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Midgets know tension in three nailbiters

Georgetown's Sunny Acres Farms midget hockey team knew the meaning of the word "tension" as all three of their games last week were nailbiting affairs.

The midget crew finished the week by dropping a 3-2 decision at home to Chinguacousy on Dec. 17 after drawing Flamboro, also in Georgetown, by a 3-3 count the night before. A Dec. 11 contest was also of the barnburning variety as the locals lost another 3-2 final, this time in Burlington.

CHINGUACOUSY, GEORGETOWN 2
 Eric Long and Jim English scored for Georgetown with Darren Lang and Stu Vogt assisting.

GEORGETOWN 3, FLAMBORO 3
 Rich Bond, Bill McDonald and Doug Kent found the mesh for the home team with McDonald adding two assists for a three-point outing. Other helpers went to Darren Lang, Mike McElroy and Jim English.

BURLINGTON 3, GEORGETOWN 2
 Two fluke goals by Burlington in the final five minutes killed a Georgetown lead, said team manager Wayne Pries.

"In all three games we outplayed the opposition but some good goaltending on their part and erratic shooting by us cost us wins," summarized Pries.

No scoring stats were available from the Dec. 11 Burlington loss.

MIDGET MEMOS: Pries said the team wished to thank all those people who supported the club's Christmas poinsettia sale to help offset a trip to B.C. later in the season.

Tickets for the midget team's New Year's Eve dance may be purchased from Pries. The price is \$35 and it includes a hot buffet meal.

Future collegians?



Strong volleyball programs at both GDHS and AHS have produced a bevy of local spiking stars over the past few seasons. Joanne Bingham of Georgetown will complete her fourth and final campaign in U.S. intercollegiate volleyball at Western Michigan University next year and teammate Joanne Harkley looks on. The high schoolers are back in action in Acton's Sue Craig has just finished

European vacation possible in Bingham's v-ball future

By PAUL SVOBODA
 Herald Sports Editor

A European vacation may figure heavily in the future plans of Georgetown native Joanne Bingham.

If and when such an undertaking does materialize, however, it's not likely to resemble the kind taken in the movie series starring Chevy Chase.

Bingham has just completed her junior year at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo and with one more season remaining the volleyball standout is looking to the future.

"I'm looking at playing professionally in West Germany or semi-pro in the States," said Bingham during an interview on Wednesday. "I'd consider the national team but I'll probably go where the money is."

Bingham has attracted the interest of pro scouts after completing a stellar season with the Broncos in which the team won its seventh consecutive Mid-America Conference (MAC) volleyball title. The Broncos have compiled a spectacular record of 91 straight conference victories, the longest current winning streak in the NCAA.

About the only down side to the season for WMU came two weeks ago in Minnesota where the Broncos were swept in three straight games by the Oklahoma Sooners in the first round of the NCAA playoffs.

"It was a real embarrassment," said Bingham, a six-foot, two-inch outside hitter.

Personally, Bingham's third season as a WMU regular was anything but embarrassing.

She was a season-long leader on attack and also found herself in more of a leadership role than her sophomore year. "I thought I was playing a lot better this year," she said. "I was looked upon as more of a leader and a lot of the younger players were looking up to me. That was pretty neat."

a spot on the MAC First All-Star Team.

"I guess" was a pretty successful season for me," she said. But like any outstanding athlete Bingham is quick to add she's never satisfied. "I know I can still play better," she concluded.

Meanwhile, the communications major is starting to think about her future after university life. With one more year remaining in her scholarship Bingham is weighing her options carefully.

"I'd like to get into sports broadcasting," she mused. "But I want to keep playing volleyball."

That's where the pro leagues come into the picture. Sarah Powers, former teammate of Bingham's at WMU, is currently playing professionally for Major League Volleyball's Chicago Breeze franchise.

"Sarah's a good friend of mine and she'd like me to play volleyball with her in Chicago after I graduate," said Bingham. "They'll probably talk to me next year. It'll be a big decision."

