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Watters to speak at Heritage dinner

The name Bill Watters is well known in hockey circles, and has become even more so in the last few days.

To begin with, Watters has negotiated more hockey contracts as a player agent, than anyone in the business today.

And as if that weren't enough, Watters' name has been banded about the last few days as a possible successor to the fired Gerry McNamara as general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

At any rate, Watters isn't likely to be at a loss for words when he takes the podium as guest speaker for the 11th Annual Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council Dinner, on March 7.

Watters first began his fulltime association with hockey in 1970, when he was appointed the director of the Bobby Orr-Mike Walton Sports Camp.

Around that time, he became involved in player management affairs, negotiating his first contract following the 1975 NHL draft.

Since then, the professional hockey contracts he has negotiated have included over 60 first round selections.

Watters was also extremely active in the international hockey scene for a time. In addition to being business manager of the first Canada Cup championship team in 1976, he also served as coordinator for the Junior World Tournament, hosted by Canada in December of 1977.

Watters was appointed General Manager of Team Canada for 1977-78-79, upon Canada's re-entry into World Ice Hockey Championships competition, and twice was asked to assemble the NHL's entry for Moscow's Izvestia Tournament.

Being an acknowledged expert in the game of hockey, Watters has become a popular media figure.

In addition to being a regular panelist on The Sports Network's weekly feature, The Sports Page, Watters has served as color analyst for both the 1988 Memorial Cup Playoffs, and, more recently, radio broadcasts of Toronto Maple Leafs games.

Master of ceremonies for the Hockey Heritage Dinner will be Ron MacLean, of Hockey Night in Canada.

During the course of the evening, Walter (Red) Asseline will be honored as this year's recipient of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award, for his contribution to hockey in Georgetown.

Georgetown Racquet Club New tourney format to boost interest

The Georgetown Racquet Club is hoping to generate more interest in their group - both inside and outside the club - with the revamping of their annual club championships.

The motto currently being "bounced around" the club is: Rejuvenate in '88. And in keeping with this outlook, the board of directors has approved the unique format for the club championship tournament put forth by Don Crocker and the club championship committee.

An enthusiastic kick-off was held Thursday night, when about 50 members were treated to an exciting and entertaining squash match between Carl Hopkins and Gene Duval. In five matches, it was Duval who finally prevailed. He is an Ontario-ranked player from the Regency Racquet Club, and the club pro in Georgetown.

Preliminary games have already begun for the Georgetown club championship, but a few changes have been made this year.

Rather than have players "sign up" for the tournament, their names

have been entered to compete in one of four categories, according to their position on the regular competition ladder.

"It was felt some members may not take the initiative to enter the competition, but most would undoubtedly remain in the tournament once their names had been entered for them.

Following the preliminary rounds, winners will advance to the semifinals, scheduled for March 3-4, and the championship finals are to follow on Saturday, March 5.

The public is invited to take in the semifinals and final matches at the club.

The defending champions of the A, B, C and D categories for the men's competition are Lloyd Newman, David Redman, John Anderson, and Keith Ashby, respectively.

For ladies' competition, the defending champions in the A to D categories are Melanie Jans, Gale Manhire, Nancy Dieroff, and Emmy Volson, respectively.

Winning goal scored at buzzer Gems' loss easier to take

By MIKE TURNER
 Herald Sports Editor

Joe Washkurak scored once, and assisted on two other Georgetown Gemini goals to set a new club scoring record, but it wasn't enough as the Gems dropped a 6-5 decision to visiting Mimico Monarchs at the Alcott Arena Friday night.

The three points he picked up gave Washkurak an even 100 on the season according to club stats, and eclipsed the mark of 97 points set by Wayne Morrow just last season. Washkurak finished with 43 goals and 57 assists.

The record was tied on Thursday night in Barrie, when Washkurak scored the lone goal in a 9-1 loss to the Colts.

And at the 8:03 mark of the game Friday, he picked up an assist on a powerplay goal by Adam Bennett to set a new mark.

The fact that the Gems lost to the Monarchs in their final regular schegule game in the Central Ontario Jr. B loop, was virtually lost amid the excitement.

It didn't appear the players were too put out anyway, despite giving up a goal with no time on the clock to hand the Monarchs the win.

"I think everybody was concentrating on helping Joey," said Georgetown coach Peter Sturgeon following the game. "We had the game in the bag, and just let down for 10 minutes in the third."

