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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Jenniter Stocks of the Halton Hills Gymnastics Club led a strong pre-competitive team performance at a recent meet in Milton by placing fifth all-around in the Level III category.

Three of Jennifer's teammates also did very well at the competition. For details, see photo on Page 16.

Cobra bitten

Steven Turkosz was the only local goalscorer as Arthur put the snakebite on Acton Cobra in bantam box lacrosse action in Arthur May 10.

Turkosz fired the only two Acton goals as the Cobra opened the regular season schedule with a 9-2 loss in Arthur.

Brad Cripps and Jeremy Cooney earned assists on Turkosz's goals as Acton was behind by a 4-2 count after the first period.

Brampton Jr. B bid turned down by OHA

By PAUL SVOBODA Herald Sports Editor

The Ontario Hockey Association has turned thumbs down on a proposed Jr. B expansion club in Brampton.

At an OHA board of directors meeting on Wednesday the association denied a franchise application submitted by former Georgetown Raider assistant coach Jim Storr who has been attempting to start up a new Jr. B squad in the Peel County city.

"The application was denied," reported OHA president Brent Ladds last week. Ladds went on to say that three factors were paramount in the OHA's decision not to grant the franchise to Storr's group.

"specifically there were some objections from various OHA members, for example, Bramalea," explained Ladds. "Also, some concern was raised on the board in respect to the depth of the application. We understood Jim was sincere but (it was felt) the community support was suspect."

Ladds also said the lack of a firm ice time commitment from the Brampton Minor Hockey Association to Storr's organization also hurt the application.

"There seemed to be a lot of unrest in the community," said Ladds. "Usually an application is pretty clean."

Storr, meanwhile, was obviously not pleased with the OHA's deci-

sion but he remained philosophical when reached for comment on Monday morning.

"Right now I'm just going over it all in my mind," he said. "I'm trying to get an idea where we went wrong."

Apparently a group can appeal an OHA decision if done so within seven days. As to whether or not that would be the path chosen by his group, Storr preferred to offer no comment.

The situation regarding a Jr. B club in Brampton had become rather complicated since Storr announced his plans to seek an expansion franchise last month. The Central Jr. B league's Etobicoke Capitals received the circuit's approval two weeks ago to go ahead with their plans to attempt to relocate the franchise in Brampton. That move was contingent upon receiving ice time commitments from the BMHA.

But on Friday, Ladds said the OHA had yet to hear from the Etobicoke club. "We haven't been approached by them yet," he stated.

Ladds said setting up a brand new Jr. B club in Brampton might lead to a saturation of the area particularly in terms of the number of local teams searching for talent.

With Georgetown, Caledon, Bramalea and possibly Acton already drawing out of the Brampton area, Ladds said the situation, "makes the BMHA a target."



It was a heads-up play by this young Georgetown soccer buff as he gets a leg up on the competition at Cedarvale Park last Saturday during the annual opening day slate of games. Boys and girls youth teams got the season under way on Saturday with the senior leagues scheduled to follow suit this week. (Herald photo)

Bennett makes the rounds as NHL draft nears

By PAUL SVOBODA Herald Sports Editor

Georgetown's Adam Bennett has yet to play a game in the National Hockey League but he's already becoming familiar with some NHL rinks.

The 18-year-old former



Georgetown Gemini rear-guard returned Monday from Winnipeg where he was treated to a whirl-wind tour of the city and the home facilities of the Jets. Next weekend it's off to New Jersey to meet with officials of the Devils.

It's all part of being the sixthranked eligible junior player in North America as the June 17 NHL entry draft approaches.

"It's still tough to say where I'll go," said Bennett regarding speculation on what NHL club will nab the Sudbury Wolves defenceman. "It's looking pretty positive. I don't think I'll make it past Minnesota."

With Minnesota drafting seventh in the first round, that means Bennett could very well end up on one of six clubs drafting ahead of the North Stars. That list includes Quebec (first), New York Islanders (2), Toronto Maple Leafs (3), Winnipeg (4), New Jersey (5) and at sixth position, the Chicago Blackhawks.

Bennett, who just completed his first year of major junior hockey in Sudbury, has already met with both the Nordiques and Islanders.

Therefore, it is possible he could still end up in the top three despite being ranked number six among North American juniors by the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau.

