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Apple Auto Glass and Bluebirds set to square off

Well it has been an exciting if not interesting round of playoffs, thus far in the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League.

The final matchup has now been decided.

The third place Apple Auto Glass crew are slated to meet the fourth place Bluebirds. The Glassmen finished their first two rounds (quarter-finals and semi-finals) with a six wins and two losses record outscoring their opponents 32-11, while the Bluebirds have a six and three playoff record with a 36 for and 31 runs against count.

Throughout the regular season of play it appeared as if the Apple team had the "Birds by the feathers" as they defeated them in all four games 6-1, 3-1, 7-2 and 3-2, outscoring them 19 to 6, overall.

But lest we all forget, this is the playoffs and an overconfident team could be prime for the pickin's.

These two clubs have probably the strongest duos of pitchers for their respective teams.

Jeff and Terry Haines are the aces for Apple while the Bluebirds are "armed" with Brian McKenzie and Gerry Marshall. Lots of Speed!

Now let's have a quick look back as to how these two clubs were destined...to meet.

Apple eliminated the second place Akers/Plus Welding squad by a four games to two count. In Game six the Glassmen took advantage of some costly fielding errors and a bloop two-run double from Glenn Fendley to get rolling in the second place Akers/Plus Welding squad by a four games to two count. In Game six the Glassmen took advantage of some costly fielding errors and a bloop two-run double from Glenn Fendley to get rolling in the second inning. Terry Haines earned his third win in this heated round to be selected Apple game M.V.P. Rob Hatcher once again played a tremendous game on defense.

Tim Field also had a fine defensive outing for his Akers/Plus team.

Now, over to the really close Sea Air Oldtimers vs. Bluebird battle. What a round this turned out to be with the games ending with no lights, player ejections, no umpires for one match, and very high and very low scoring contests.

But the end result favoured the Bluebirds as they went on to take the series four games to three.

Game six saw the Oldtimers squeak by the Birds 2-1 to even up

the best of seven series at three apiece.

George Sheppard threw a strong game but was pulled late in the bottom of the seventh with the bases loaded and two out. Look out! Jr. Wright stepped in to bat to hopefully keep the Bluebirds alive but was fanned by big Bob (the terminator Henke) Fendley to preserve the win.

Gerry Marshall threw a good game but still took the loss. He was chosen MVP for his team. George Sheppard was selected game MVP for Sea Air.

There were only seven base hits in all, given up in this game.

This set the stage for the tie-breaker. Sea Air felt good after their previous win. Bluebirds knew what they had to do.

The Bluebirds carried a 3-0 lead into the seventh inning Gerry Marshall was once again called upon and responded by throwing a strong game (MVP for the Bluebirds). George Sheppard tossed for five innings, and then Bob Fendley came in for relief. The Sea Air gang battled back with a three-run rally on hits from Bob O'Driscoll and Gord Spears and the game was tied after seven. But the Bluebirds battled back with two in the top of the eighth inning. They held off the Oldtimers in their last bat of the game (and season) in the bottom of the eighth to clinch the series.

Now it's championship time: Apple Auto vs. the Bluebirds.

Now for all you who have been playing or following the local fastball loop over the past years, here are the previous 20 championship teams. Were you on any of them?

- 1986 - Allison Cornhuskers
- 1985 - Allison Cornhuskers
- 1984 - Brackens Restaurant
- 1983 - Hollywood Tavern
- 1982 - Hollywood Tavern
- 1981 - North Halton Sports
- 1980 - Hornby
- 1979 - Phillips Publishing
- 1978 - Georgetown Chrysler Yankees
- 1977 - DRG Stationery
- 1976 - DRG Stationery
- 1975 - The Kinsmen
- 1974 - Casselman Fuels
- 1973 - Casselman Fuels
- 1972 - Moore Park Texaco
- 1971 - Moore Park Texaco
- 1970 - Station House Hotel
- 1969 - Station House Hotel
- 1968 - Standard Products
- 1967 - Standard Products



Chuck Loretto (7) scored a goal in the Georgetown Gemini's 3-3 tie Saturday with the Oakville Blades as he took a pass from Travis Cole and slipped it past goalie Sean Gauthier. The draw was all the Gems had to show for their troubles last week, though, as they dropped decisions to Markham and Streetsville. (Herald photo)

Gems have to settle for lone tie

By MIKE TURNER
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Last week failed to be as productive for the Georgetown Gemini as many people had hoped it would be.

In the second week of the Central Jr. B. Hockey League's regular season, the Gems had only a tie to show for their efforts in three outings.

Wednesday, Georgetown travelled to Markham where they were thumped 8-2 by the Waxers.

In back-to-back games on the weekend at the Gordon Alcott Arena, the Gems were edged 6-4 by the Streetsville Derbys Friday, but managed to salvage a 3-3 tie with the Oakville Blades Saturday.

Despite a record that shows a win and a tie against three losses, it's apparent the Gems are still looking for a cohesion that will only come with time.

