

Asseltines harboring cherished memories

Turnstile

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Quite a team, that Red and Jean Asseltine. Red, who is this year's recipient of the prestigious Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award, is the history-maker, as it were. Jean is the capable historian. Red could literally fill volumes recalling the amusing and heart-warming stories centering around his work with minor hockey in Georgetown. And don't worry if a few of the details are a bit fuzzy. There's always Jean there, backed by stacks of scrapbooks, to fill in the dates and complete last names that are sometimes elusive. Red's work in hockey is well renowned, as coach, manager, organizer, and teacher. When he did things, he did them his way, particularly when he served as manager for local teams. Hockey has changed considerably since the Red Asseltine era. When speaking to him, one gets the impression that the sense of camaraderie was something quite different a few years ago than it is today. There was a true "hockey family" in Georgetown that flourished during that era. It was a family that stood together, and fell together. To try and retell all the stories the Asseltines can recall would be fruitless, since there are so many. At the same time, some of these stories should only be related in privileged company, because their telling could bring some blushes for the principals involved, should they be too widely publicized. But to whet the appetite, here are a few selected recollections, courtesy of Red and Jean Asseltine. Although they only scratch the surface, they will give a closer insight into a bygone era, and the man who will be honored as the 1988 recipient of the Hockey Heritage Award, at the dinner on March 7. One of the greatest thrills for Red was coaching the local Peeewe team. The players advanced to eventually win an all-Ontario title in the Midget category, and five of the players Red had originally coached were drafted to the NHL. Red was a driving force behind the Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament. The first year of the tournament, Georgetown was hit by unseasonably warm weather during the March Break. The fire department provided them with hoses, and the roof of the arena had to be watered down continuously, to keep the ice surface from turning to puddles. Charlie Jones was the referee-in-chief for the first Bantam Tournament. The second year, an 18-year-old young man by the name of Bryan Lewis took over as Referee-in-chief, and did an excellent job according to Red. The term "rink rats" is not a particularly endearing term today. But in the early years of the tournament, the rink rats scurried around the rink, ready to do any little jobs that needed to be done. One in particular, by the name of Don Fendley, will be remembered by Red for being at the tournament and helping out until he was finally ordered to go home and get some rest. One year, Red and some other organizers of the tournament decided to slip away for an evening to see a local team in a playoff game. While they were gone, a few kind souls decided to surprise them by pouring the ice surface for the following day's action. It proved to be quite a surprise, especially when the inexperienced planers took the ice down to bare concrete. Fortunately, games could be rescheduled to the Acton Arena, until the Georgetown ice was restored. Red was one of the initiators of local Tyke hockey. In its second year of operation, Red took a team to the Timmy Tyke Tournament in Scarborough and was a big hit with his "kid line". On the Georgetown roster was a forward line made up of two four-year-olds, and one 3 1/2-year-old. The three youngsters were considerably outzined by their opponents, who were mainly five to seven-year-olds. But the three took to the ice on regular shifts, wearing numbers one-half, one-quarter, and one-eighth, and were a hit with the large tournament crowds. At the same time, Red and his team won a lot of recognition and respect for Georgetown.



Georgetown hosted a volleyball tournament at the high school on Saturday with a number of area teams taking part. The host team lost their opening games in the tournament to a Hanover squad. Here, a Georgetown player goes up for a spike against two Hanover blockers. (Herald photo)

LePages blanks Exchange House

LePages solidified their hold on first place in Halton Hills Hockey League action Sunday, as they blanked Exchange House 4-0. With the loss, Exchange House slipped out of a tie for second with McGibbon Hotel, who thumped Genoe ReMax 8-1 Sunday. In other action, North Halton Sports downed Mal Dodge ReMax 5-1, and Arnie's Body Shop and the Hawks played to a 2-2 draw. LePages remains alone in top spot in the eight-team league with 30 points, followed by McGibbon Hotel with 28, Exchange House with 28, North Halton Sports with 21, Genoe

ReMax with 18, Mal Dodge with 13, and Arnie's and the Hawks, with eight apiece. This Sunday, the Hawks play Exchange House beginning at 2:30 a.m., followed by LePages against Arnie's, Mal Dodge against Genoe, and North Halton Sports against McGibbon Hotel.

SCORING

GP	G	A	PIM	PTS.
Wally Pitre (GR)	17	18	0	36
Larry Peterson (MH)	19	24	12	42
Brian Beaumont (MH)	19	22	4	32
Jeff Coulligan (EH)	16	12	2	31
Mark Waters (EH)	16	14	15	29
Bob Davey (L)	17	18	12	28
Ken Wheelham (GR)	17	11	7	28
Mark Hamilton (L)	15	10	12	22
Brad Hale (MH)	11	10	12	22
Tim Turner (EH)	14	9	13	22
Greg Lawr (EH)	17	11	10	21

GOALKEEPERS AVERAGES

GP	GA	NO	AVE.
Glenn Tost	19	39	2.05
Shayne Hillock	19	43	2.22
Howie Hulme	17	41	2.52
Paul McCracken	15	38	2.53

Hall nets three in Selects' win

Player of the Week
Chris Hall
(M and M Pro Sports)

Goalie of the Week
Scott Herbert
(Kinsmen)

Playoff Scores
M and M Pro Sports 5
Young's Pharmacy 1

Kinsmen 3
Tim Horton's 2

Novice Hockey

The M and M Pro Sports seven-year-old Tyke Selects opened their playoffs in impressive style, pouncing Young's Pharmacy by a score of 5-1. The game was close, as the Selects held a 2-1 lead with about eight minutes remaining. But they exploded for three goals in six minutes for the victory.

