

Rowdy fans dampen Junior B hockey action

Hello sports fans. I figured it was about time I got into the game and started offering my opinions on the sports scene in Halton Hills.

Junior B hockey has gained a lot of exposure and respect in the past few years in Ontario, particularly the Central Ontario Junior B League in which the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders play. One thing that has dampened my enjoyment of competition in this league, and perhaps many other fans as well, has been the behavior of several 'so called' hockey fans.

Let me take you back to a Friday evening in late November. I had travelled to Oakville Arena to wat-

ch the Raiders take on the hometown Blades. I had my trusty camera in hand, note pad at my side and was ready to take in some exciting hockey featuring two of the top teams in the league.

It wasn't long before the action got hot and heavy and fans from both Georgetown and Oakville started screaming words of encouragement to their local favorites.

Being wrapped up in the game with picture taking and everything, I tried my best to ignore harsh words that began flying around the arena concerning what fans thought of their team's opponents, but

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before the first period was finished, a group of young Georgetown fans, many seated with their mothers, started a battle of words with about half a dozen Oakville residents -

screaming profanities that would have caused my mother to leave and my father to blush.

After about 10 minutes of this nonsense, almost all opposing fans got into the battle and referees were forced to step in and control things when some of the fans appeared ready to take things a little further.

I have witnessed similar cases, although not to this degree, during the season and all I have to say is that this kind of garbage can ruin a good night of hockey.

These Junior B players work hard and many are looking towards breaking into the Major-Junior

scene or going on to play at the college or university level. They don't need stupid distractions to mess with their determination and effort.

If these same people had acted in such a way in any other public place, they could very well have been charged with disturbing the peace or public mischief. Listen, that \$5 admission doesn't give you permission to leave your manners at home and act like total idiots.

My advice, for the few of you who feel you must voice your shameful opinions during hockey games, stay home and scream at the Leafs - you're irritating the rest of us.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Ski Blue Mountain

Come and ski Blue Mountain in Collingwood on Thurs. Jan. 30 during the semester turnaround. We provide the transportation with pick up locations at the Gordon Alcott Arena and McKenzie-Smith M.S. This day trip is open to both adults and youth 13 years and older. Check it out in the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department's Brochure or call us at 873-2600 ext. 268.

Bridge results

Elsie Whitham and Norma Maynard drew first place in the Ontario Senior Contact Bridge tournament Monday at Georgetown Legion. The pair will represent their district in competition this June in Burlington.

Number two winners were Irene Farnell and June Durrant while Mona Milne and Elenore Fobert picked up third place.

In Monday afternoon's Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club action at Georgetown Legion, there was a tie for top spot with Bill Scannell and Judy Rivers drawing with Harry Arbic and Norma Maynard.

Number two winners were: Rene March, and Karol Tobiasz.

Number three winners were: Jack Kaarsemaker, and George Sargent.

Cooking classes

It's back again! This simple, fun and nutritious cooking program will teach children to put together a complete meal, from snacks to dinner, all with an international flair. Establishing good eating habits will also be included. Commencing Tues., Feb. 4, 7 to 9 p.m. at Acton High School. Call the Recreation and Parks Department at 873-2600, ext. 268 for more information.

Skiing lessons

Downhill Skiing Lessons, with bus transportation are offered during the March Break. Ski all week 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department for more information, 873-2600 ext. 268.



Struggling to survive

GDHS wrestler Andrew Neel (bottom) struggles to survive seconds before being pinned by J.A. Turner grappler Ian Hamford in the 173 lbs weight class

at GDHS' Novice Wrestling Tournament Saturday. (Herald Photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

Four Golds for Georgetown

GDHS wrestlers smoke competition

HIGH SCHOOL

GDHS wrestling coaches Jim Hall and Bill Davies led their wrestlers to a first place finish in the school's Novice Tournament Saturday to kick-off wrestling season on a positive note.

Georgetown wrestling Rebels faced stiff competition in the tournament. A total of 268 wrestlers participated from 22 schools in Ontario, from Halton Region and as far away as St. Catherine's.

GDHS' wrestling team finished the tournament with 69 points, 16 more than second place Centennial School from Brampton. The top six school finishes were as follows: 1st

Georgetown, 2nd Brampton Centennial, 3rd J.A. Turner from Brampton, 4th Bishop Ryan from Hamilton, 5th Markham, and 6th L.B. Pearson from Burlington.

Lightweights Bruce Ryan and Ian Cox took first place finishes in the 107 lbs and 112 lbs weight classes respectively. In the 146 lbs weight division, Georgetown's Mike Large topped the list and taking the 150 lbs weight class was GDHS' Colin Kay.

Taking second spot in the 118 lbs weight class was Mike Deryck and Jake Mashinter finished second in the 182 lbs weight class.

Winning third place honors for GDHS were Dustin Thompson, Mike Roe, and Jer Baker. Jim Dimitriou took fourth place, Ian Sinclair, Jim Norton, Kevin Withers,

Jason Dinney, and Jamie Bottomley took fifth place finishes and Sean Goodwill finished sixth.

Gaining valuable experience during the meet were Jason Titus, Dave Pearson, Rob Topping, Ryan Hutching, Rick Malboeuf, Jason Soper, Steve Miedzinski, Shawn Andreck, Charles Cameron, Byron Luff, Tyler Patriquin, Adam Soward, Dany Hope, Mark Rattenbury, Andrew Neel, Jim Whorley, Jeremy Niedorezow, Dave Frost, and Jason Olmstead.

GDHS wrestlers will have a two week break during examinations but begin weekly tournaments Feb. 8 when they travel to Sarnia, then Collingwood and Lorne Park the next two weekends.

Excellent skiing conditions on all Terra Cotta trails

Terra Cotta - The Terra Cotta Conservation Area is reporting excellent ski conditions on all their trails.

"We have 15 kilometers of marked trails from expert to novice levels," says C.V.C.A. Superintendent of Field Operations Jim Hastings.

Trails wind through fields and wooded areas allowing viewing of the rugged Niagara Escarpment.

"One of the nice things about skiing here is you don't have to contend with massive weekend crowds," says Hastings. Our fee structure is also set up to be more family oriented."

Fees are charged per vehicle at \$5.50 daily and \$7.00 on weekends and holidays. Hours of operation are seven days a week 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Rentals are available to reserved groups only.

The Terra Cotta Conservation Area is located on Winston Churchill Blvd. above King Street - less than an hour from Toronto.

For up to the minute ski conditions call (416)877-9650.

Golden bowling

Team Standings: B.J.s - 84; Braves - 80; Blue Jays - 76; Snowbirds - 64; Misfits - 62; Go Getters - 62; Orioles - 61; Dumbells - 61; Looneys - 60; Super Siz - 60; Happy Ones - 59; Honey Bees - 54; This Time - 53; Dolittles - 47.

Only change in the "Highs". Men High Single Flat: Gord Morton moves from third place to second with a 282.

Scores of Note: Ladies: Jean Roshier - 217/270, 574/733; Betty Doyle - 204/292, 463/727; Audrey Martin - 208/283, 464/686; Cecilia Reid - 184/233, 508/656; Jean Reid - 177/239; Laurretta Mills - 171/239. Men: Doug Davidson - 187/269, 411/687; Geoff Longley - 243/261, 648/700; Bill Cunningham - 243/283; Harvey Peavoy - 209/233; Len Walker - 185/246.

Friday, January 24th begins the "High-Lo" Tournament.