"It takes a while for the players to get settled in," says Georgetown General Manager Bob Hooper. "We're in the process of rebuilding a hockey team, and it just takes time."

In terms of the composition of the team, Hooper feels the Gemini are solid on offence, but could still use some help on defence.

"We need a couple more experienced defencemen to settle things down in our own end. Until we find them, we're going to have our problems."

That help may not be long in com-

ing. As early as next week, Hooper expects the Junior A teams will be making cuts of players that could interest the Gemini management in a big way. Hooper says they have been in touch with several Jr. A clubs, and will see what falls their way when the tree is shaken. "We're looking to see what's available. Next week should tell the tale as they straighten around their rosters."

Saturday night against Oakville, the Gemini found themselves trailing 1-0 as Tony Deluca scored at the 1:13 mark for the Blades.

Georgetown's Brian Gendron evened the count at one-all with a goal from Glen Haigh and Chuck Loretto at 11:30.

Oakville regained the lead a few minutes later when Deluca scored his second of the match to give the Blades a 2-1 lead after 20 minutes.

In the second, Oakville carried the play to the Gems for much of the period, but Georgetown goalie Dan Halliburton held them off the scoresheet.

Even though the Gems could only rally for six shots during the period, they made the most of the situation, scoring a pair of markers.

The first was scored by Kevin Dance at the 9:39 mark, as Adam Bennett and Greg Brazeau drew

assists.

The go-ahead goal was scored by Loretto. Travis Cole took the puck in and laid a soft pass out front to Loretto who put it past sprawled Oakville goalie Sean Gauthier for a 3-2 Georgetown lead. Bennett also picked up an assist on the play.

Georgetown held the lead until the 0:26 mark of the final frame when Darren Hunter managed to redirect a shot past Halliburton to pull the Blades even with the Gems at three.

Oakville thought they had scored the go-ahead goal with about eight minutes left to play when the puck was stuffed into the net through a crowd, but the goal was disallowed when a Blades' player was called for cross checking.

Things became a little tense in the late going when Halliburton came out to near the blue line to flag down a loose puck. The goaltender collided with team mate Don Cruise and an Oakville player. Cruise was helped from the ice favoring his shoulder but was able to resume play after receiving attention.

In their other two outings, the Gemini found themselves up against some formidable goaltending.

At Markham, the Waxers scored five unanswered goals in the final period to take the win. Bennett

scored for Georgetown in the first to hold the Gems to a 1-1 tie, and they trailed 3-2 after the second after Cruise found the mark. Eddie Sabo and Scott McKinley had a pair of goals each for Markham.

John Harrison made 26 saves in net for Georgetown, while his counterpart, Pat Mazoli of the Waxers stopped 37 shots.

Against Streetsville, the Gemini fell behind 3-0 after the first 20 minutes, and trailed 4-1 after the second. They bounced back to make it interesting in the third but couldn't compensate for the hot goaltending of the Derbys' Greg Kains, who faced 51 shots.

Greg Brazeau, Joe Washkurak, Rick Floto, and Bennett accounted for the Georgetown goals. Halliburton made 34 saves in the Gemini net.

Streetsville was led by Steve Woods with three goals an assist, and Pino Chiappetta with a pair of markers and two assists.

Last night, the Gemini travelled to Vaughan to take on the Raiders for the first time this season.

This Friday Georgetown hosts the Richmond Hill Dynes for an 8:30 start at the Alcott Arena, and Saturday they take to the road for a game in Mimico against the Monarchs at 7:30 p.m.

Minor atoms edge Orangeville 1-0

After an undefeated pre-season showing, the Georgetown Minor Atom AA squad opened their 1987-88 regular season in Orangeville Saturday, and managed to register a slim 1-0 victory.

Orangeville's goaltending proved to be the major obstacle for Georgetown to overcome. Rush after rush, well-defined plays by the locals appeared pointless, as the Orangeville goaltenders turned aside all scoring threats.

With just five minutes remaining in the game, and after Georgetown had peppered the Orangeville net with some 25 shots, Paul Sandifer notched the goal that proved to be

the winner. Assisting on the marker were David Kotsos and David Boere.

Georgetown carried most of the play in the contest, overshadowing their opponents with crisp passes, aggressive defence, and fine positional hockey.

David Pearson, between the pipes for Georgetown, started his season off with an impressive shutout. Although he was not tested with as many shots, David remained sharp between long periods when Orangeville was unable to mount any sort of offensive threat.

The final result was a fine season-opening showing for coaches Jim Lahey, Brian James, and Doug

Thom as they lead the players who make up this year's minor atom squad.

Members of the team are: Steve Heinz, Frazer Thom, Sandy Davidson, Scott Lahey, Marc Boucher, Tim Diardichuk, Paul Sandifer, Scott Truman, Jeff Hewitt, David Kalbarski, Kevin Lumb, David Boere, David Kotsos, Brad Spears, and David Pearson.

The minor atoms will take to the ice this weekend to represent Georgetown in their first tournament this weekend in Don Mills, and at this point, it looks as though they have a team that could well turn in a championship performance.



