

## Gemini president takes positive look at season

The 1986-87 hockey season for the Georgetown Pontiac-Bulck Gemini will probably go down in the books as "a good year that could have been better."

The Gems were knocked out of contention for the Central Junior B championship title after losing a quarterfinal series with the Vaughan Raiders four games to one. Most expected a little longer season for Georgetown.

"I was surprised we went out four to one," admits club president Dave Kentner. "I think, like everyone else in Georgetown, my personal hopes were built up."

There was certainly enough cause for Kentner and many others to have an optimistic outlook at the onset of the playoffs. After all, he points out, the Gems lost only three games in the last half of the regular schedule.

At the same time though, Kentner knew Vaughan was not going to be a pushover, by any stretch of the imagination.

"We were up against a hockey club with a lot of talent in their players. Their general manager did a good job of landing those players and (Rick) Tarasuk is a good coach. They could take Barrie, if they're not careful."

Kentner is pleased with the way the Gems performed in the playoff series despite the outcome. "Vaughan won the series, we didn't lose it. They took it away from us. We played some pretty good hockey in three of the four games we lost."

Through necessity, one hockey season, even at the Junior B level, runs into the next. And Kentner is already looking ahead to the next campaign.

Of course, the first order of business will be the forming of a new executive which will deal with the business of 1987-88. The club's annual meeting is scheduled for April 1, at which time the executive positions will be determined.

"Next year's Junior B operation will be able to build on the errors of this season," Kentner says. "And we'll also build on the things we did right."

When he first ran for president of the Gemini last April, Kentner disclosed a three-year plan which is to culminate with a trip to the Sutherland Cup Junior B championship in 1989.

Gemini head coach Gary Hudson guided the team to a fourth place

finish in the regular season this year, with a record of 19 wins, 17 losses and six ties.

"I'm pleased with the progress we've made to date," Kentner says. "We had hoped for a fourth or fifth place finish, and to do as well as we could in the playoffs."

As far as a coach and general manager for the upcoming season, Kentner says it will fall upon the vice-president of hockey operations to submit a recommendation to the board of directors on who should be made GM.

Then, with input of the GM, the vice-president would come up with a recommendation for who will be coach.

Two players, goalie Mike McNiven and centre/winger Wally Petrie will be too old for junior competition next season.

Other players are naturally expected to end their playing days in Georgetown when they make university and college commitments, and a select few will no doubt catch on with higher calibre clubs.

But Kentner expects the club to return about 80 per cent intact.

And in the interest of bolstering

the roster, an affiliation deal is being considered with a Junior A club, which would work to Georgetown's benefit.

Financially, the Gemini are expected to be in a "break even" situation once the books are balanced.

A major backer of the Gems this season was Georgetown Pontiac-Bulck, which is owned by Harry Whitworth. The contract is up for renewal for the second of three years May 1. Kentner estimates its total to be about \$45,000 over the three years, taking into consideration operating capital, and transportation and advertising provided by the corporate sponsor.

In short, Kentner feels the past season for the executive was spent "getting the feel of each other inside the organization." It was a season he feels will be valuable in determining the direction of the Gemini through the course of the next five to 10 years.

The Gemini's Awards Banquet and Dance is scheduled for March 27, at Sacre-Coeur 11-11.

The club's annual meeting is scheduled for April 2 at 7 p.m., at Sacre-Coeur Hall.

## Minor peewees compete at Quebec tournament

The Georgetown Minor Pee Wee team travelled to the Province of Quebec, to participate in Repentigny's sixth annual Pee Wee tournament.

There were 52 teams participating in this tournament, many of which were major pee wee, but also there were a considerable number in the major/minor category.

Georgetown was one of three Ontario teams (others being Buckingham and Peterborough) entered in the tournament.

All others were from Quebec with a large majority from the Montreal area.

Unfortunately the Georgetown Pee Wee's were over-classified in the tournament groupings and as a result lost all three games; 8-3 to Hiron de Hochelaga, 12-0 to Vallee du Richelieu, and 13-0 to Selects du Nord (Montreal North), probably the best Pee Wee team in the Province of Quebec.

