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Van de Valk named Intercounty Twins' manager

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The Mississauga Twins have hired a new field manager for the 2010 Intercounty Baseball League season.

The Twins announced last week that Georgetown native Scott Van de Valk will take over the club for next season, replacing interim manager Ian Held.

"We are very impressed with Scott's baseball and coaching pedigree," said Twins' general manager Doug Kelcher. "We are excited about the skills he brings to the table and we look forward to a breakout sopho-

more season."

Van de Valk has an extensive coaching and training background in baseball as well as hockey and will be a positive addition to the Twins, added Kelcher.

Van de Valk was commissioner of the junior Intercounty Baseball League for two seasons and he also served as a coach for the Georgetown Eagles' under-15 program that won a Canadian AAA championship in August.

As well, he was co-coach of the



SCOTT VAN DE VALK

Guelph Silvercreeks' squad that hosted and won the Canadian junior championship in 2006.

"Sports, baseball specifically, has long been a passion of mine," the Christ the King Secondary School teacher said. "After meeting with Doug, I knew the Twins' position would be a good fit. With a young nucleus of players, we are excited about the team's potential in 2010," he added.

Van de Valk will immediately start

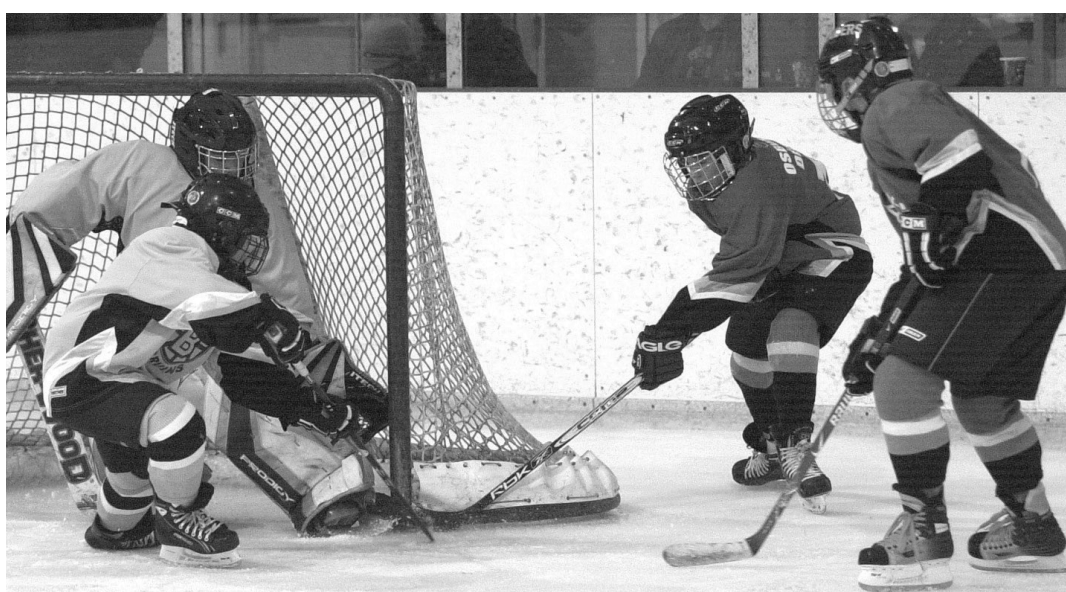
the recruiting process and is likely to begin an indoor training program shortly after the new year.

The Twins finished with a 9-27 record last season, their first in the IBL, and ended up in seventh place in the nine-team league.

They were eliminated by the Brantford Red Sox in the first round of the playoffs. The Red Sox went on to capture the IBL championship for the second time in the last three years.

The Twins started last year with Adeo Calcagni as the field manager, but he was replaced by Held in the latter part of the season.

It's tournament time



Robert Eastwood (left photo) celebrates scoring the tying goal late in the third period as the Bryan Lewis Consulting Canadiens forced overtime against the Georgetown MarketPlace Senators Tuesday in the atom blue division of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association's annual Christmas Tournament at the Alcott Arena. The Senators came away with a 2-1 victory and a spot in the division championship game as Thomas Giroux netted his second goal of the afternoon just a few seconds into the extra period. Above, Jake Payne of the Osborne Décor Sharks was denied on this wraparound attempt by goalie Ralph Lahey of the Dr. Percy Segal Periodontist Bruins in their second-round peewee white division matchup, won by the Sharks 3-1. Photos by Eamonn Maher

Appearances can be deceiving

It looks like Mark Van Ofwegen of Georgetown's Buywise Windows & Doors Raiders has slipped the puck past the Kitchener Rangers' goalie, but Van Ofwegen just missed on this scoring attempt Monday during a preliminary round game in the minor bantam additional entry rep division at the Richard Bell Memorial Tournament in Oakville. The Raiders were edged 5-3 in this contest and despite winning their next two games- 6-1 over the Oshawa Minor Generals and 5-1 against the Agincourt Canadiens- Georgetown's minor bantam AEs didn't advance to the playoff round with their 2-2-0 record. A record 138 teams from as far away as Moscow, Sweden and Finland participated in this year's tournament.



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