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Going in as dark horse

Bennett harbors air of optimism

By MIKE TURNER
 Herald Sports Editor

The M and M Pro sports Bantams would have to be considered a dark horse, heading into this weekend's all-Ontario "AA" Bantam hockey championship.

But coach Keith Bennett is confi-



Keith Bennett

dent the team can show itself as a horse of a different color.

The Georgetown squad received a berth in the championship tournament as the host team, and will square off against OMHA champion St. Thomas, MTHL champion Hillcrest, and NOHA champion Valley East.

The teams will play a round robin set, with the top two teams advancing to the championship game, and the other two playing for the consolation title.

Bennett is heading into the tournament with a quiet air of optimism, and a healthy team.

Defenceman Trent Cull, who suffered a shoulder injury in the International Bantam Tournament hosted here last month, is back in top form, and the remainder of the roster is also clear of injury.

As a tune-up for the tournament, Bennett has arranged an exhibition game against some local midgets, juveniles, and a few Junior B players for tonight (Wednesday).

Bennett expects the team to be well-primed for their opening game Friday night.

"Sunday we had one of the most intense practices we've ever had," he said. "Everybody skated hard. They're just waiting to get at it. It's the end of the season, and it's a big tournament."

Since the local Bantams have been relatively idle the last few weeks, it has afforded Bennett the opportunity to do a little scouting.

Last week he saw Hillcrest go up against the Mississauga North Stars in the Metro Toronto Hockey League final. "I wasn't too impressed," he said of the game. "There wasn't much body contact, and not much offence by either team."

He also saw Markham play against St. Thomas in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association final. Markham won the game 2-1, but after that, it was all St. Thomas as they came back with three straight wins to take the series.

"There again, I was not too impressed," Bennett said. "St. Thomas scored on their own net to lose the game. I tried to visualize our team, to see what we could do."

The Northern Ontario Hockey Association representative, Valley East, remains a question mark, since little is known about them, or their style of play.

Bennett feels the physical aspect of his team's play could be an important factor.

"We have a big team and we like to hit," he says. "We'll definitely be using the body."

At the same time though, Bennett says they will have to be careful not to take themselves out of the game with foolish penalties.

The M and M roster will be bolstered this weekend with the addition of two minor Bantams from the Chateau Restaurant team. Winger Duane Lewis and defenceman Adam Hagen have received the call.

Lewis played a couple of games during the local tournament, and Hagen played in one contest.

"We were quite impressed with the way they handled themselves," Bennett says. "And because we're playing four games in 48 hours, the extra legs will definitely be an advantage."

Goaltending shouldn't be a problem for the team, despite the lengthy layoff. Paul St. Pierre has been trying to crack the line-up with a summer hockey team, and Chris Cambouris has also been stopping pucks under game conditions since the team last saw regular action.

Preparing for the provincial tournament was relatively easy for the team. It was simply a matter of going over the things they already knew.

"To try and put something new in, without having seen more of the other teams, would be difficult," Bennett says.

The M and M Pro Sports Bantams open the tournament this Friday night at 9 p.m., when they play Valley East.

**M and M
 VS.
 Valley East
 Friday 9 p.m.**



EN GARDE

It seems like everyone has an infatuation with the sport of fencing, regardless of their age. Courtney MacGillivray, two-and-a-half, even decided she'd give it a whirl Thursday night when the Georgetown Fencing Club held a special demonstration. Courtney, whose mother is the

secretary of the club, picked things up quickly, but soon found fencing took a little more out of her than she thought. The Georgetown Fencing Club is trying to recruit new members. For more on the sport of fencing, see page B2. (Herald photos)

Trojans take lead in championship series

The Trojans have taken a one game lead in their best-of-three Georgetown Ladies' Basketball League championship series, after defeating the Mustangs 67-57 last Wednesday night.

In the consolation round, the Capricorns surprised the Cougars 52-47, to take a 1-0 lead in their best-of-three set.

Alice Ogden, Anita Stankus, and Diaga Zelek all had 12 points for the Trojans to pace the team's attack. Corrine Buisman helped the Trojans' cause with 10 points, while June Nicholson had eight, Kyra Kristensen-Irvine had seven, and Mary Kelly, Pat Nessel, and Lou Oram all chipped in with two.

For the Mustangs, Chung Kim led the scoring with 26 points, while Mariann Lott had 15, Carol Kovacevic added nine, Diane Gardner had six, and Penny Wright contributed one.

Marie Smith paced the Capricorns to victory in the consolation match-up as she hit for 23 points. Tracey Yorke helped the cause with 15, while Kerry Gibson, Sandra Cousens, and Donna Peacock added four each, and Laurel Heinz had two.

For the Cougars, Boo Tufford replied with 16 points, Linda Robson had 15, Rebecca Caverly had six, Judy Thomson added four, and Kelly Forsyth, Natalia Pacheco, and Wendy Forsyth all added two.

Both series resume tonight (Wednesday) beginning at 7 p.m. at Centennial Middle School.

In the final games of a round robin series, to determine who the two championship finalists would be, the Trojans downed the Cougars 55-42, and the Mustangs beat the Capricorns 93-71, on March 30.

The Trojans were paced by the 21 points of Corrine Buisman, while Anita Stankus contributed 12, Pat Nessel had 10, June Nicholson chipped in with six, Kyra Kristensen-Irvine had four, and Alice Ogden added two.

For the Cougars, Boo Tufford had 12 points, Rebecca Caverly had 10, Linda Robson added nine, Kelly Forsyth had four, Judy Thomson had three, and Sue Cooke and Jennifer Reynolds added two apiece.

