

# GBA registration night draws encouraging turnout

If last Wednesday's opening session of registration for the Georgetown Baseball Association is any indication, the community may be looking forward to the biggest ball season they have seen in a number of years.

GBA President Hal Ridley and his co-workers were literally swamped at Holy Cross for their first of three scheduled registrations. About 160 youngsters were signed up throughout the evening, which represents about half of the 320 registrations taken over all last season.

"We want to thank the people who were there to sign up," Ridley says. "It helps us get the leagues organized earlier."

Further registration sessions have been scheduled for 7-9 p.m., again at Holy Cross School, on Tuesday, March 22, and Thursday, March 24. Anyone registering after these sessions will be subject to a late fee of \$10, added to their regular fees.

At present, it looks as though there will be enough registrations at the Bantam level for the association to proceed with plans for a Bantam house league program. Ridley says there will likely be a few Midget-aged players who will be included in the league play, as well. Last year, the GBA ran a Pee-wee-Bantam house league program, but Ridley expects there will be enough players for the Bantam and Pee-wee programs to stand on their own.

The GBA is continuing to seek volunteers who are willing to act as convenors for the various programs. These positions would involve setting up schedules, and looking after their respective levels, once they are launched.

Other volunteers are also required for GBA projects, such as fund rais-



It's that time again, to dust off the ball gloves and get the batting eye in focus. The Georgetown Baseball Association held its first registration session Wednesday night and experienced an excellent turnout. Here, Shane Mandarino, five, adds

his name to the list of players for the upcoming season, while his three-year-old brother Blake, watches and waits until he comes of baseball age. Further registrations have been planned for the evenings of March 22 and 24, at Holy Cross School, from 7-9 p.m. (Herald photo)

ing programs. A few of the coaching positions that have remained open have now been filled.

John Wright has come forward to coach the Georgetown Bantam A rep team, and he will be assisted by Gord Hagen.

Georgetown will also be able to field a Tyke rep team this season.

Dean Marks will serve as the team's head coach, and he will be assisted by Mike Daquano and John Rivers.

Last season, the Tyke team was unable to operate since there was no coach, but Ridley says it will be a big boost to the program to have the Tyke team this season, because it will help develop players at a younger age.

## Terrion shares frustrations

# Team can make amends: Leaf

What would hockey dinners be without the Toronto Maple Leafs to pick on?

Whenever self-proclaimed connoisseurs of the sport hold a forum, it seems everyone has an opinion on what it will take to turn the lowly Leafs into a respectable hockey team.

Some point to less than productive trades, others say it's their draft choices, and many focus on the man at the centre of it all. In the trenches, that's coach John Brophy.

But at least one person isn't content to lay all the blame on coaching as the reason for the Leafs' turmoil.

"Brophy wants to win, and he works hard at it," says Leaf centre Greg Terrion. "The coach can only do so much, and then it's up to the players on the ice. It's one thing to blame the coach, but we have to look at ourselves, too."

Terrion expected to link up with the Leafs again on the weekend. But while taking some time off to rest a groin injury, he was able to attend the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Dinner, as a special guest.



For Terrion, and certainly for all the Leafs, the current hockey campaign has been one of near total frustration. The firing of general manager Gerry McNamara was somewhat of a shock, but at the same time, inevitable. "Everybody was waiting for

something to happen," Terrion says. "They had to make changes, whether it was the coach, or whatever. It worked for awhile, but now we're back to Square One."

Terrion shares the frustrations of team members and fans alike. Last year, after a less than fruitful season, the Leafs backed into the playoffs, and actually surprised a lot of people, by reaching the Norris Division final. But what that did more than anything was set up false optimism for the 1987-88 season.

"I think this year has been more frustrating than last year," Terrion says. "Every year the team is supposed to get better. But it seems we're going more sideways than straight ahead."

It again looks as though the Leafs are playoff-bound, since the only team worse than them in the entire NHL - the Minnesota North Stars - happen to be in the same division.

And Terrion is at least hoping the Leafs can salvage something positive for the remainder of the season.

# Going with the flow works for MacLean

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For someone who has never been a planner, Ron MacLean has "gone with the flow" quite nicely.

At the ripe age of 27, MacLean holds the plum position of host for Hockey Night in Canada television broadcasts, handed to him after the departure of Dave Hodge.

MacLean was in Georgetown recently as emcee for the annual Hockey Heritage Dinner. Anyone who was there could see why he's so successful as a broadcaster.

MacLean played hockey himself in his native Alberta, up until the Juvenile level. At that point, he realized to become a broadcaster, he would have to take certain safeguards.