However, the team tried hard and in spite of the lop-sided scores they represented Georgetown very well; there were many compliments of how the boys reacted under the circumstances.

In the first game goals were scored by Jim Presswood, Jake Mashinter and Steve Wright. Assists

went to Greg Dobbin (2), Jake Mashinter and Jeff Wright. Jake was chosen the third star of the game.

In the other games Greg Dobbin was chosen as the third star in each. Goalies Marc St. Pierre and Tommy Diardichuk played exceedingly well in facing excellent hard shooters.

It was the general feeling of the boys and the parents that this was such a well organized, well-run tournament that everyone would like to return next year, but registered in the proper division.

Despite the adversities on ice all the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves in a carnival like atmosphere and being billeted in French Canadian homes.

Many players were shown such attractions as the Olympic Stadium, the Montreal Forum, Old Montreal and Mount Royal.

Montreal police spokesmen still have no leads on the blue jogger who attempted to run through the Hippolyte-Lafontaine tunnel during the Saturday morning rush; the investigation continues.

Another curious item was the conversion of St. Paul by the shrine of St. Wanda on the way to Damascus.

It is assumed that Catherine the Great had a role in this conversion.

## Football clinic planned

The Ontario Amateur Football Association, in conjunction with the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation is hosting the Ontario Football Coaches Clinic at The Delta Meadowvale Inn on April 10 and 11, 1987.

An impressive array of instructors has been recruited for this event including Dennis Crehan, Special Teams Coach of the Edmonton Eskimos and Al Bruno, Head Coach of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

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sions, special teams play, linebacker techniques, strength training, coaching kids and fundamentals of the passing game.

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## Royals ousted by Tavistock

By JAMES HUBILLARD  
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The Hillsburgh Royals dropped a pair of games last week in Ontario Hockey Association Southern Senior 'B' semifinal playoff action to Tavistock and thereby were eliminated from further play.

Monday, March 2 in Tavistock the Royals dropped a close 5-4 decision to the homeside.

Then Friday at the community centre Tavistock scored four quick second period goals and dumped Hillsburgh 9-4.

Both games were very similar in the early going as Tavistock led 2-0 before either game was seven minutes old and in both cases Hillsburgh bounced back to tie the score early in the second period.

In Tavistock Kevin Reiger and Paul Albrecht had staked the homeside to their two-goal lead before Chris Peavoy with one goal and Glenn Murray with a pair eventually tied the score at three. The Royals took the lead on John Barnes' goal.

Tavistock tied the score with just under seven minutes left in the second period on the power play as Dave Frey beat Brad Miller.

The third period was close checking and Hillsburgh's best chance came when Paul Fraser bounced a hard shot at the goal post and Steve

Bronizewski could not bang home the rebound. Then, with just 3:29 remaining Steve Hohl's long shot for Tavistock gave them the win. Terry Zehr counted the other Tavistock marker.

Friday before a full arena crowd the Royals tied the score at three midway through the second period but then Tavistock fired four goals in six minutes to lead 7-3 after two stanzas.

Mike Booth, Kevin Albrecht and Neil Cameron paced Tavistock with two goals each. Jeff Kaufman, Ken Wettlaufer and Dave Frey rounded out the scoring.


Brian MacKenzie netted two markers for Hillsburgh. Murray with his sixth goal of the series and

Steve Bronizewski had the others for the Royals.

Tavistock now advances to play Exeter in the league finals with the winner of that series facing the Senior B Georgian Bay champs in Ontario semifinal play.

ROYALTIES...Final league scoring results show Glenn Murray finishing the season third in points with 65 and second in goals scored, with 35 in 26 games...The Royals had both Russell Gordon and Barry Sawyer in the lineup for Friday's match. Both had played with the Royals Junior C affiliate in Orangeville this past winter and became eligible to play for Hillsburgh when Orangeville was eliminated by Fergus.

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