Field Hockey Action

The Georgetown District High School Rebels hosted the Bishop Reding Royals in a girls' field hockey game Thursday in Georgetown. The Rebels won the game handily, by a 3-0 margin. (Herald photo)

Bishop Reding hosts meet

Close to 200 runners, representing 20 schools took part in the first annual Bishop Reding Royal Invitational Cross Country Meet at Kelso Conservation Area, Thursday.

As a first time venture, the meet proved very successful, according to convener Darrell MacDonald, and for many of the runners it provided a preview of what they will be facing in the future.

"The Halton and Golden Horseshoe cross country championships will be held at Kelso later on," says MacDonald. "A lot of the schools jumped at the chance to participate in this meet so their runners could get a feel for the course."

The course is a challenging one, and varies in length from 3,000 metres for the midget girls, to 8,000 metres for the senior boys' circuit. MacDonald says the many hills add to the challenge, and one hill in particular, affectionately known as "Big Bertha" provides the greatest test for the runners.

For its size, Bishop Reding was well represented as a competing school at the meet.

Chris Cheek took top honors in the Midget Boys' race with a time of 17:59. Cheek was the only runner to claim an individual title, who was not from Milton District High School.

In the Junior Boys' division, Mike Wyman of Bishop Reding made the race interesting as he finished second, just 11 seconds behind the winner.

And Katherine Tannock was fifth in the closely-contested Midget Girls' event, which saw the top five runners finish within 56 seconds of each other.

Milton District High School cleaned up in the over all championships as they claimed both the boys' and girls' divisions.

Oakville Trafalgar High School claimed the Midget Boys' team championship, followed by Bishop MacDonnel of Guelph, and St. Thomas Aquinas of Brampton.

The Junior Boys' team championship was claimed by St. Allen MacNab of Hamilton, while the host Bishop Reding team took second, and E.C. Drury of Milton was third.

Cathedral Boys' School of Hamilton had the only team entry in the Senior Boys' division.

Milton District High School swept all three girls' divisions. In Midget Girls, Bishop Reding took second and E.C. Drury was third. MacNab took second in the Junior Girls category, while Acon High School was third, and in the Senior Girls' division, St. Thomas Aquinas took second spot as the only other school to compete with a full team.

Tiffany Scobie of Milton District High School took the individual title in the Midget Girls' 3,000m run, with a time of 11:43. The next four finishers were closely bunched, as two Oakville Trafalgar runners, Christine Ikonikov and Tiffany Rudolph finished second and third, respectively with times of 12:20 and 12:25. Christy Picard of MDHS was fourth with a time of 12:36 and Bishop Reding's Katherine Tannock was fifth with a time of 12:39.

MDHS took the top four spots in the Junior Girls' 4,000m run: Laurie Posers (16:59); Tara Laskosky (18:24); Dawn Hertz (18:37); Laura Wood (18:58). Elaine McCall of McNab was fifth with a time of 19:35.

Tracy Smith of MDHS easily won the 4,900 Senior Girls' division with a time of 18:28, well ahead of team mate Erica Pease, who came in with a 22:08 time. Marla Brillinger of Acon High School was third in 22:31, while Jacquie Delorme of Assumption in Burlington was fourth with a time of 23:04, and McNab's Kirsty Pearson was fifth in a time of 23:28.

The Midget Boys' 4,900m run was won by Bishop Reding's Chris Cheek with his time of 17:59, followed by Oakville Trafalgar's Andy Roskafi, who came in with a time of 18:07. Oliver Neufeld of Assumption was third with a time of 18:10, followed

by Mathew Bayley of White Oaks (18:10), and Marlon Williams of St. Thomas Aquinas (18:20).

Dave Wessinger of MDHS was first to cross the line in the Junior Boys' event, with a time of 17:19. Second was Bishop Reding's Mike Wyman (17:30); third was Tom Costain of MDHS (18:53); fourth was Jan Pearson of McNab (19:00); and fifth was Paul Harse, also of McNab (20:10).

The senior Boys' 8,000m run was won by Marty Powers of MDHS in a time of 29:08. Second was Greg Pokorney of E.C. Drury (29:45); third was Chris Steinhoff of MDHS (30:35); fourth was Rodney Alderdice of Assumption (31:02); and fifth was Joe Callari of Cathedral Boys School in Hamilton (31:32).

The Royal cross country meet, based on its success as a first time venture is expected to become an annual event.

GGCC ladies finish season

The ladies' section of the Georgetown Golf and Country Club held their season-ending tournament on Saturday, and even the cold weather couldn't prevent them from heating up on the course.

The day proved to be an exciting and competitive one for all. Jirina Pastorek recorded the low score of the day to capture the section crown, while low net winner was Liz Campbell.

Pastorek also picked up top honors for the longest drive, while the closest-to-the-pin prize was won by Bev Hall.

The season-long, most improved golfer was voted to be Debbie Erler.

The ladies who took part in the event wish to express their appreciation to all those who donated prizes.

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