"Every team has its own scouting unit," said Bennett referring to his pre-draft ranking. "According to my agent, New Jersey is pretty high on me, but you can never tell until draft day."

Meanwhile, Bennett joined two other highly-rated North American junior products in Winnipeg last weekend for a battery of physical fitness tests and an informal dinner with Jets officials. Joining Bennett were Belleville Bulls centre Scott Thornton and Western

Hockey League star Stu Barnes.

While Winnipeg has had a history of drafting large defencemen in the past - Dave Babych (now with Hartford) and Jim Kyte, for example - Bennett said it's anyone's guess until June

"They (Jets) still don't know what they're looking for," he speculated. "They also have a history of drafting Europeans but they said they'll be drafting more Canadians now. They're also still in the stages of hiring a coach. They seemed like a really nice bunch of people. I was pretty pleased."

While the big day approaches,

Bennett will be hard at work preparing for his sophomore season in Sudbury. The Wolves have sent him the club's preseason off-season training program, a tough regimen based on that of the Washington Capitals.

"Sudbury has let the word out that all veterans must follow their program or you won't be in Sudbury," said Bennett. "They're pretty strict with it."

Bennett will be a regular at the GDHS track this summer, working on a fitness program that centres around 200 and 400-metre sprints with longer distances on the weekend. He'll also be hard at it in the weight room, working on both

explosive upper body power and muscular endurance.

He hopes to hit fall training camp at a solid 215-pounds, a gain of five pounds from his weight at the end of last season. Bennett said he began the season at 203 but made muscular gains all during his first OHL campaign instead of shedding poundage. "They fed me well," he quipped, referring to his

Sudbury billets.

While Bennett's actual position in the first round of the upcoming NHL draft does remain in some doubt, there's at least one thing for sure - he'll be prepared both physically and mentally when his name is called on June 17.

"Cannonading" Danny Gallivan can still call 'em



Paul's Call

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"...And there's Serge Savard with his patented Savardian spinerama move, he wheels, he lets it go... a cannonading drive... But, Cheevers makes a scintillating save and..."

Recognize the words? Of course you do. Or at least, if you were weaned on Hockey Night in Canada back in the '60s and '70s you do.

Danny Gallivan.

Whether you loved the Habs or detested the Fr..., well, even if you hated Montreal you had to admit, Gallivan could sure call a

hockey game.

Gallivan was one of the featured guest speakers at the annual Sports Celebrity Dinner in Guelph last Wednesday, an occasion I had the honor of attending as a hungry spectator (more on that later).

When the former voice of the Les Habs took the podium it all came back in an instant. The voice, the words, the changing tempo of his delivery. Danny Gailivan can still call 'em.

Of course, Gallivan was obliged to regale the assembled hundreds with the time-honored tale of how he "invented" the word "cannonading."

Oh sure, it's there in your handy copy of Funk and Wagnall's. But nobody ever used it like Gallivan - to originally describe a point offering from the legendary Boomer Geoffrion.

After coining the phrase, Gallivan apparently received a letter from a rather snobbish English prof who admonished the voice of Les Habs for his bastardization of the English language.

With a response to warm the hearts of any journalists in the dinner crowd, Gallivan told of how he wrote an equally terse to reply to his scolder explaining that while indeed there was no such use of the word before, there most certainly was now.

Gallivan displayed a sharp wit, tremendous bank of hockeyoriented jokes and anecdotes (surprise, surprise) and was, in all, a delight.

On the serious side, his message was clear. He said, "Shame, shame," to professional athletes who tarnish their public image with drug arrests, alcohol violations and the like. "Athletes are heroes to youth," Gallivan intoned. It was clear he feels their responsibility to our future does not end after the final whistle. To

add impetus to that statement, a shining example of what a professional athlete is all about sat next to Gallivan.

Darryl Sittler.

Now, back to the hungry bit. The dinner was held at Guelph's Italo-Canadian club and while I firmly believe I was a gladiator in a former life my voraciousness in the face of a two-hour, seven-course Italian meal did nothing to diminish that belief.

Why, I not only "out-ate" growing-young-lad and soon-to-be-an-OHL-draft-pick, Rod Pasma, I even out-ate his old man, Ray, who, from what I could see, can also pack the groceries with the best of them.

My only disappointment of the evening was letting down Dave Kentner in the clutch.

After Dave "cheered" me through six rounds, I was unable to answer the bell for round seven.