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## OHA looks into club practices on compensation

The threat of "free enterprise reigning supreme" has prompted the Ontario Hockey Association to look into member teams' policies regarding player compensation.

OHA president Brent Laddis announced recently a committee has been established by association chairman Larry Clark, to investigate rumors of compensation being paid to junior players, with the main focus on the Junior B category.

The OHA's Triple-A, and Tier II Junior A leagues have both ceased to operate, according to Laddis, player compensation had much to do with the demise of both.

"We've learned from people that compensation paid to players was the main catalyst in the teams folding," Laddis says. "Compensation made up a hefty part of the budget, and it was difficult to attract volunteers."

As operating budgets skyrocket because of players being paid compensation, more fund raising efforts are required. And without the volunteers, who are the backbone of any hockey organization, the budgets can't possibly be met.

Currently, there are no regulations in place regarding player compensation, other than at the Major Junior A level.

"Before it became a problem in (Junior) B we want to set out guidelines," Laddis says.

The first step for the committee will be to investigate what teams are currently doing to compensate players. Secondly, they will establish a set of guidelines teams must adhere to.

"Where anyone is found in violation of the guidelines, we have to decide how players and team officials will be reprimanded for it," Laddis says.

The policy will cover Junior C and D categories, as well, but Laddis feels the greatest problem is in Junior B hockey.

"We want to detract from players selling their services to the highest bidder at the Junior B level."

In essence, the move will make it more equitable for teams struggling to meet their budgets.

Dave Keitner, President of the Georgetown Gemini Junior B hockey club, welcomes the move, and feels all teams should be confined to providing "legitimate compensation."

"I think it's a positive forward-thinking move," Keitner says. "We need to put a sense of morality back in the sport."

Teams vary in their policies of what is provided for players. Some can only afford to partially outfit players with equipment, while others supply everything. Payment of mileage and room and board is common practice with most teams.

The problem Keitner sees with arbitrarily imposing these guidelines is that some teams will try to find ways to technically beat the system.

"It's no good to impose rules if the state of mind is going to be, 'How are we going to circumvent the rules?'"

The committee's proposals will be presented to the OHA's Junior Council in October for further input. The document will then be reviewed in terms of reasonable compensation for local and out-of-town players, and suggested suspensions for violations by players and club management will be set down.

Laddis says the provisions of the guidelines will be in keeping with NCAA regulations, so their eligibility for scholarships will not be jeopardized.



The Georgetown Gemini kept Mimico goalie Tony Polsinelli busy during their Central Jr. B home opener at Alcott Arena Friday night. The Gems showed discipline and continually frustrated Mimico throughout the contest. Here, Rick Floto of the Gems converges on the Monarch net as Polsinelli kicks out a shot. (Herald photo)

## Gems display perfect poise in winning home opener

The Georgetown Gemini showed amazing poise in the win over the Monarchs, which could go a long way towards deciding how they will fare this season.

"From what we can see, right now," Sturgeon says, "the powerplay and penalty killing could be big determining factors in games. If you can stay away from the cheap penalties, the old 'team may not be a little frustrated'."

Assistant Coach Jim Brazeau praised the team's control of the game. "I give the guys credit for holding their own," he said. "For young fellows, they showed the ability to keep away from the cheap penalties. And for young players, that's difficult."

The Gems opened the scoring just past the four minute mark of the game Friday when Brent Presswood swatted the puck into the net while Georgetown enjoyed a man advantage.

The Monarchs came back to tie the game at 7:06 when Gems' goalie Dan Halliburton made a save but Rob Hougham cashed in the rebound.

Greg Brazeau blasted a shot in from the right side to give Georgetown a 2-1 lead at 12:08, and it looked as though that was the way it

would stay after the first. But Adam Bennett converted a pass from the corner with just three seconds on the clock to put the Gems in control 3-1.

That goal proved to be an important one for Georgetown.

"Anytime you score a goal in the last minute of play, it's a big one," Sturgeon says. "In the last minute, you've got to keep the puck out of your own end. And if you get one, that's a big bonus."

Brazeau scored his second of three on the night when he converted a pass from Joe Washkurak on a two-on-one at 3:54 of the second, making it 4-1.

Doug Reid scored on a backhand before the end of the period to bring the Monarchs to within one again.

Georgetown got a big boost in the first minute of the final frame when Mimico goalie Tony Polsinelli stopped a long shot but lost control of the puck. Washkurak pounced on it in the goalmouth and scored to make it 5-2.

