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Hockey changes could improve cooperation

By **ROBERT RISK**
 Herald Sports Editor
 According to the head of minor hockey in Georgetown, differences between the Metro Toronto Hockey League and the

Ontario Minor Hockey Association could be eased if the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association grants their application for branch status later this year. Hal Pells, president of the

Georgetown Minor Hockey Association, which is part of the OMHA, said the two groups would be able to communicate more effectively with each other if they were given more power to

do so. "It would help us work better, more directly between each organization instead of having to operate through (the Ontario Hockey Federation)."

Pells said some of the differences between the two groups extend to the OMHA taking punitive action against any of its teams that play in MTHL tournaments not sanctioned by the association.

"They don't abide by certain rules that the OMHA has and as a result, our teams don't travel to events organized by the MTHL. They come up here, (to the midget and bantam tournaments) and most of them usually cooperate with our guidelines."

Pells said one of MTHL's midget teams refused to wear neck guards at this year's tournament (an OMHA requirement), but were allowed to play. He said there are several such differences the two groups might be able to settle if they were given more power to make changes.

The OHF contains several hockey groups, including the OMHA, MTHL and the major junior Ontario Hockey League and its system has been criticized for not being effective. The federation was created two years ago to resolve similar problems, but due to the size of the groups (200,000 players between OMHA and MTHL), the organizations now want more direct control.

Pells said the OMHA will be having its annual general meeting the first week of June and will be discussing the proposal now before the CAHA. A decision is expected to be made before the start of the 1991-92 season.

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Lacrosse

Acton Minor Lacrosse Association is looking for people interested in joining up for the 1991 season. Last year there were 69 youngsters registered, ranging from Peanut-age (4-6) through Midget-age (15-16). If there is enough response, association member Wayne Young said a Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse Association may be formed.

The association is holding another registration at Memorial Arena on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until noon. For more information, contact either Wayne Young at 853-3804 or George Artem at 853-0797.

Baton winners

Two Georgetown residents, members of King's National Baton Club, met with success at the Williamsville, New York annual open baton twirling competition last weekend.

Susan Thibodeau, 16, placed first in the 15-23 age group for freestyle and second in solo. Andrea Chisholm, 12, placed second in the 11-14 age group for solo and freestyle. Thibodeau left Tuesday for Saskatchewan to practice with other members of a team that is preparing for further competition.

Soccer club

In preparation for the 1991 season, the Georgetown Youth Soccer Club is looking for people interested in coaching or volunteering to help out their teams. For more information, contact Steve Lee at 877-8027 or Stu Baines at 877-8487.

Georgetown Youth Soccer Club is holding two registration days for those interested in playing either rep or house league soccer in the upcoming season.

Registration will take place at Alcott Arena on March 23 from 2:00-5:00 and March 27 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Players interested in trying out for either the Boys U14 (under 14 as of Jan. 1, 1991) or Girls U18 (under 18 as of Jan. 1, 1991) rep teams should bring a copy of their birth certificate and a cheque for \$55. Players who make teams will be asked to pay an additional \$45 at the time of signing.

Georgetown Youth Soccer also offers house league soccer for both boys and girls teams from U6 (born in 1985) to U18 (born in 1973). Fees are \$40 for children born 1985, 1984, 1983, \$55 for youth born 1973-1982.

The season runs from May 11 to September 14, with most games on weeknights. "Select" teams from a variety of age groups will also participate in tournaments.

Bridge club

Georgetown's Duplicate Bridge Club's winners of this week's play at the Legion were: 1. Elsie Whitham and Blaine Hillock, 2. George Sargent and Jack Kaarsemaker, 3. Adele Glavicic and Rene March.



Gymnastic success

Two local gymnasts, Angela Stiles, 13, and Katie Rowland, 9, helped their club place above most of the competition at a meet in Buffalo, New York, March 8-9. Stiles, a member of the Bramalea Gym Club's senior team, finished 10th overall among 150

other girls, assisting her team to a second place finish over 14 other teams. Rowland finished third on the junior team and 12th individually. (Herald photo)

Georgetown Raiders honor team members

By **ROBERT RISK**
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 Georgetown Raiders Jr. B hockey team honored its players and staff at its annual awards night, held Wednesday at Alcott Hall.

Team president and acting general manager Finn Poulstrup said that even though the team finished second last and were swept from the first round of the playoffs, improvements could be seen in the team.

"It's tough to give your best when you're losing, but many of you gave 100 per cent despite it all. We weren't the most successful team in terms of wins or the playoff rounds, but we did move up from the bottom of the league against an even tougher opposition."

Poulstrup also pointed out attendance was up 35 per cent over last year and \$2,000 more was collected this season from the fan club. A bright spot was that the team doubled its winning percentage and with 18 players eligible to return, Raiders will be a tougher, more experienced team next season.

"We did manage to beat every team in our league at least once, including Oakville, who we didn't defeat once last year. We've already gotten next year underway with a fundraising dance scheduled here for June 1 (beach party theme)."

Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller was the first to present a trophy at the event, awarding the most defensive player trophy to John Williamson.

McFadyen praised player Mike Wilson for his ability to learn and improve as the season progressed. As a result, Wilson was prevented with the Most Improved Player Award.

"Few players are as deserving of this award than this player, who always showed he was willing to try. He came out and played hard in every game and he is destined to have a good future in hockey with that attitude."

McFadyen also had positive words for Rob Doucette, who he presented with the Most Valuable Player Trophy. The coach praised Doucette for his ability to lead by example on the ice.

Rookie of the year honors went to Charlie Humber, while Bill McDonald was given the Molson Three Star Award by finishing at the top of the team in votes at the end of the season. Matt Rudnicki was given the Team Captain Award.

Duane Lewis won two awards this year, one for player of the year and the other for being the Raider with the highest marks at Georgetown District High School.

Other members of the team were honored as well, including trainer Chris Kelly and equipment manager Milton Casey.



Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller presented Raider player John Williamson with the Miller family's most defensive player award at the Georgetown team's awards night at Alcott Hall on Wednesday. Williamson was credited for being the cornerstone of the team's blueline squad this past season. (Herald photo)