That meant leaving the game behind as a player, but he has managed to maintain the tie. This season was his ninth as a referee. "It seemed like a strange thing when I started," MacLean admits. "But it's a great form of recreation. You're in your own world for three hours, and most of the rest of the world is forgotten. It's a great means of staying in the game."

When MacLean took over from Hodge entirely as the host of Hockey Night in Canada, he had big shoes to fill. Prior to Hodge's departure, he had been worked into a rotation when Hodge was honoring commitments to a Vancouver radio station.

Yet MacLean says he didn't feel the pressure most would have expected, when he took the reins.

"When I was in Red Deer, there was no Leafs on CHCH," he says. "We saw mainly west-based teams on television, so David was not quite the institution he was in this market. I knew the job coming to Toronto, and there wasn't a fear of the unknown."

But MacLean admits the toughest part, from his perspective, was in March when Hodge and the CBC came to "a parting of ways" and he became "a bit of a martyr for the network."

One of MacLean's duties with Hockey Night in Canada, is the unenviable positions of serving as a



backboard for "the Wrath of Grapes." Don Cherry is certainly one of the most outspoken men in hockey today, and it is MacLean who acts as his foil.

MacLean though, sees Cherry in a different light than most others probably do.

"I really enjoy Don. He represents the hockey man who's been down the road. He's seen so many things that everything now seems to twig a memory."

MacLean says Cherry has chosen to view certain facets of hockey, that others might ignore - most notably, fighting, and the physical side of the game.

"I think he does this more because it's one aspect most broadcasters don't address."

But above all, Cherry lets his true colors show, MacLean says. "He loves to defend hockey. He's a patriot. You don't knock hockey, Canada, and you don't knock hockey."

As far as what the future holds, MacLean isn't one to consult crystal balls.

"I've never been a planner, and never a goal setter," he says. "Things have just fallen into place. As it stands now, I enjoy what I do, and I still find it challenging. I'm an inquisitive person, and with interviewing people, every day is different."

## Aquatic sign up

Registration for both the Acton and Georgetown Indoor Pools for the spring season commences at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 26. Georgetown registrations will be taken at the Georgetown District High School Library lobby entrance and Acton registrations will take place at the pool.

For more information call 877-5185 ext. 276.

## Swim program

Something new this spring is a synchronized swimming program which will be offered at the Georgetown Indoor Pool. Routines will be created and each week skills will be taught as they fit into the overall routine. Classes will be held on Saturdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Register on March 26 at the Georgetown High School Library lobby entrance. Call 877-5185 ext. 276 for more information.

## Juggling club

Last fall, a couple of juggling workshops were offered by the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department. At these workshops an interest was shown in developing a Juggling Club where people could meet once a month to juggle together. Based on this request we will be using Cedarvale Community Centre the last Friday of every month, 7 to 8 p.m. (March 25, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26). If you are interested in learning some basic skills or in picking up some new challenges, give us a call at 877-5185 ext. 261.

## Gymnastics

Halton Hills Jills will be holding late registration on Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Roseroom (above Georgetown Memorial Arena). For more information contact Diane Hoogendam at 877-3486.

# Jills honor coach Wilson

The Halton Hills Jills Gymnastics Club held a thank you party for Katherine Wilson, their head coach, on Friday night.

Katherine is embarking on a career as a dental hygienist, and the Jills family, parents and gymnasts, gathered to wish her all the best for the future.

More importantly, the Jills offered their sincere thanks to Katherine for her significant contributions to the club. Her involvement with the Jills has been as a gymnast, a coach and finally head coach.

She is widely known in Georgetown and Acton as both a friend and a coach. In a presentation, the Jills said it best: thank you Katherine.

The Halton Hills Jills Gymnastics Club is pleased to announce the appointment of Paula Geniole as head coach of the recreational and competitive programs.

Paula brings with her many years of experience as a coach with the Milton Springers. This year she has demonstrated her dedication to gymnastics, and her sincere concern for gymnasts, as a Jills' coach.

Recreational and competitive gymnasts will appreciate the recent improvements to the Rose Room facility at Memorial Arena. There is now a spring floor-runway, similar to that used by world class athletes for the floor exercise, on which to practise tumbling moves.

By the second registration date for the spring season, on March 19, the Rose Room redecoration will be complete.

Katherine, Paula, parents of the Jills and the Georgetown Recreational Department have worked diligently to bring about these improvements.

The Halton Hills Jills Gymnastics Club recognizes Katherine Wilson's contribution with a sincere thank you and now welcomes Paula Geniole as its new head coach.

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