Brazeau rounded out his hat trick at 4:22 on an assist by Washkurak, and the Gems opened up a 7-2 lead three minutes later as Chuck Loretto and Presswood combined. On a two-on-one, Loretto passed across to Presswood, who returned the favor, and Loretto put the puck by goalie

Steve Wawcaryk who had no chance on the play.

Pierre James and Ricky John rounded out the scoring for Mimico to make the final 7-4.

Hillburton faced a total of 26 Mimico shots in going the distance for Georgetown, while the two Monarch goalies faced 32 Gemini shots.

At Etobicoke, Shawn Costello led the Caps with three goals, while Kevin Bonello had two, and Bill McGuiness added a single.

Kevin Dancie had the lone reply for Georgetown, who trailed by just a 2-1 margin heading into the third.

To this point, Sturgeon is pleased with the team's progress and likes the way the players have meshed. The few veterans that are back with the team are adapting well to their roles as team leaders.

"They're fitting in with the younger crew," Sturgeon says. "They're the guys the younger players are looking up to."

The next week will be a busy one for the Gems. Tonight (Wednesday) they travel to Markham for an 8 p.m. game, and Saturday, they entertain the Oakville Blades in a 7:30 p.m. start. Tuesday, they travel to Vaughan for an 8 p.m. game with the Raiders.

## Bluebirds, Glassmen take slight leads in fastball semis

The Bluebirds and the Apple Auto Glassmen both pulled a game up in their respective semi-final playoff series of the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League.

The battling Bluebirds squeaked by the Sea Air Oldtimers 1-0 in last Wednesday's action.

Jerry Marshall (who was MVP for Bluebirds) threw the victory with this year's only one-hit ball game. Just excellent pitching! Blake Shorthill had a great night at the plate with the game winning solo home run, accompanied by a long double.

Bob Fendley took the loss for Sea Air. He pitched very well and earned game MVP status for his team. Bluebirds lead the series three games to two.

Now over to the closely contested Apple/Akers Plus series. Last Monday night, the Glassmen pulled even with Akers/Plus at two games apiece, by virtue of a very close 3-1 win. Terry Haines threw a fine game earning MVP status for Apple. Jeff Gimpel took the loss. Rob Hatcher had a fine defensive game to support the Glassmen.

Last Wednesday night, the Apple crew pulled ahead in the series with a 4-1 victory over Akers/Plus. Jeff Haines was selected Apple MVP for his strong performance on the mound. Chris Peavoy took the loss, and was replaced by Jeff Gimpel. Glen Fendley had a long triple, and a single to boost Apples' offense. Rob Hatcher belted two excellent hits and his defense was a main factor in the Apple win. Andy Broadbent, who seems to enjoy the fast, Haines pitching, continues to hit the ball well, and was selected Akers/Plus game MVP.

### SEMI-FINAL SCORES

Sea Air 17	Bluebirds 5
Bluebirds 6	Sea Air 1
Bluebirds 11	Sea Air 7
Sea Air 3	Bluebirds 1
Bluebirds 1	Sea Air 0
(Bluebirds lead series 3-2)	
Akers/Plus 2	Apple 1
Apple 3	Akers/Plus 0
Akers/Plus 1	Apple 0
Apple 3	Akers/Plus 1
Apple 4	Akers/Plus 1
(Apple leads series 3-2)	

## Jr. tennis champions crowned

Mark Dobson captured the North Hallon Golf and Country Club junior tennis singles championship this last Sunday as he defeated Jennifer Crosby 6 games to 4. Kim Mizner won the consolation singles championship defeating Christa Fuller 6 games to 4. The doubles championship was won by Kristin McBride and Leslie Dodson over Todd Fuller and Christine Carter.

A total of 21 out of 24 junior members were able to participate in the final event of the season. Their are approximately 38 junior tennis members in the club of which 24 participate in the junior tennis programme run by Stacey Hurley, the club tennis pro, and Mike Marshall the junior tennis coordinator.

Other juniors who did not play in the championship games but who played excellent tennis on the day were Ian Anderson, Andrea Crosby, Tamar Diardichuk, Gavin Glaser, Janine Glaser, Andrew Marshall, Lisa Reid, Sacha Reid, and Robbie Wands.

Special mention goes to Margaret The, Alison Munroe and Christie Hallet who played outstanding tennis on the day.

An awards day will be held in about three weeks.

Thereby erasing the delayed offside where more than one player is involved in the delayed offside, all of the players will have to leave the zone before touching the puck.

