

Town strikes out in recreational league

As the human race has adapted to its changing environment in order to survive, so must the Georgetown Baseball Association in the very near future.

What I'm referring to is the growth of the GBA's membership, which has reached its capacity of 600 players this year. With only one regulation sized field to play on, and given the association's present schedule, registrations will either have to be capped or schedules will have to be changed.

Currently, the association's house league teams play twice per week, not including the weekends, since the GBA's organizers believe it would deter many of its members from joining since they might not want to



Risky Business
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give up quality time that families might not otherwise have.

According to the Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department, funding for a new regulation field will not be

given unless the present one can be shown to be at near capacity, which isn't the case if it isn't being utilized on the weekends. The rep teams use the field then, but that usually amounts to only two games, leaving most of Saturday and Sunday open.

Since the expected construction of a community field in Georgetown South has been delayed due to the slowdown in the building market (resulting in less money to the town via lot levies), the day another regulation field is built looks to be far in the future.

To start, the recreation department doesn't have money for a new field until the 1994 budget. This doesn't guarantee one will be built for the 1995 season, since

it could be turned down by council, which may be trying to save money wherever it can. The Town's track record, when it comes to answering the recreational needs of its citizens, doesn't give much hope for a new field either.

I begin with the Georgetown District High School field. It was in terrible condition last year, earning warnings from referees that play would be suspended for safety reasons if improvements weren't made. Whether the cause was from overuse because of a lack of available fields, shoddy maintenance or both, Georgetown's busiest field was (is?) a disgrace.

While on the subject of disgraces, most Leathertown

residents are painfully aware of the lousy shape the Acton Arena is in. Every year, various repairs have to be made in order to keep the building from being shut down for safety reasons or simply to keep the ice from melting. Residents have asked for a new facility for several years and have yet to see any concrete moves made by a majority of council.

When you see that two heavily used facilities aren't receiving the attention they deserve, the prospect of getting the go-ahead for a new baseball field by 1995 is almost non-existent. Look on the bright side - given the right kind of scheduling, skipping the cottage or the relatives for two or three weekends won't really be that bad... right?

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Top performances by Rebel athletes

Nine Georgetown District High School athletes advanced in championship competition last week, with five wrestlers moving to the Ontario finals in Waterloo April 18-20 and four badminton players qualifying for the Halton Open Championships at Loyola Thursday (tomorrow).

At the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference Wrestling Championships, held in Halton last Thursday, Trevor Brent (185 lbs. class) and Aaron Gooding (169 lbs.) each placed first in their weight divisions, bettering their second place finishes at the Halton Championships, held April 4 at GDHS.

Bruce Ryan (97 lbs.), Stew Teetzel (149 lbs.) and Steve Scarlett (169 lbs.) all placed second, also qualifying for the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Championships. Steve Brown (third in 141 lbs.), Colin Kay (fourth in 134 lbs.), Ian Cox (fourth in 104 lbs.),

Kevin Spears (fifth in 97 lbs.), Mike Large and Jason Denny also competed, but did not qualify.

At the Halton Closed Badminton Championships, held last Friday at Loyola, Julie Purvis and Hillary Wiese placed first in ladies doubles, while Mike Bosman and Chris Cambouris took the men's doubles title.

In other Rebel sports, the track and field team took part in their first meet of the year, held at St. Michael's College in Toronto on Friday, earning two fourth place finishes.

Rebels Senior girls soccer team finished in the top eight among 48 schools at a tournament held at York University April 8-12. Georgetown finished undefeated in its four team divisional pool early in the week and tied T.A. Blakelock 0-0 on Sunday before being eliminated 2-1 by Mowat, a team from Scarborough, later in the day.



Georgetown honorees

Seventeen Georgetown athletes were honored for their accomplishments in 1990 by the province's ministry of tourism and recreation at its sports awards banquet in Hamilton on April 12. Members of the Georgetown Ladies Five-Pin Bowling Team were recognized for winning the national title, while the other young ladies, members of the Georgetown-based King's National Baton Club received honors for winning the Canadian Grand

National Twirl Corp Championships in 1990. From left to right, back row, are Marilyn Stephens, Tracy Dolron, Elizabeth Pirc, Deanna Gulgnard and Liz Gillham. Middle row, left to right are Helen Humphries, Chrissy Power, Liza Tidno, Shalan Bishop, Gwen Martin, Gail McGrath and Debbie Hole. Front row, left to right are Dee Ann Sequillion, Lynne Kushnirenko, Cynthia Denouden, Andrea Chisholm and Lisa McKie. (Herald photo)

Major Atom

Fuels win consolation title

Last weekend Star Fuels Major Atoms finished off their season, by winning the consolation championship at a tournament in Milton.

In the opening game against Flamboro, Georgetown ran into the same hot goalie who stoned them in the Tri-County playoffs. After firing 40 shots at the opposition net, Fuels only goal came on an end to end rush by Andrew Beavan. That wasn't enough as Flamboro came away with a 2-1 win.

That loss meant that a win over Milton in the next game was a must for any chance to get into the final. The boys came up with a solid effort against Milton but once again a hot goaltender spoiled the day and a 2-1 loss was the result. Ryan Boudreau scored the only goal on a pass from Allan Rasmussen.

The fourth team in the tournament was St. Catherines. They beat both Flamboro and Milton, which meant Georgetown was in for a tough time Saturday after-

noon. As it turned out, the good guys played their best game of the year and got a well deserved 3-1 win.

All year Coach John Andres has been preaching positional play, teamwork and team defence. He got it all in this game. Goaltender Scott Herbert was flawless and only a defensive miscue cost him a shutout.

Allan Rasmussen opened the scoring when he went end to end, beat both defencemen and found the top left corner with a rising shot. Rasmussen had an outstanding tournament as he was a tireless worker at both ends of the rink.

With Georgetown shorthanded and St. Catherines pressing, Steven Smith caught the opposition on a line change and went end to end before decking the goalie for his team's second goal.

Late in the game, Michael Crawford sent Danny Cabral in on the lone defenceman. Once again Cabral showed some nifty stickhandling as he dazzled both

the defender and the netminder for the final goal.

This win gave Georgetown lots of momentum going into the Consolation Final Sunday afternoon against Flamboro. As in the St. Catherines game, the boys were flying but once again they couldn't solve the Flamboro goalie and after two periods the game was scoreless.

Halfway through the final frame, Andrew Beavan flew down the right side but went in too deep for a good shot. He circled back toward the boards and put a quick backhand pass on Cabral's stick in the slot. Cabral redirected the pass into the net for the only goal of the game.

As the boys came forward to accept their trophies the largest cheer was reserved for Coach John Andrews. He never gave up on these boys and his efforts and his patience were much appreciated by the boys and the parents. Special thanks also went to Manager Brian Clarke and Trainer Pete Wanner.



Disabled athlete of the year

Peter North, Ontario Minister of Tourism and Recreation, and Sue Galloway, manager of the Olympic Athlete Career Centre in Toronto, present Frank Bruno (center) with the 1990 Dr. Robert Jackson Award as the province's disabled athlete of the year at this year's Ontario Sports Awards Banquet, held in Hamilton on April 12. Bruno, a former Georgetown resident who still plays on the local flag football league, won five gold medals and set two world records at the World Championships in Assen, the Netherlands in 1990. (Herald photo)