In the other contest, the Mustangs were paced by the 26 points of Mariann Lott. Penny Wright clicked for 21, Carol Kovacevic had 20,

Chung Kim had 18, Mel McCracken added six, and Penny Cassita had two.

For the Capricorns, Marie Smith had 26 points, while Donna Green-

wood had 12. Tracey Yorke added nine, Laurel Heinz, Maureen Kerr, and Debbie Pace all contributed six, and Kelly Cunningham and Sandra Cousens added two each.

St. Thomas is final entry

The final combatant for the Provincial "AA" Bantam hockey crown has been decided.

St. Thomas will represent the Ontario Minor Hockey Association at the all-Ontario tournament being hosted by Georgetown this weekend.

St. Thomas fought back from a two-game deficit to win their best-of-five OMHA final against Markham 3-2.

Hillcrest, who took the Metro Toronto Hockey League title by defeating Mississauga, North Stars, Valley East of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association, and Georgetown M and M Pro Sports as the host squad, round out the four-team slate.

The first game of the tournament will have Hillcrest playing St. Thomas at 7 p.m. at the Alcott Arena.

Following this, there will be the official opening ceremonies for the tournament, and a game featuring Georgetown and Valley East at 9 p.m.

Saturday's schedule has Georgetown playing St. Thomas at 9 a.m.; Valley East taking on Hillcrest at 11 a.m.; Georgetown facing Hillcrest at 6 p.m.; and Valley East playing St. Thomas at 8 p.m.

The consolation final, between the third and fourth place teams will be played Sunday at 1 p.m., with the championship game between the top two teams to emerge from round robin play, slated for 3 p.m.

A reception for the teams is planned for 4 p.m. at the Alcott Community Hall Friday, and a luncheon is planned for Saturday at 1:30 p.m.; also at the Alcott hall.

Adult program openings

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department's exciting Spring Season of Adult Programs begins this week. There are still a few openings, so registrations are still being accepted for the following:

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Georgetown residents recognized

Five people honored with Athlete Achievement Awards

Five Georgetown residents have been named to receive Athlete Achievement Awards, which honor accomplishments of athletes at the national, international, or world levels of competition.

Over 1,000 people from the Central Ontario region will receive the award, to note their individual or team efforts in their respective fields for 1987.

From Georgetown, the recipients are Brian Bell (Bowling); Kyla Drever (Artistic Roller Skating); Ken Hildebrand (Pistol Shooting); Melanie Jans (Squash); and Melvyn Barton (Powerlifting).

The 21st Annual Sports Awards Banquet will be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto this Friday, and presentations of Athlete Achievement Awards will be made there.

Other award presentations will also be made to honor volunteers and corporate sponsors.

Following are the list of Georgetown recipients who will receive Athlete Achievement Awards, and highlights of their accomplishments for 1987:

BRIAN BELL was a member of the Central Ontario Five-Pin Bowling Team that captured the cham-

ionship in the 20th Annual Pepsi Challenge.

The Central Ontario team combined for a 4,804 total, which gave them both the provincial and the national titles. Other members of the team were Mike Rowe, Jerry Irvine, Jason Procher, and John Milton, all of Brampton, and their coach, Sandy Procher, also of Brampton.

Rowe had the highest four-game total with 1,014. Brian was second on the team, with a four-game total of 984, and also had the team's single-game high with a 335.

In 1987, Brian also won a bronze medal in the provincial Junior championships, and was a member of the Central Ontario team in 1986 when they won the national title.

KYLA DREVER won three gold medals at the National Artistic Roller Skating Championships held in Calgary last summer, and earned the right to advance to the World Championships in Auckland, New Zealand in October.

After winning the provincial competition at Cambridge, Kyla went on to Calgary where she took top spot in figures, freestyle, and over all competition for the Junior division, and became the only Canadian to earn the right to compete in both figures

and freestyle competition at the world championships.

In Auckland, amid tough competition, Kyla was 21st out of 28 competitors in figures, and 21st out of 27 in freestyle. Over all, she placed 10th.

Kyla skates with the Scooters Club, out of Burlington.

KEN HILDEBRAND has been pistol shooting competitively for over three years, and last July returned from the National championships held in Granby, Quebec with two gold and two silver medals.

Ken won an individual silver medal for the sport pistol competition and won his other three medals as a member of a three-man team.

He was in good company at the competition, shooting with the likes of Laszlo Decsi, a top standard and centre fire shooter, and Antero Takala, the Ontario team coach.

Ken shoots with the Georgetown Revolver Club.

MELANIE JANS won the Under-14 National Squash championship at a tournament in Vancouver last May.

To reach the national tournament, Melanie had to go up against stiff competition at the provincial level.

In Pickering, she defeated Number 1 seeded Joanne Richardson of Ottawa three games to one to win the Ontario Junior Squash championship, and advance to the national final.

Melanie is a member of the Georgetown Racquet Club, and recently won the Under-16 division at the Toronto and District Junior Squash Championships.

MELVYN BARTON won first

place at the National Powerlifting championships in London last May, as a Master in the 67.5 kg weight class.

During the competition which included three lifts, Melvyn had lifts of 397.5 lb. in the squat, 248 lb. in the bench press, and 407 lb. in the dead lift.

Melvyn works out regularly at Musclevorks in Georgetown, and will travel to Kitchener at the end of this month to compete at the national championships again.



Ken Hildebrand



Kyla Drever



Brian Bell



Melanie Jans

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