

Slo-pitch winners



Park-Lincoln Mercury captured double honors in the Halton Hills Service Club Slo-pitch League this year. The team won the league playoff series and were also the "B" champs. The team was formally honored Saturday at a league banquet held at the Elk's Lodge in Norval. (Herald photo)

Moms need your support

After our very disappointing October meeting, the Hockey Moms decided that communication between the 500 or so hockey moms isn't happening. It was decided to have something weekly in The Herald's sports section, so please keep your eyes peeled for hockey moms news.

First and foremost we need Hockey Moms for each and every team, be it rep, select or house league. This can be a rewarding and enjoyable task and an opportunity to meet and make new friends as well as help the boys and girls with the coming hockey season. Please think about it and if interested call me, Linda Lee at 877-5880 and I'll most certainly be more than pleased to hear from you. Remember to keep Hockey Moms in existence. We need your help NOW!

Firefighters have exciting comeback

Four unanswered third period goals gave the visiting Georgetown McNally Construction Firefighter "AA" Major Atoms an exciting 5-4 win over Stoney Creek in Tri-County action Saturday.

Trailing 1-0 after one period, Steve Boyle evened the score for Georgetown early in the second, knocking in a Todd Fuller rebound after Steve Melykuty won the faceoff. Stoney Creek then counted three straight goals to take a commanding 4-1 lead into the final frame.

Jimmy Kavanagh narrowed the margin to 4-2 before the final period was a minute old with an unassisted tally. Fifteen seconds later Ryan Brain knocked in a rebound off a Matt Downs shot from the point to bring Georgetown within a goal. The Firefighters continued to press their hosts and finally tied the game with 12 minutes to play as Kavanagh

scored his second of the game with a low drive after being set up by defencemen Keith Montgomery and Jeremy Hamp.

With six minutes to play and after killing a penalty Georgetown took the lead as Fuller scored what was the winning tally, moving in on his right wing to beat the goalie on the short side after taking a Boyle pass from the blueline. Two more Georgetown penalties in the final five minutes, along with the Stoney Creek goalie being on the bench for a sixth attacker kept the Firefighters at a disadvantage. But strong forechecking by Derek Parsons, Melykuty and Blaine McCauley, along with clutch goaltending from Josh Barber, preserved the win.

Sunday in Georgetown the Georgetown crew failed to take advantage of numerous scoring chances early and eventually dropped a 4-1 decision to Flamboro.

Acton Jr. C Sabres off to slow start

Acton Jr. "C" Sabres will try to get into the win column tonight when Orangeville comes to town for a Mid-Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League game at the Acton Arena.

problem. When the Sabres travelled to Orangeville they only had eight skaters and two goalies.

"With just three guys on the bench even the coach got lonesome," he said.

Presently the Sabres are 0-4. After the Orangeville contest Acton dropped an 8-4 decision to Fergus, a 12-4 game to Alliston and most recently a 6-4 score to Grand Valley. It was in their game with Grand Valley that Acton had its best chance for a win as the Sabres led 3-1 and 4-3 after the first and second periods respectively. No goalscorers were available.

Sabres' general manager Elmer Dunn said it will take his club a little while to start playing well. Tight now getting hockey players is the

"It's getting to a point now where

we're starting to develop a good nucleus," Dunn said. "It's coming, but a little slower than it did last year."

Acton competed at the Jr. "C" ranks for the first time last year after an absence from the Jr. "B" loop. However Acton lost the likes of Wally Petrie, Paul Cargill, Jason Rogers and Steve Wagner to the Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League. This year the Sabres have had to use a good number of midget affiliate players due to the absence of signed products thus far.

However, Dunn isn't pushing the panic button just yet. All teams in Acton's division qualify for the playoffs so there isn't a threat of being left out of the post season action.

"The kids just think the world of our new coach (who is former Georgetown Chrysler Raider Gary McFadyen). He's such a positive person."

Grid Rebels notch first victory of year

The Georgetown District High School junior boys football team captured its first win of the year last week in a very convincing way.

The Rebels' defence totally shut down Burlington Pearson's offence while the Georgetown offence netted four first-half majors as the locals emerged with a 28-14 win. In fact, the Georgetown defence didn't allow Pearson a first down in the entire first half, and the second team gave up but one major in the second half (the other was an interception returned for a TD).

Rebels' coach Rick Redshaw said he was most pleased with the way his second team defence played in the game, which took place in Burlington. The Rebels' youngsters were up against Pearson's first squad and handled themselves quite admirably.

"We substituted everyone in the second half and our young kids (on defence) did well to hold Pearson's first team," he said. "I'm quite happy with what they did."

Rebel running back Tim Racinsky, who had 70 yards on 10 carries, got the offence rolling with Georgetown's first major, a 14-yard off-tackle run. Then a reverse to

Derek Orme resulted in Georgetown going up 14-0 as Orme turned the run into a 40-yard major, which was helped by a Rod Pasma block.