But Sturgeon doesn't plan to take the loss too much to heart, and doubted the players would either.

There are more important matters to dwell on.

"The guys are looking forward to getting into the playoffs. Since that game with Oakville (on Jan. 30) they've been looking ahead to getting at them again."

"That game" was a 9-6 loss to the Blades. But despite losing, the Gems put on a good show with an extremely short staff on hand.

The Gemini and the Blades were to open their best-of-seven quarter-final series in Oakville last night (Tuesday), and the second game is set to go this Thursday at the Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m.

Mimico took a 2-1 lead after the



Joe Washkurak obviously doesn't like to leave any odd ends. Friday night against the Mimico Monarchs, he rounded off his scoring output for the season to an even 100, with a goal

and two assists, setting a new club scoring record for the Georgetown Gemini. He finished with 43 goals and 57 assists. (Herald photo)

the net by Presswood, making it 5-3. The Gems appeared to be well in control of the game until the final few minutes.

The Monarchs took advantage of a powerplay opportunity at 13:28, when Remo Tucci took a pass behind the Georgetown net and circled around to beat Gemini goalie Todd King on the long side.

Mimico tied the game with exactly one minute left when James scored.

It seemed everyone was figuring on the game ending in a tie, when Dayal scooped up a loose puck on his side of the blue line, and went in alone on King. Dayal put a move on the goaltender and slipped the puck by him just as the buzzer sounded.

The Gems put up a half-hearted objection, claiming the puck went over the line after time had elapsed, but the goal stood, going down officially as being scored at 19:59.

Defeated as they were, though, the Georgetown players at least didn't have to go hungry.

Prior to the game, club president Dave Kentner vowed to give Washkurak "pizza money" for him and his team mates, if he broke the record during the game.

A hasty collection was taken up from executive members to honor the commitment.

CENTRAL ONTARIO JR. B HOCKEY LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

West Division	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS.
Burlington	44	21	10	3	274	185	44
Streetsville	44	24	14	4	236	223	52
Oakville	44	24	16	4	238	201	52
Etobicoke	44	19	18	7	259	227	45
Mimico	44	15	22	4	242	250	40
GEORGETOWN	44	10	31	3	223	323	23
Mimico	44	7	32	5	181	305	19

East Division	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS.
Barrie	44	28	1	5	323	129	61
Yaughan	44	28	10	5	250	185	63
Aurora	44	25	13	6	246	194	56
Rich Hill	44	18	19	7	251	223	43
Orillia	43	16	22	4	221	225	37
Newmarket	44	6	27	8	187	249	26
Markham	44	3	38	3	133	354	9

Playoffs

Division quarterfinals
 Oakville vs GEORGETOWN
 Game 1: Tues., Feb. 8, 7:45 p.m. at Oakville
 Game 2: Thurs., Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m. at Georgetown

Game 3: Fri., Feb. 12, 8:00 p.m. at Oakville
 Game 4: Sat., Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m. at Georgetown
 Game 5: Tues., Feb. 16, 7:45 p.m. at Oakville
 Game 6: Thurs., Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m. at Georgetown
 Game 7: Fri., Feb. 19, 8:00 p.m. at Oakville
 ("if necessary")

Mashinter goal gives peewees series win

The Mal Dodge ReMax "AA" Peewees eliminated Streetsville in the first round of playoff action last weekend.

Georgetown did it the hard way, losing the first game of the best-of-three and winning the final two.

In the first game, Streetsville threatened to make it a runaway series, routing the Georgetown squad 5-1. Kenny Kosziwka scored the only goal for the ReMax team on assists from Shaun Curry and Chris Barrow as they were thoroughly outplayed by the Streetsville club.

The second game was a different story as the Georgetown team came out skating and scoring. Jeff Pet-

tigrew and Andrew Elliott scored first-period goals for ReMax with Shawn Pearson and Jake Mashinter adding the assists.

With the score 2-1, Chris Barrow scored from Ryan Kurnell and Shaun Curry. Brent Couling made it 4-2 as he rapped in a centering pass from Jeff Pettigrew. Streetsville scored with just 21 seconds remaining to make the score 4-3 but Georgetown prevailed in the end.

In the deciding contest at Streetsville, Kenny Kosziwka played a very strong game for the Georgetown club, registering a hat-trick on three hard slapsshots from close in.

