

# Hockey always a sure-fire attention getter

In sports, nothing seems to get most people's attention better than hockey, especially in Ontario. The Maple Leafs, arguably the worst team in the National Hockey League, continue to pack the Gardens year after year anyway.

Being summertime, I suppose articles about hockey are bound to be noticed anyway. The Halton Hurricanes AAA hockey stories which have run in the paper recently definitely haven't been an exception. Shortly after each of the articles appeared, I spoke with a number of people who either called the office or met me during my travels around town.

Reaction about the articles (focusing on differences between the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association and Hurricanes have

been having), have ranged from those wondering why the GMHA is being shown as "the bad guy", to others who said the GMHA is trying to sabotage AAA hockey.

I don't happen to agree with either statement, though I will admit that the main purpose of this column is to clear up a few things.

First of all, supporters from each of the hockey organizations have complained that not enough of their side of the story has been told and the other side has been given more space in the paper. As I've stated in this column before, I wish I had the space to print everything that comes across my desk, but the reality is that the material has to be edited in order to make room for others, i.e. volleyball, lacrosse, tennis, foot-



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ball, softball, baseball, soccer, etc., etc.

One area the GMHA was upset with was where Hurricane vice-chairman Terry Brandt said many of the ice hours given by the GMHA were unused because they were in the early morning.

Hal Pells, the GMHA president, said that wasn't the case, while Brandt said it was. I suppose the only way to know for sure is to carefully go through last year's ice booking receipts - a job that would likely take a lot of time I wish I had. Again, if there was more space available, that point could have been made clearer.

There are also questions about why Brandt, past president of the Milton Minor Hockey Association, couldn't find more ice time in Milton, instead of needing most of it from Georgetown. More space is needed to explain that. Brandt said it was due to the high number of Georgetown players who lived in the Georgetown area, making it easier to play closer to home. Others argue that on many teams there were only a

few Georgetown children.

Again, another dive into waist deep records would be required to tally up the numbers accurately. In any event, 12 hours of practice time per week has been secured in Milton for this season, helping spread that load around more.

Lastly, I'd like to remind those who think the GMHA is trying to "sabotage" the AAA that Georgetown didn't have to give them any ice time at all, or encourage players for that matter. On the other side, try to remember that AAA hockey is new and still trying to find its feet, so mistakes are bound to happen. Above all, the main goal is to make sure the kids have fun and find themselves challenged - let's never forget that.

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**Fouled up**

Pictures and Presents player Paula Walsh fouls off a pitch during a Kinsmen Girls Intermediate Softball League game at the Fairgrounds on Thursday. Walsh also pitched in the match against Halton Rapid Print, helping her team win 21-10. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)

## O'Tooles Tyke baseball team captures Sarnia tourney silver

Two weeks ago, O'Tooles travelled to Sarnia in hopes of finishing with a winning record. After losing a close game to Windsor 8-7 the team jelled together.

During the first game for O'Tooles, Sean Hardcastle led the way with a double, single, walk and four stolen bases. Also contributing were Robert MacLeod with two RBIs, Isaac Ferguson and Geoff Bahr collecting singles and Mark Fedchyshyn, Trevor Rich and Geoff Bahr each stole two bases.

In game two, Georgetown pulled together, beating Windsor 9-1. Andrew Nelisson led the way with a triple, double and single. He also had four RBIs and scored three runs. Devon Fraser earned the win. Hardcastle continued his stealing ways by taking three bags.

Game three proved much closer against Oakridge with

Georgetown O'Tooles emerging with a 6-5 win. Brent McClung, Andrew Nelisson and Robert MacLeod scored two runs each with Isaac Ferguson adding two RBIs. MacLeod, Bahr and Nelisson added singles.

After much deliberation it was determined that Georgetown O'Tooles had earned a spot in the playoffs. In the semi-finals they had to face Sarnia 'A'. The game finished after five innings with Georgetown coming away with a 31-0 win.

With so many runs, the highlights were: Hardcastle, Fraser and Bahr with four RBIs each, Isaac Ferguson and Ryan Bobor added three RBIs each, Geoff Bahr earned the win with Greg McCullough pitching a scoreless inning and Ryan Smith coming off the bench to add a stolen base and RBI.

In the finals Georgetown faced last years Ontario 'B' champions,

Tecumseh Chiefs. Although having a chance in the middle innings with the bases loaded and one out, they couldn't produce the much needed hits. The final score was 12-3. Scoring for Georgetown were Isaac Ferguson, Mark Fedchyshyn, and Devon Fraser. During the three victories the most valuable player awards were given to Brent McClung, Geoff Bahr, and Andrew Nelisson.

Coaches comments: Our team is beginning to come together. We have nine players that are in their first year of Rep and our record at this time, including tournaments, is 12 and 14. As manager I would like to thank the players, my coaches and the parents for their support. Also thanks to Glen Allen at O'Tooles for his sponsorship and future plans for the team. Congratulations also to the team for finishing second in the Sarnia Tournament.



The Georgetown O'Tooles Tyke rep team posed for a picture after winning the silver medal at Sarnia's tournament on July 20. Pictured here, back row, left to right, are coaches Terry Jones, Murray McClung and Robert MacLeod. Middle row, left to

right, are Geoff Bahr, Brent McClung, Devon Fraser, Andrew Nelisson, Isaac Ferguson and Greg McCullough. Front row, left to right, are Sean Hardcastle, Ryan Smith, Mark Fedchyshyn, Robert MacLeod Jr. and Ryan Bobor. (Photo submitted)

## Lack of tennis players may cancel tournament

Unless more people register by today (Wednesday) at the Gordon Alcott Tennis Club, the adult singles and doubles tournament will have to be cancelled, reported club organizers on the weekend. The junior tournament is a go for Aug. 16-18.

In other news, the Gordon Alcott Tennis teams are winding down in Inter County play.

The Ladies "A" team played Rosethorn last Wednesday, taking two points. Ann Kennedy and Karin Wilson had 3-6, 2-6. Chris Steen and Eileen Saville won in three sets 6-4, 1-6, 6-4. Sandra Pun and Joanne Van Den Hoek had 4-6, 5-7. Audrey Jans and Deb Koster won 6-0, 6-2.

The Ladies "C" team played Witness Institute and took three points. Margaret Macenko and Mary Hughes had 4-6, 3-6. Trudy Roy and Agnes Lawrence won

6-1, 6-0. Margot Prior and Norma Maynard won 6-2, 7-5. Enid Gledhill and Maureen Burgoyne won 6-3, 6-3.

The "B" Mixed played Bramalea and took three points. Kevin Neill and Ken Kavanagh won 6-3, 6-2. Don Hurley and Bill Kent lost 2-6, 1-6. Gord Buchan and Ryan Brain in three sets lost 7-6, 3-6, 3-6. Chris Steen and Rene March won 6-2, 6-2. Stacey Hurley and Bernie Ken won 6-2, 6-3. Sheryl Stevens and Joanne Van Den Hoek lost 1-6, 6-7.

The "C" mixed played York Weston on Thursday. John Dallison and Andy Humenny lost 2-6, 4-6. Bill Kent and Al Robitaille in 3 sets lost 7-6, 3-6, 4-6. Jay Anderson and Vin Miters lost 5-7, 4-6. Audrey and Murray Jans had 1-6, 2-6. Sandy and Gary Lewis had 6-7, 1-6. Karin Wilson and Eileen Saville had 0-6, 1-6.