Player of the Week Chris Hall scored three goals, including the winner. Singles went to Robert Larose, and Robert McLeod. Larose ended the game with three points, as he set up Hall's first two markers. Aaron Dunlop replied for Young's Pharmacy. In the other game, Kinsmen goalie Scott Herbert proved to be the difference in a close game, stopping Horton's attackers on numerous occasions, as his team took a 3-2 decision. Robbie Pilgrim, Stephen Markham, and Kyle Hancock each scored for the winners. League scoring champion Darin Finlayson accounted for both goals for Tim Horton's.

Legion zone darts finals

Several members of the Georgetown Industrial Darts League, along with Legion members represented the local branch in the annual zone darts singles and doubles championships at Cooksville last weekend. Mary Russell, Monica Dougherty, Eileen Cleary, Bruce Hope, Jamie Russell, Brian Hicks, Dennis Thorogood, Ron Scarlett, Harry Bottoms, Bill McCartney, Eric Fuller and Alex Tough were the challengers who attended. Thorogood and Bottoms were the closest in the singles round robin opening round format, with Hicks not far behind. However, none qualified for the next rounds. Scarlett had the toughest group to qualify from, with several top players to face. Everyone acquitted themselves quite well nevertheless. Well known George Hyde and his son, Nigel, Peter Mills and Ken Jones all qualified to go to the district finals.

After lunch players proceeded to the doubles event. Eric Fuller and Alex Tough also had Harry Bottoms and Ron Scarlett in their section pairings and they won the clash, which was billed as the 'entry championship' with due respect to the others, of course. Both teams went a long way before their hopes of qualifying for the next round were dashed. A fine day was had by all even though the locals did not meet with a great deal of success.

GBA prepares for upcoming baseball season

The Georgetown Baseball Association is gearing up for the 1988 season, with a confident executive comprised of a generous mix of experience and new blood. Hal Ridley has been reinstated as president of the GBA for a second term, and looks forward to getting things rolling. "We have a solid executive with a lot of experience, and the new blood we were looking for," Ridley says. "If we get more volunteers to take on some of the small tasks, it will really help. If we spread the workload out more, we can get more done." The GBA is holding a series of registration nights at Holy Cross School next month. The sessions are planned for March 9, 22, and 24, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Registration fees have been kept the same for 1988 as they were last season. For T-ball, players will pay \$45, and other players will pay \$50 to register. There is an additional charge for youngsters who play rep ball. After the March 24 registration session, there will be a late fee of \$10 added on. Ridley says by encouraging early registrations, they can make provisions for scheduling, uniforms, and equipment further in advance. Joining Ridley on the executive, are Rich Loreto, who remains as past president; Brenda Lee as treasurer, and Donna Blights as secretary. Ted Barrow is now vice-president, in charge of the sponsorship committee, Jack Lee is vice-president in charge of rep teams, and Bob MacLeod is vice-president in charge of equipment. Jack Wallinga, the former Squirt convener, is vice-president in charge of house leagues. Peter Wanner will continue in his position as the house league's Tyke convener, but the GBA is looking for house league conveners in T-ball, Squirt, Peeewe, and a proposed Bantam-Midget house league. "As the players get older, they still seem to be interested in playing ball," Ridley says. "So if there is enough registration to warrant it, we'll offer the Bantam-Midget level of house league." For rep team coaching, Boyd Hodinott returns to the helm for the Juvenile squad, while Brian Hannah, who coached the Bantams last season has moved up to take over the Midgets. Mike Murdock had expected to take over the Bantam A team, after coaching at the Bantam B level last season. But he has been transferred from the area with his job, so a Bantam A coach is needed, Ridley says they hope to fill the position soon, so they can make a commitment to the Central Ontario Baseball Association for the upcoming season. Al Gardiner has been named to coach the Bantam B team, and Morly Ogden, who coached a house league team last season will take over the Peeewe team. Last year, the GBA was unable to field a Tyke team, because there was no coach. As yet, there has been no one named as Tyke coach, but Ridley says they are looking for someone to look after the team. If registrations demand, Ridley says the association will look at putting A and B teams in at the Midget and Peeewe levels, as well. Jack Lee is taking applications for the open rep team coaching positions, and can be reached at 877-8767, for more information. Some of the rep teams have already begun practising indoors, and anyone wishing to go out for their respective age categories is welcome. The GBA will once again host its annual Peeewe baseball tournament this summer, and there is also a proposal to host a Midget tournament. But right now, Ridley and the rest of the executive are concentrating on getting more volunteer help for various jobs. A house league umpire coordinator is needed to train and develop the umpiring system, and set up schedules. Anyone interested in helping in some capacity with the GBA, is invited to submit their name during the registration sessions in March.

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