OHA President Brent Laddis feels the rule should help speed games along.

"We have decided to introduce this ruling into out Junior and Senior categories in an effort to speed up the game," Laddis says. "It has worked well in the NHL and we feel it will work equally as well for us."

## New ruling speeds up games

If all goes according to plan, hockey fans should find themselves borne in time for the 11 o'clock news after a night at the rink watching their favorite OHA team play.

This season, the Ontario Hockey Association has introduced an offside rule, currently enforced in the NHL, designed to speed up games.

Under the ruling, when an attacking player is deemed to be offside in the defending team's end of the rink, he will be permitted to skate back over the defending team's blue line,

## Kyla gets rolling



Kyla Dreyer is in Auckland, New Zealand where she is representing Canada at the World Artistic Roller Skating Championships. Prior to her departure, Kyla was presented with \$400 to help offset costs of her trip. The money was raised through a special promotion by The Butcher Shop in Georgetown. Kyla is seen here being presented with the funds by Tony and Carol Wafraen, owners of The Butcher Shop. (Herald photo)

## Clinics planned

Registrations are now being taken for the following Hockey Coaching and Trainers' Clinics:

Coach (Level I and II combined) Saturday, October 24, 1987, 9 to 6 p.m. Acton High School and Sunday, October 25, 1987, 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. Acton Arena and Acton High School.

Trainers' I Wednesday, October 28, 1987, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Acton High School.

Be sure to register at the Recreation and Parks Department Office. Call 877-5185 ext 260 for more information.

## Saunas open

During the Adult Swims at the Acton Indoor Pool the saunas will be available for use: Monday 9 to 10 p.m., Tuesday 9 to 10 p.m., Thursday 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sunday 7 to 8 p.m.

## Bishop Reding at Cobra Classic

Bishop Reding Secondary School athletes made a strong showing at the Cobra Classic cross country meet held Saturday at Oakville's Lions Valley Park.

Bishop Reding claimed both the midget boys and girls team championships at the meet.

In the boys' division, the top five finishers for Bishop Reding were Mike Wyman, first, Chris Cheek, third, Andrew Hodge, fourth, Jonathan Hodge, sixth, and John

VanCleaf, seventh.

In the midget girls' division, Kirsten Horner placed second; Kelly Brethet, third; Ann Reichert, fourth; Lisa Zoppas, fifth; and Michelle Sutherland, sixth.

Bishop Reding's Phil Armstrong had a strong individual showing in the banham division as he placed third.

The Cobra meet classified runners according to club age classes, which means several of the Bishop Reding runners will have to move up to

junior competition when they compete at other school meets.

Bishop Reding Secondary School will host a high school cross country meet this Thursday at the Kelso Conservation Area.

The meet is scheduled to get underway at 11 a.m., and about 12 schools are expected to send representatives.

Runners will compete in Midget, Junior, and Senior age categories and girls' and boys' divisions.



Mak Steel claimed the championship title in the Georgetown Ladies' Flag Football League as they defeated the JV Jets in the final. Front row, from left, Pat Nowakowski, Peggy Rollins, Becky Hahnson, Bev

Vickery, Cindy Crawford, and Nikki Carney. Back row, Angie Heinz, Kathy Waters, Donna Waters, Helen Slingsby, Cindy Hahnson, Karen Brush, and Doug Penbleton.

## Mak Steel claims grid title

The final game of the Ladies Flag Football League lived up to everyone's expectations, except perhaps JV Jets. Mak Steel emerged victorious as they defeated JV Jets 18-0.

The score was certainly not indicative of the play as this remained a close contest until the fourth quarter. The first half was a defensive struggle as both quarterbacks had little success finding open

receivers. Patti Waters demonstrated her versatility as she picked off a pass in the first quarter. Later in that half Patti Waters found Helen Slingsby in the end zone for six points.

The second half saw Mak Steel march to JV's five yard line but Lynn McKenzie snuffed out this scoring attempt by intercepting a Mak pass. Both offences struggled in the third quarter and it looked as if the score might remain low.

Mak Steel showed fire in the fourth as Patti Waters fired a perfect pass to Bev Vickery to give Mak a 12-0 lead. JV still had a chance as they moved with precision downfield until Pat Nowakowski appeared from nowhere and snagged a pass intended for a JV receiver.

Mak put the icing on the cake as they capitalized on this interception by registering six more points thanks to the sure hands of Cathy Waters.