Playing in Europe, where another of Bingham's former collegiate teammates has enjoyed success, would be a dream come true for the ex-Georgetown Rebel. "It's a high calibre league and they play in Italy and all over Europe," she said. "It would be a great way to travel."

For now, Bingham will concentrate on staying healthy - she missed only three matches this season with a sprained ankle - and readying herself for her senior year at Kalamazoo.



Joanne Bingham

It's easy to see why Bingham was being looked upon as a team leader since her statistics were among the best on the Bronco squad throughout the season. In the MAC title match against the Eastern Michigan Hurons, Bingham had 11 kills and 11 digs in the Broncos 15-1, 15-11, 15-9 sweep, and she hit for a .320 percentage.

After being named to the All-Tournament Team at the WMU Invitational in November, Bingham capped her strong season by earning

The Dancer's back and he's rarin' to go

The Dancer is back. A brief respite in the Raider doghouse was all Kevin Dance needed to respond to a challenge from Jr. B coach Peter Sturgeon.

After being suspended by Sturgeon last Sunday, the veteran centre was back at Alcott Arena for the Raider practice on Tuesday and although Dance didn't skate with the club he left little doubt that he's ready to play again.

"I just want to play the way I did at the beginning of the season," he said on Wednesday night. "I'm glad to be back."

Sturgeon became upset with Dance after last week's three-game Raider losing spin and he felt the diminutive pivot needed to be disciplined in order to get his hockey priorities straightened out.

"I knew he wouldn't stay at home, he reminds me of another guy I know," quipped Sturgeon on Wednesday. "I think he just need-

ed some time to think about things. He's not the kind of guy you want to keep out of the lineup for very long."



Kevin Dance

Dance is currently the Raiders' third leading scorer with 17 goals and 21 assists for 38 points. He was named to the Central Jr. B league's west division all-star team and picked up an assist in the Dec. 11 classic in Streetsville.

He had been playing on a high-scoring line with wingers Des Brown and Greg Brazeau but that

trio was broken up when Brazeau elected to leave the team two weeks ago to return to his hometown of Sault Ste. Marie where he plans to attend college.

Newcomer Rory Kennedy or steadily-improving rookie Brent Presswood could find a permanent spot at the open right wing position on the line with Brown staying put on the left side, said Dance.

RAIDER RAMBLINGS: Sturgeon donned the pads and took part in a lighthearted Raider training session on Tuesday. "I just split them up and we went at it," he said. "I know I had fun."

Raiders were in Burlington last night, hoping to snap their three-game losing streak. They've enjoyed relative success in the Burlington rink this season with three consecutive ties.

Raiders are back in action after Christmas with a rare Tuesday night hosting of arch-rival Milton

Barber, Telford lead McNally's as squad drops two close calls

On Dec. 19 Georgetown's Minor Novice hockey team played its third game in as many nights.

For the first few shifts of the game coach Markham must have wondered if the hometown team was tired. Quickly they fell behind 2-0 to a well-disciplined Streetsville team.

Certainly not the start the coaching staff was looking for. Chris Hall, the Georgetown goaltender, again was steady as was Joey Barber. Both netminders made key saves and Barber was chosen one of the stars of the game when he made two outstanding saves shortly after

he came into the game. The Georgetown offence finally got on track when Mike Madill made a nifty pass to Robert MacLeod at centre ice which put him in the clear. MacLeod made no mistake when he went in all alone and beat the goalie with a high shot to the stick side.

When Robert Larose knocked in a rebound after a shot from Ryan Smith for Georgetown's second goal it looked like the McNallys might steal one. It was, however, not to be when Streetsville scored their final goal (4-2) with the Georgetown team pressing.

The three stars of the game were Joey Barber for his steady goaltending and saves at key times in the game; Judd Richardson who played one of his best games of the year when he concentrated on his defensive game and good positional play; and Dan Cabral was chosen the third star as his positional play was excellent and because of it he had four or five excellent scoring chances.

