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Reconsiders position
Bennett stays on as Bantam coach

By MIKE TURNER
 Herald Sports Editor
 The troubled waters surrounding the M and M Pro Sports Bantam hockey team have been stilled, and the team has reverted to business as usual, with coach Keith Bennett at the helm.



Keith Bennett

and people on the street, some I hadn't heard from in quite awhile, were very supportive."
 But something happened in those few days to make Bennett reconsider his position.
 "The turning point was when I heard some of the boys would not play in the tournament if I wasn't behind the bench," he said. "I couldn't let that happen. A lot of people have worked too hard to make this tournament the success I'm sure it will be."
 Who logs the most ice time in the provincial championship games will be determined by on-ice performance, and who shows the greatest motivation, Bennett says. "It's based on who I think will do the job for us."
 The team held one of their usual early morning practices Sunday, and indications suggest the matter has already been put behind them.

The quiet follows a storm that created Thursday night, when Bennett resigned from his position as coach of the Major Bantams, at a meeting of players, parents, and the coaching staff.
 Bennett was backing a stand he had made at the Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament, after what he considered a poor showing by the team. He attributed their downfall to the absence of players away on holidays for the March break, and supported a decision by the team that those players would be given limited ice time at the all-Ontario "AA" Bantam championships, being hosted here in April.
 "I was very determined that I would not come back," Bennett said of his resignation Thursday. "Over the next two days I had many supportive calls to the house,

The opening few minutes of the practice were tentative, according to Bennett, but the session turned into one of the best workouts they have had.
 "We do have good practices, and the players put out a lot more today (Sunday)," he said. "There was a lot of effort there, and it was a very intense practice."
 At the meeting Thursday, Bennett says the players gave a good account of themselves, and may even have surprised some of the parents with the way they presented themselves.
 And he's confident they'll have nothing, other than hockey, on their minds when they take to the ice for the provincial championships.
 "I'd never expect anything less," he said. "Maybe this will be a positive thing. Maybe it'll make the players better individuals, over all."



The Victor
 David Markham raises his arm triumphantly after scoring the winning goal in the Tyke Hockey League championship game Saturday, during the GMHA Day of Champions. Markham scored nine goals, all told, as Montego Construction edged Color Your World 10-9 in overtime, to take the Tyke title. See pages B2 and B3 for summaries and photos. (Herald photo)

Jills place well at meet

Several local gymnasts did a fine job of representing the Halton Hills Jills Club, as they turned in excellent showings at a meet hosted by Burlington on the weekend.
 The event was the third qualifying meet for the Ontario Gymnastics championships.
 Tracey Clark competed in the Tyro C Division, and captured a gold medal on the balance beam, as she topped the field with a score of 9.15.
 Clark also had scores of 8.3 in the vault, 8.6 on the bars, and 8.65 on the floor, which earned her seventh place over all in the division.
 Joining Clark on the award podium for the balance beam was Marcey MacInnes, who captured sixth with a score of 8.7 in the Tyro C Division.
 MacInnes also scored 7.7 in the vault, 7.55 on the bars, and 8.65 on the floor, for an over all placing of 17th.
 The performances of the two gymnasts was their best ever.
 Another Halton Hills Jill who turned in her most successful showing of the year was Darby Erier, in the Tyro B Division.
 She received a fifth place ribbon for her score of 8.3 on the beam, and also received an award for her sixth in the vault, as she scored 8.85.
 Her floor routine earned a score of 8.6, while she received an 8.2 in the bars.
 Over all, Erier finished a very respectable 10th.

OMHA showdown with Grimsby

Juveniles sweep aside Kingston

By MIKE TURNER
 Herald Sports Editor
 The Georgetown Gemini Juveniles left nothing to chance Saturday night as they blanketed Kingston 5-0 to win their best-of-five OMHA semifinal playoff series 3-1, at the Alcott Arena.