Fullback Kirk Serjeantson then capped off a six-play drive that put Georgetown in front 21-0. The final Rebel major was a 40-yard pass-and-run play between quarterback Sandor Gomboz and receiver Stu Teetzel. Teetzel's speed was instrumental in Georgetown gaining their fourth major as he outran the Pearson defenders the final 20 yards. Veteran kicker Dave Varrichio converted all four majors.

Defensively Rob Leoni punched through for a couple of sacks while Mike DaSilva also got through. Redshaw said the moves his coaching staff made (putting Teetzel as defensive back, DaSilva as linebacker and Rob Reid on the line) proved quite effective.

Sheemin surprises Ancaster

Sheemin Nurseries Major Peewee "A's" surprised the unbeaten Ancaster team Saturday night in a fast, hard checking game that ended in a 1-1 tie.

Peter Downs, superb in net, allowed Ancaster's only marker late in the second period. Georgetown came back to tie the match, early in the third on a powerplay goal by Steve Cigen, assisted by Claude Johnston and Bobby Dezeuw.

The team gets ready for a busy week with back to back games against Milton, Burlington and Orangeville.

DRG pee wees claim wins and tie

The Georgetown DRG Stationery Pee wees took home five of a possible six points this week in Tri-County play.

The locals first tied Milton 1-1 as Jason Smith's tally with 59 seconds remaining lifted Georgetown into the deadlock. Duane Lewis assisted on the play.

Lewis and Smith also combined for the tying and winning tallies in Georgetown's 5-4 win over Burlington. Lewis notched the tying goal

in the final period, which was his third of the game. Smith then scored the winner with 1:23 left to play, as Dave Lawrence assisted. Trevor Elnesky had two assists, as did Lawrence while Smith had a single.

Georgetown rounded out the week downing Erin 4-1 as Sean Guistini's tally in the first period proved to be the winner. Lawrence, Smith and Doug Crawford had the goals for the winners while Elnesky, Lewis, Brad Amato and Adam Hagen had assists.

Redmen close to playoff berth

After a year's absence from the senior boys volleyball scene, Acton Redmen are making a good run at finishing third in the East Halton standings.

Last week Acton defeated Loyola 2-1 (15-12, 2-15, 15-9) for its third win in five games to date. Georgetown leads the league standings with a 6-0 mark, followed by Queen Elizabeth Park (5-1). Having met both Georgetown and QEP already, Acton could invariably finish third with wins over Oakville-Trafalgar, E.C. Drury and Perdue. The possibility of having a winning year is an encouraging one for the Redmen and

coach Bruce Andrews. Last year a lack of players forced the senior program to take a one-year leave of absence.

"I think we stand a good chance of having a winning season," Andrews said. "We certainly have improved and one reason for that has been the number of tournament games we've played."

With a number of Redmen players having been out of volleyball last year, Andrews has had to spend a lot of time working on fundamentals with his club. Andrews said too the East Halton circuit is a league filled with good competition, a fact his

players have come to realize as being true.

"This is a fast game and I think the kids are appreciating that," Andrews said. "We've worked on our skills and attack and we're starting to function better."

As for last week's game, Andrews said the loss his team suffered in the second game was mostly a lack of concentration. However Redmen Al Scott, Kevin Galloway and Gerry Turple all played well in the victory.

When Andrews started the year, his goal was to have his club finish as high as it could in the standings, possibly make the playoffs and be

competitive. However, the major aim (and it still is) concerns the all-Ontario tournament for "A" schools. Acton will attend the tournament for the first time, and being competitive there is a high priority.

"Making the playoffs was one of our goals, but now that we're coming down into the stretch drive our goals must be to finish as high in the standings as we can," Andrews said. "But the big thing is the OFSAA 'A' tournament because we've never been there before."

As for the junior squad the Redmen lost a tough contest to Loyola. Acton won the first game of the set, and was leading in the second contest, but dropped a 15-10 decision. In the final contest Loyola came up with a 15-2 victory. Shawn Dryden played well for the Redmen.

Junior Rebels roundball squad responds with best game of year

Georgetown District High School's junior girls basketball team came up with its biggest win of the East Halton season last week.

Georgetown hosted White Oaks at the Georgetown gym Wednesday in what was a battle of two undefeated squads. After starting out slowly, the Rebels settled down into a zone defence and came away with a 47-27 victory that lifted the home squad to 4-0 this season. Rebels' coach Moe Leeking said the win was the most satisfying one this year for his club.

"For us it was a pretty big game because we're fighting for home-court advantage in the playoffs," Leeking said. "I told the girls how

important it was and they responded well. I was satisfied in that it was a challenge and we responded in overwhelming fashion."

The key to the win, Leeking felt, was his club's ability to shut down White Oaks offensively. Once the Rebels settled into their 2-1-2 zone defence, White Oaks couldn't shoot over the bigger Georgetown squad.

"I think the big factor was not playing their style of game (which was a fast-paced transition contest)," Leeking said. "We started running with them early and they were comfortable with that."

