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Georgetown Eagles' shortstop Jacob Douglas literally had to crawl to second base to complete the double play after snagging a line drive up the middle during a major mosquito minor baseball tournament in Georgetown late last month. The Eagles went undefeated to capture the Division I championship, edging the Whitby Chiefs 2-1 in the final.

Photo by Eamonn Maher



Rep baseball roundup

Mosquito Eagles sting competition

Following an impressive third-place finish at a recent tournament in Buffalo, the Georgetown Aquafor Beech Eagles used strong pitching and defence to shut down the opposition and win the Division 1 title of a 20-team Major Mosquito Division 1 and 2 baseball tournament in Georgetown last weekend.

The team went undefeated over five games, including four straight shutout performances.

Preliminary round— Georgetown 10, North York 0; Georgetown 6, Whitby 0; Georgetown 6, Newmarket 0

Semifinal— Georgetown 1, Brampton Royals 0

Championship— Georgetown 2, Whitby Chiefs 1

The team will soon be defending its 2009 Central Ontario Baseball Associa-

tion "AA" crown in Mississauga, before travelling to Windsor for the provincial championships.

Peewee #1 Eagles

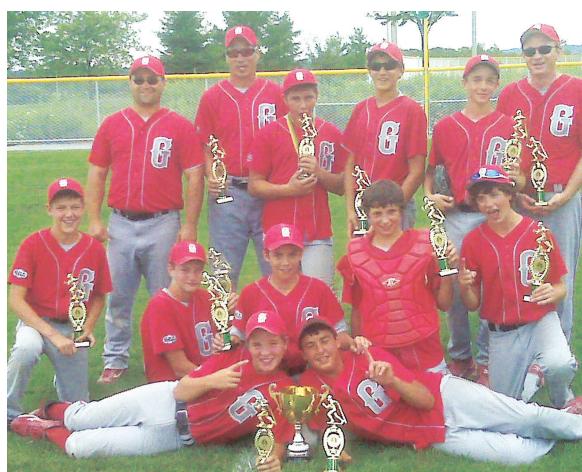
The Georgetown Eagles defeated Markham 7-2 to claim the championship at the inaugural Green & Gold Classic for the peewee AA division in Richmond Hill.

Eagle Mark Critch also won the tournament's home run derby, prevailing over 31 other competitors.

Preliminary round— Georgetown 8, Wexford 2; Georgetown 15, Vaughan 1; Georgetown 9, Whitby 2

Semifinal— Georgetown 8, Brampton 6

Championship— Georgetown 7, Markham 2



At a tournament in Richmond Hill recently, the Georgetown peewee Eagles won all five of their games to take top spot. Team members (front, from left) are: Robert McDougall, Sammy Maracle. Middle row: Adam Lencz, Kyle Scobel, Eric Burke, Victor Corridore, Matthew Ormond. Back row: Manager Mark Critch, coach Greg Scobel, Marcus Critch, Kenny Hahnfeld, Elliot Jarman, coach John Jarman. Absent: Coach Ron Lencz, Alex Devos, Avery Chenier.

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Raider fans will need a program as club undergoes roster overhaul

By EAMONN MAHER

Staff Writer

The new coach and general manager for the Georgetown Raiders hasn't taken long to put the core in place for the 2010-11 season.

Greg Walters, who, after eight seasons as an assistant coach with the Ontario Hockey League's Sarnia Sting took control of the Raiders in March, has signed 13 players so far, with training camp set to begin in Georgetown Aug. 22.

Fans of the Ontario Jr. A Hockey League team can expect to see an overhauled roster for the upcoming campaign as a number of eligible returnees have gone elsewhere and several new faces have been brought in.

High-scoring forwards Scott Wilson, Evan Rodrigues, Justin Basso and Duston Hebebrand have signed on for another campaign, and at this point those four would be the only returnees from the squad that was beaten in the playoffs by the Oakville Blades for the third straight year.

Forward Fred Gervasi and Nick Avgerinos signed with Division III colleges in the U.S., while second leading scorer Steve Perfetto was dealt to Aurora and big defencer Patrick Moran has been traded to Trenton in cash deals.

Perfetto has since declined to report to the Tigers, who are now coached by former Raider bench boss James Richmond.

Winger Aaron Pearce could be headed for Waterloo, Iowa of the USHL and it appears that 16-year-old goaltender Michael Nishi has the inside track for the backup spot with the two-time defending Memorial Cup-champion Windsor Spitfires.

Forward John Girman was shipped off to Grand Prairie of the Alberta junior loop.

"We've had some guys move on that we would have liked to have back, but that's junior hockey and we're excited about the talent level of the kids we've brought in so far," Walters said.

"It's a good mix of veteran and younger kids who want to go on to NCAA schools and we should be bigger on the back end

as well."

Defenders Mike Sullivan and Kyle Dube were picked up from Ajax and Milton, respectively, with 17-year-old Sam Gray of the London AAA midgets also signed.

Six-foot-three, 200-pound rearguard Tyler McCarthy of Orangeville, who is 18, comes to the Raiders after a trade last week with the Cobourg Cougars in which defencemen Kevin Van Dyk and Jaren Martin went the other way.

Up front, Jordan Reed brings 91 points over from the Ajax Attack and another productive 20-year-old, 37-goal scorer Josh Burnell, was plucked from the now-defunct Bramalea Blues. Highly touted prospects Travis Fulton of the Oakville midgets and 6-foot-3 winger Roger Sherwood from Hamilton are on board as well.

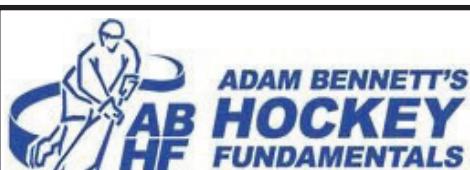
In goal, the Raiders acquired 20-year-old netminder Derek Mohney from Buffalo after three seasons with the Jr. A Sabres, and Kitchener Rangers' prospect Michael Stiliadis has also been signed.

Another handful of prospects who have committed to the Raiders but will attend OHL training camps include local resident Alex D'Oliveira (Sarnia), Brock McGinn (Guelph), Chris Rygus (Kitchener), Ralph Cuddemi (Erie) and Oakville's Patrick Manganery (Brampton).

Walters added that the team will travel to Huntsville at the end of August for the six-team Cottage Cup tournament that makes up the bulk of the exhibition schedule.

NOTES: The Raiders are looking for a couple of billets in the community who might be interested in taking in a player for the season. For more info contact Joanne Nishi at 416-239-7323 ext. 237...Georgetown resident and former Raider Andy Bathgate had to undergo surgery to his left shoulder for the second off-season in a row but expects to be ready for the Pittsburgh Penguins' training camp in September. The 19-year-old centre, a fifth-round draft pick of the Pens in 2009, is set to return to the Belleville Bulls for his third full Ontario Hockey League campaign.

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