"I think we really came to play," said Georgetown coach Charlie Hanman following the victory. "Our defence had perhaps their best game of the series. We got good goaltending, and the forwards were able to put the puck in the net."
 After a scoreless first, the locals went up 2-0 in the middle period, and then added three unanswered goals in the third for good measure.
 John Lantz went the distance in net for Georgetown, and made a number of excellent saves, particularly in the late going to preserve the shutout. Offensively, Rory Kennedy had a stellar night, with three goals and an assist.
 "Rory's a streak player," Hanman says. "He'll go three or four games, without even a smell, and then he scores a bunch."
 A generous crowd was on hand to catch the action Saturday, which helped spur the home side on.

best-of-seven affair, were to be determined following the coin toss for home ice advantage, prior to the opening game.
 Perhaps the biggest difference in the game with Kingston Saturday was Georgetown's ability to keep the visitors from utilizing their speedy breakout attack.
 To do this, Hanman called on the resources of Gerry Inglis. "Gerry came out to practice, and helped us try to close down the middle," Hanman says. "One practice doesn't make a season, but we accomplished what we wanted to do."

Georgetown opened the scoring 30 seconds into the second period, when Kennedy deflected a shot from the point by Tim Bennett. Rob Cooper also picked up an assist on the play.
 Cooper upped the margin to 2-0 three minutes later, when he converted a pass across the goalmouth from Kennedy on a powerplay. Line mate Terry Dixon also assisted.
 The same three combined for Georgetown's third goal, mid way through the final period. Cooper and Dixon worked to keep the puck in the Kingston end, and a pass was relayed inside to Kennedy who swept across the front of the net, and beat goalie Tim Lalonde with a backhand shot.
 Kennedy rounded out his hatrick with five-and-a-half minutes to go, when he stole the puck at centre and went in alone, flipping a shot past Lalonde.
 Kingston had a great opportunity to get on the scoreboard a short time later when they broke in with a two-on-one, but Lantz made a good save to preserve the shutout.
 Mark Hillier rounded out the 5-0 final when he capitalized on a re-

bound with just over a minute to play in regulation time. Brian Peacock and Billy Tutt, who was called up from the Major Midgets, assisted on the play.
 Hanman expects the Georgetown squad will maintain their intensity as they head into the next round, particularly since they will have the added benefit of solid fan support.
 "The town has really gotten behind these guys," he says. "To come out like that and support us is just tremendous. It's a tremendous feeling for everybody."
 Hanman remembers the Grimsby team to be a fast club, about equal in size to Georgetown.
 En route to winning the North American Silver Stick Championship in Mooretown earlier in the season, Georgetown defeated Grimsby 5-2.

Gems consider changes

Local hockey enthusiasts may witness a metamorphosis of sorts, as they follow the Georgetown Jr. B Gemini in forthcoming seasons.
 The time has apparently come for a change, judging by the reaction of executive members with the hockey club, who are considering the feasibility of changing the official team colors, and possibly, the team name.
 Club president Dave Kentner made the announcement Friday night at the team's awards dance, that the executive would be giving serious consideration to the changes at their next meeting tonight (Wednesday).
 As far as the official team colors are concerned, one proposal has the Gemini going from "Minnesota North Stars" colors to "Chicago Black Hawks" colors.
 "But that's no reflection on the North Stars who are slugging it out with the Toronto Maple Leafs for last place in the NHL."
 The move would make sense, since red, white, and black colors for equipment and uniforms are more readily available. And because of their availability, costs and inconvenience of ordering would diminish.
 "Kentner sees such a move as one that would pay off for the team financially, a few seasons down the road."
 There is also the added benefit of the Gemini club's colors being in line with the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association colors, which could only improve "community unity."
 The other point for consideration is the team name. "Gemini."
 When Jr. B hockey was put back on line in the mid-seventies in Georgetown, a contest was held to come up with a name for the team.
 "Gemini" seemed to fit. For one thing, the entire name seemed to flow nicely, and for another, the association with an astrological sign, while not overly formidable, had a certain mystic quality. And the "Double-G" logo was impressive, as well.
 But it may be that any significance the name once had, has worn off.
 At any rate, Kentner says the executive will be giving both matters serious consideration.