In addition to shutting White Oaks down offensively, the Rebels got

their fast break in order and began to successfully make the transition from defence to offence. As a result the contest wasn't nearly as close as was originally anticipated.

Tara Burroughs led the way for the Rebels with 17 points, and Leeking added the Rebels' player also notched a high number of assists. Martha McClure had 10 points for Georgetown and contributed a lot defensively also. First-year place Stacey Sproule had four points, while Cindy Kailo also had four points but too started many fast breaks with defensive rebounds.

The Rebels hosted Oakville-Trafalgar Monday, and are in Acton today to take on the Redmen at the Acton gym. Monday Georgetown is in Milton.

NOTES-Last week it was reported Martha McClure was a first year player who was the Rebels' point guard. While this is McClure's first year starting, the first-year point guard was Stacey Sproule.

GDHS contingent earns second title

The Georgetown District High School junior girls basketball team captured its second tournament of the year last weekend.

The Rebels defeated St. Martin's 53-24 in the final of the Central Peel event. Coach Moe Leeking said it was a matter of his club being too big and too strong for the St. Martin's team. Tara Burroughs, Heather Lawrence and Lisa Carter all had 10 points for Georgetown while Kelly Colton had six.

In the semi final contest Georgetown defeated Loyola of Mississauga 35-24 in a contest that was a tough one for the Rebels

because Loyola was as big and as quick as the Georgetown squad. The key factor in the win was the play of Georgetown's bench, Leeking said. With starters Burroughs, Lawrence and Martha McClure in foul trouble, Janet Mitton, Carolyn Stewart, Lisa Carter and Stacey Sproule all performed well. Burroughs led the way offensively with 10 points while Lawrence had six and McClure chipped in with five.

Georgetown began the tournament defeating Mayfield 48-28, but the Rebels only led 21-18 at the half. Pressure and superior bench strength provided the Rebels with the winning edge in the second half. Burroughs again led the way with 13 points while McClure had 10 points and Lawrence had nine.

"We were really pushed in two of our three games and the competition was very keen," Leeking said. "It's also nice to see schools you wouldn't normally see."

Selects impressive

Georgetown Minor Atom Selects were impressive in their opening exhibition game against Milton. They won it by a score of 11-5.

Goals for Georgetown were as follows: Brad Spears (3), Darcy Boudreau (2), Jim Kataleris (2), Tom Dembie, Jamie Bottomley, Joey Stephens (2).

The next game took the Selects to Acton where they showed everyone that the first win was not a fluke. Even though Acton scored first, the Selects replied with a goal from Joey Stephens, followed in the second period by a "hattrick" from Brad Spears, to give them a victory of 4-3.

Georgetown then travelled to Bramalea where they had supporters cheering as they defeated the home team 4-3. Goals for the Selects by Matt Lush, David Kotsos, Michael Bahr and Daryl Stansfield assured them of the victory. It was an excellent effort by the whole team.

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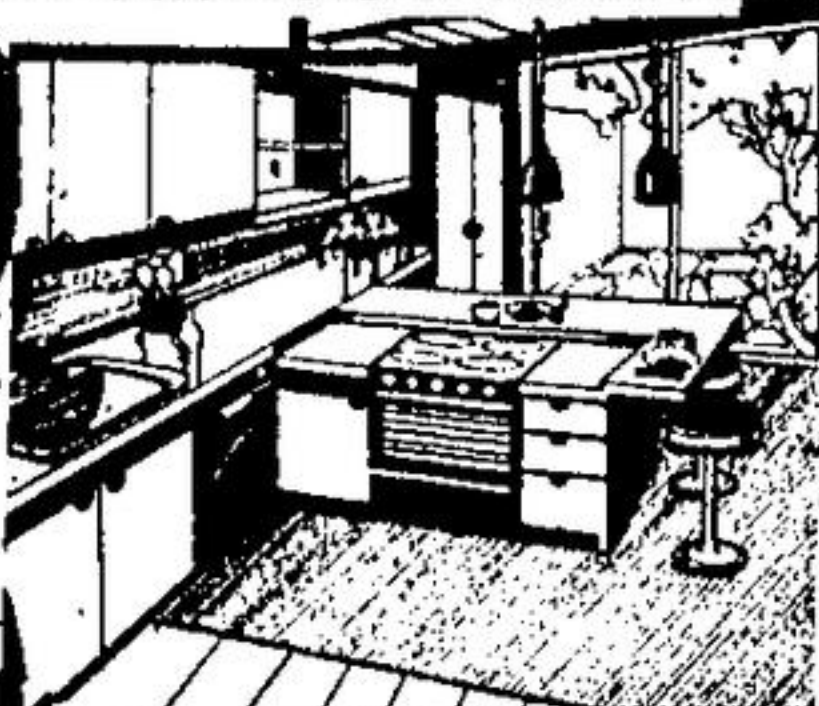
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