. Shawn Langdon was in fourth with Nancy Mustard finishing fifth, Sandra Snyder was eighth and Sandra Heaton ninth.

The "running Rebels" are now

the Halton cross country champs once again and deservedly so as

they had two individual and four team first place finishes.

Georgetown bowler qualifies for finals

Sunday at Georgetown Bowl, Andy Parent qualified to represent Georgetown at the Provincial Finals of the Championship Five-Pin T.V. Bowling Series, with a prize fund of \$43,000.

After rolling a 329 single in his third game of the 10-game set, Parent took over the lead though Bill Anderson, Ron McGowan and Bob Normore made a run at him but could not get closer than 36 pins. Steve Archibald started with 302 the first game but faded in the stretch. Bill Anderson, the winner in the two previous years rolled a 306 in the eighth and a 305 in the 10th in a vain attempt to catch the leader.

The winners of the high-single prize money in each set were Andy Parent - 3 sets, Bill Anderson - 2 sets, and 1 set each by Gary Bell, Gord Lane, Bob Normore, Ron McGowan and Steve Archibald. Others also taking part in the tourney were Simon Entwistle, Gaston Larocque, Peter Maralambous and Aurelio Garcia.

The runner-up position was captured by Bob Normore by 17 pins over Anderson and 21 over McGowan. Now Andy Parent has an intensive preparation for the provincial of this Carling-O'Keefe Sports CBC TV Series at the end of the month.

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