Bantam championship takes shape

Two of four teams that will compete in the All-Ontario Bantam "AA" Hockey Championships in Georgetown beginning April 15, have yet to be decided.
 The squads who have already been confirmed for the event are the host Georgetown M and M Pro Sports Bantams, and Valley East, the Northern Ontario Hockey Association representative.
 For the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and the Metro Toronto Hockey League representatives series that began this week will determine the entries.
 In the OMHA, Markham is facing St. Thomas, and for the MTHL title, Hillcrest is taking on the Mississauga North Stars.
 Local hockey fans may have caught a glimpse of the Markham squad, when they made an abbreviated appearance at the

Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament. After a few games, they were forced to pull out to honor playoff commitments. They won their first game of the tournament 3-1 over the M and M squad.
 Wayne Pries, chairman for the Ontario championship tournament, says he spoke to a representative from St. Thomas, who was confident that they could eliminate Markham and earn a provincial berth.
 Valley East competed at a tournament in Welland during the March break, and won the championship, but their opponents were "A" teams.
 Pries says response for the tournament from the community has been excellent, and advertising spots in the program are selling well. Many sponsors have also indicated they will help pay for ice time, to offset some of the costs of running the tournament, and prizes are being donated for giveaways at the tournament.
 Players will congregate at the Alcott auditorium Saturday, April 15 at 1:30 p.m. for a welcome lunch.

Fencing

The Georgetown Fencing Club will be holding an exhibition Thursday, April 7 at 8 p.m. in the gym of George Kennedy Public School on Weber Drive. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 877-8796.

Pool closings

Both the Acton and Georgetown Indoor Pools will be closed Good Friday, April 1 and Easter Sunday, April 3 for the holiday.
 The Acton Indoor Pool will be closed Saturday, April 2 for safety repairs to the ladder but the Georgetown Indoor Pool will be open for Public Swim, 2 to 4 p.m.; Family Swim, 4 to 5:30 p.m.; and an Adult Swim, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Bowlers compete

Two local bowlers turned in creditable showings at the 24th Annual YBC Provincial Five-Pin Bowling Championships in Scarborough recently, but failed to qualify for the National finals.
 Robin Zander was seventh in the Bantam Girls' division at Scarborough, with a three-game total of 483. The division was won by Kelly McArthur of Oshawa, with a three-game total of 597.
 In the Senior Girls' division, Trina Bassett was 16th, with a total of 513 over her three games. Jodi Craig took top honors in the division with a 717 total.
 The winners in each of the divisions advance to the 1983 National YBC Five-Pin Bowling Championships, being held in Calgary, May 7-9.



Sparkling Gems

The Georgetown Junior B Gems held a banquet to honor the players and management Saturday night at the Alcott Hall. Those among the players receiving special recognition for their efforts include: (from left) most defensive player Mark Pries, player of the year Kevin Dance, Miller High Life player of the year and most valuable player Joe Washkurak, most improved player Travis Cole. Absent from the picture are rookie of the year Chuck Loreto and Pizsa Hui award for leadership to captain Jim McCabe. (Herald photo)

Minor ball numbers up

The Georgetown Baseball Association will hold another registration session Wednesday, April 10 from 7-8 p.m. at Holy Cross School.
 GBA president Hal Ridley says a total of 320 youngsters have already registered for the upcoming season, representing 33 more than had signed up by this time last year. The registrations were taken during three previous sessions set up by the GBA.
 Ridley says they are encouraging any players who have not already registered to attend Wednesday. Cost is now \$55 for T-ball, and \$60 for other players, and there is an additional cost for rep baseball players.
 Numbers appear to be up in all age categories, according to Ridley, and he says they are hoping to increase their totals at any level, but particularly for Bantam and Pee-wee categories.
 Ridley also said that if enough interest is shown, there is a possibility a travelling Midget house league team will be formed.
 With the excellent response to their registration program, Ridley says it has been possible for the executive to begin planning for the upcoming season, and allows them to proceed with orders for equipment and uniforms for the teams.
 Convenors are still required by the GBA for house league programs, and anyone interested should contact Jack Wallinga.
 The GBA plans to launch a major fund raising drive this summer, to assist in the purchase of additional equipment, and offset other expenses.
 People who have offered their help as volunteers will be contacted, and the GBA would be pleased to hear from anyone else who would like to offer their time to help out, in any area.
 Convenors will be calling coaches in the near future to confirm teams, and determine schedules for the upcoming season, which is slated to get under way following the Victoria Day weekend.
 Richard Hume has been added to the GBA executive, as umpire-in-chief over the rep and house league systems. His appointment to this position completes the slate of executive members.

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