His first goal was assisted by Andrew Elliott and the second and third markers were unassisted efforts. Kosziwka added a fourth point on the night as he and Randy Bond assisted on Tim Presswood's second

period goal.

But the man of the hour for the ReMax squad was Jake Mashinter. With the score tied 4-4 and 32 seconds remaining in the game, Mashinter scored the winning goal from an almost impossible angle. Tim Presswood assisted on the winning tally.

With that win, Georgetown advances to the second round of playoff action.

Discrepancy found in statistics

A discrepancy seems to have arisen as to whether or not Joe Washkurak of the Georgetown Gemini has reached the 100-point plateau for the 1987-88 season.

According to statistics kept locally by the Jr. B hockey club, Washkurak had 96 points heading into the final two games of the regular schedule.

On Thursday, in Barrie, he picked up a goal, and Friday against Mimico, he had a goal and two

assists, which should give him an even 100 points on the season.

But according to statistics kept by the league, Washkurak only had 93 points heading into the game with Barrie, and the four points he registered in the two games last week would give him a total of 97.

Paul Wilkinson, statistician for the Central Ontario Jr. B League, says the figures will have to be double checked, to ensure no error has been made.

At any rate, Washkurak has had a banner year, and is likely to finish fourth in the league scoring race.

Keith Cyr of the Barrie Colts has all but sewn up the title, followed by Steven Boyd of Aurora, Chris McEachern of the Oakville Blades, and Washkurak.

The official count is not expected to be complete until the end of the week.

Sabres take two-game lead

The Acton Sabres won a 10-7 shootout on home ice Friday to take a 2-0 lead in their best-of-seven Mid-Ontario Jr. C Hockey League playoff series with the Caledon Flyers.

After the victory Friday, and a 5-3 win in the series opener at Caledon, the Sabres appear to be well in control of matters. But Acton general manager Jules Russiani isn't exactly jumping up and down.

"We're not playing playoff hockey," Russiani says. "We're allowing too many goals for playoff hockey."

If there's one bright spot in what Russiani has seen so far in the series, it's the play of netminder Tom Hill, who was between the pipes for both wins.

Russiani contends it was sloppy work in their end of the rink that allowed Caledon to score seven times on Hill, and in no way reflected on the goaltender's efforts.

"Tommy let a couple of cheap ones in," Russiani says. "But he

made some saves that kept us in the game, too. If it hadn't been for him the results of the two games could easily have been reversed."

Hill has been forced to stop a number of close-in shots from the slot, and came up big to foil a couple of breakaway attempts Friday.

The Flyers changed their game plan somewhat for Friday's outing, taking a more aggressive tact, particularly with the Sabres' top scorer Tom Fisher. As a result, they picked up a number of penalties, and the Sabres were called for retaliatory measures.

The teams played to a 2-2 draw after the first 20 minutes, and in the second, Acton took a slim 5-4 lead.

Peter Cargill, Steve Wagner, and Fisher led the scoring for the Sabres with a pair of goals each. Singles went to Trevor Reibot, Mike Diron, Todd Cull, and Rod McClure. Cargill and McClure also came up with three assists in the contest, and Fisher, Reibot, Diron, and Mark

French had a pair of assists each.

Andy Cadeau, Eric Ursic, and Pat Daly all had a pair of markers for the Flyers, while the other marker went to Doug Rayner.

The aggressive nature shown by both teams resulted in three players aside being ejected for fighting throughout the contest.

Game 3 of the series was slated for last night (Tuesday) in Caledon, and Game 4 goes this Friday at 8 p.m. in Acton.

A fifth game, if necessary, will be Saturday, also at 8 p.m. in Acton, while a sixth game is scheduled for Tues., Feb. 16, and a seventh would be Wed., Feb. 17.

SABRE TIPS...in the other two playoff series, the Orangeville Crushers have taken a 1-0 lead over Alliston, and the Bradford Bulls led Schomberg 2-0 in their series... final tallies in the league's scoring race showed Tom Fisher of the Sabres narrowly being edged by a single point by Jamie Litt of the Crushers...

New broom sweeps clean...



A team from Oakville took top honors in the annual Broomball Tournament at the Georgetown Fairgrounds on Saturday. A total of 14 teams played in the bitter cold, but things heated up on the ice. Here, the Oakville goaltender makes a save during the championship game against the Rat Patrol of Etobicoke, as they went on to Saturday. (Herald photo)

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