When McNally Construction last played Dundas they were humiliated 7-0. When their second meeting took place in Georgetown on Dec. 18 they were determined to put up a better battle against this formidable Dundas team.

And a better battle it was. For two periods the teams played a defensive game. The Georgetown defence and goaltending was strong and Chris Hall made perhaps the save of the game for the McNallys when he robbed a Dundas player who was in all alone.

All four Georgetown defencemen played well. Judd Richardson and Geoff Bahr formed one pair while Joey Goodhue and Jeff Telford made up the other rearward pairing, whose enthusiasm and puck clearing was exceptional.

The Georgetown team kept to their game plan of close checking but Dundas stayed with them step for step. Finally with only eight minutes left in the game and the score 0-0 it was time to open up.

Unfortunately for the McNallys when they tried to change from the defence to the offence they quickly fell behind 2-0. The team tried unsuccessfully to put on a late blitz but wound up on the short side 3-0.

It was a good effort by the whole team and one which they can be proud of.

Three star selection: Telford, Hall, MacLeod.

Buffalo and Toronto hope for winners for Christmas



Paul's Call

Paul Svoboda
 Herald Sports Editor

Most everyone would agree that Christmas is a time for giving and receiving.

Everywhere you look in the world of sports, that credo of giving and receiving is evident.

Rambunctious linebackers give quarterbacks new reasons to visit their chiropractors, hockey goaltenders receive rubberized gifts with speedy delivery times and the fans, well, they keep giving and they receive whatever local fare is offered.

Rare is the sports fan who wouldn't jump at the chance to receive a winning team, an outstanding star, or a championship banner for Christmas. Look at those crazy Buffalo Bill fans.

Yes, the fans deserve a break this Christmas.

Contrary to what the citizens of Buffalo, Green Bay or even Baltimore might say, Toronto Maple Leaf fans deserve the first stocking this Christmas.

How about a winner at Maple Leafs Gardens? Maybe old Scrooge Ballard will receive a visit from the ghost of Christmas past (Conn Smythe) and be terrified into making the moves necessary to return the Buds to a semblance of their glorious past.

Right.

Indoors is where Blue Jay fans and Argo fans (where are they, anyway?) are heading next year for their Christmas present. A championship? Hey, one gift at a time, folks.

Steroids will continue to be a popular Christmas gift in track and field and weightlifting circles. But let's hope the Ben Johnson experience will serve to wake up the hypocrites. Whatever happened to the tired old protein shake, anyway?

Tiny Tim may never have known suffering such as that experienced of late by the poor old CFL. Here's to another bang-up Grey Cup and a whopping \$35,000 Saskatchewan Roughrider-style profit in all eight CFL burghs. Perhaps the Ti-Cats will move to Georgetown, too.

Mike Tyson has his world championship belt. How about a promising pro career start for Canada's own Lennox Lewis. The Golden Boy has lost his and O'Sullivan and Dewitt didn't find the professional rainbow. Lewis will now look for his shot. Let's hope Santa's good to him.

And how about on the local scene. The Raiders would love to find a Central league west division title under their collective trees, although they may have to wrestle it away from a Cougar or two. That would surely give coach Sturgeon something to "jump up and down" about.

So, here's to you and here's to me. May we never disagree. If we do, well...

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL THE SPORTSMEN AND SPORT-WOMEN OF HALTON HILLS!



Laying down on the job

While it may appear so, Raider goaltender Todd King did not get caught napping during this goalmouth scramble against the Etobicoke Capitals. King managed to cover the puck while a Capital forward tried to poke the disc under the prone Georgetown backstop with Shannon

Storr (21) guarding another Etobicoke attacker at the edge of the crease. Raiders lost a 5-4 heartbreaker to Etobicoke last weekend and will be looking for a post-Christmas gift on Dec. 27 when they host Milton at Alcott Arena. (Herald photo)

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