

Tae Kwon Do world champion demonstrates skills Sept. 19



Tae Kwon Do champ Cees Keukens will hold a demonstration Sept. 19 at Riverside Spa in Norval.

Riverside Spa presents Cees Keukens, All Round Tae Kwon Do world champion and of World Martial Arts Hall of Fame, in an exciting demonstration at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19 in the spa complex, Hwy. 7 and Winston Churchill Blvd.

With 20 years of teaching and international coaching/referee experience, Cees Keukens together with his black belt students will demonstrate how the art of Tae

'Tae Kwon Do can be a healthy form of self improvement and self defence'

Kwon Do can be a healthy form of self improvement, self defence and enjoyment for all children and adults.

All residents, mature and young, are welcomed to come and see.

Refreshments will be served. For those who want to acquire this precious lifetime skill, classes by this four-time Ontario Sports Award recipient will start the week of Sept. 22.

Registration is available on Sept. 19 with special rates for the family, groups and Riverside Spa members.

For more information, please call Riverside Spa at (416) 873-9575 or details can be available at the demonstration on Sept. 19.

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Pool closures

Both the Acton and Georgetown Indoor Pools will be closed for repairs and maintenance from Sept. 6 to 20. They will reopen Sept. 21.

Fitness programs

It's time to get in shape. Join one of the many Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department's fitness programs. There are programs in Acton and Georgetown for both men and women. For more information call 873-2600, ext. 268.

Hoop loop

After a very successful inaugural year, the Halton Hills Men's Basketball League is looking forward to the commencement of a new season on Tuesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. at the Georgetown District High School Gym.

Participation is open to all males over the age of 18 who are not members of a competitive high school or university team. New participants are invited as registration is on a first-come first-served basis.

Four teams will be organized and play once a week on Tuesday nights, either at 7 or 8:30 p.m. until the season ends on May 25, 1993.

Camp begins on Sept. 22 with league play commencing Oct. 13. Registration forms can be picked up at MVP Sports store or the Recreation and Parks Department. League contact persons are Victor at 873-8188 (daytime) or Jack at 877-4893 (evening).

Helmet ruling 'disappointing'

The Ontario Medical Association is disappointed by the National Hockey League's recent decision to make the wearing of helmets optional for its players.

"For years, the OMA has promoted the mandatory use of helmets and proper face shields at all levels of hockey to prevent injury and suffering," said Dr. Rocco Gerace, chairman of the Association's Committee on Accidental Injuries. "After so much success in building awareness of the importance of wearing protective equipment when playing sports, this move by the NHL is very regressive and a blow to the promotion of public health."

Dr. Gerace said sports figures act as important role models for children. "Young people will be greatly influenced by seeing professional hockey players discontinue wearing helmets, and want to emulate them," said Dr. Gerace. "This can only lead to more head and eye injuries." The OMA urges the NHL to reverse its decision.



Fighting for the puck

Georgetown Raider player beats out a Markham Waxer for the puck during a home exhibition game at Gordon Alcott Arena last Saturday night. The Raiders begin their regular season next Saturday, September 26 when they play host to the Burlington Cougars.

Inter-County play-offs still in round-robin competition

I was incorrect with the date of the Peel-Halton League finals. Originally I believed it was last weekend and I am corrected to the 19th as the day when Falcons meet Malton in the seniors final. This, hoped to be epic battle, will take place on the Thomson fields at Milton. This is, I understand, Falcons' first final in the league and I wish them every success. The squad is basically a young one with just a couple of older heads and can play some neat ball at times. Tim Davis runs a steady back field defence, Joey Clare and Mike Wosniak an efficient unhurried midfield and Keith Spiller provides, most of the time, the finishing touch with Howie Oram splitting his play between midfield and attack.

The Inter County goes into the third week of round robin playoffs with each division divided into two sections. The top two in the round robin in each sub section crosses over to meet in knockout semifinals. At the moment Merseyside and Mariners lead the way in first division section 'A' with Meteor ahead in section 'B' with United and Gunners tied for the next spot. In the second division sub section 'A' Meadowvale and Eagles each have maximum points to date and require only one point each to qualify for the next stage. In section 'B' PRPA have maximum points and Milton and Hare and Hounds are tied for the second spot.

Last week Mariners, Merseyside and Meadowvale were six goals better than

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their opponents - Blazers, Winchester and Stingers respectively. No results from Merseyside vs Ajax and PRPA vs Villa, although it is assumed home victories took place. Gunners defeated United 1-0 and Milton, surprisingly, defeated H and H by three unanswered goals.

On Sunday morning after practice (?), at coffee time, I had the opportunity to thank Gerry Inglis, former Raider coach for having such a successful team for a number of years, culminating in the Great National winner. Was it the Hardy or the Allen cup? Never mind, those were exciting times in town and I remember them well. At that time it was almost impossible to hold soccer club executive meetings with full attendance. It was Bryan Turner, vice-president, who informed me that they were all at the Raider games on Fridays. With thanks to the Raiders that was where we conducted a lot of our unfinished business for the soccer club.

Gerry, Bryan and I talked for quite a while and many interesting points were discussed. The relative costs of sports, for example.

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Georgetown juveniles are U.S. bound

By STEVE LeBLANC

Special to the Independent/Free Press

Local hockey coaches Terry Wees and Jay Anderson are taking big steps this season in order to change the face of juvenile rep hockey in Ontario.

Wees, who coached midget rep hockey last season, got together with former Georgetown Junior hockey star Jay Anderson earlier this year and discussed ways of increasing exposure for local juvenile rep hockey players.

There are few local juvenile rep hockey teams in the immediate area and because the league Georgetown is in, the AAA Tri-County League, covers such a great distance across Ontario, there are few tournaments where talented hockey players can be seen by NCAA university and college scouts.

Wees and Anderson have been in contact with several American Junior hockey clubs and have been invited to participate in three American Junior Showcase Tournaments this year.

"Juvenile hockey has been considered a dead end for many years," said Anderson, "We've decided to try and make it a stepping stone for the players with these showcase tournaments."

The two coaches' hope it's that exposure at these tournaments which will help land some of the players university and college scholarships, and a chance to further their hockey careers.

During these three tournaments, profiles on each local player will be provided to the scouts.

The juvenile team will first travel to New Hampshire September 26 and 27, then to Philadelphia the weekend of December 18 to 20 and finally to a showcase tournament in Western Massachusetts February 12 to 14.

The Georgetown squad will also host their own weekend tournament October 31 to November 1. This will be a four-team tournament with junior teams from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Rochester having already been invited.

In addition to these tournaments, Georgetown will compete against the Canisius College hockey team of Buffalo in a two-game series this year. The first match-up is scheduled for November 6 in Buffalo while game two will be held in town on December 5.

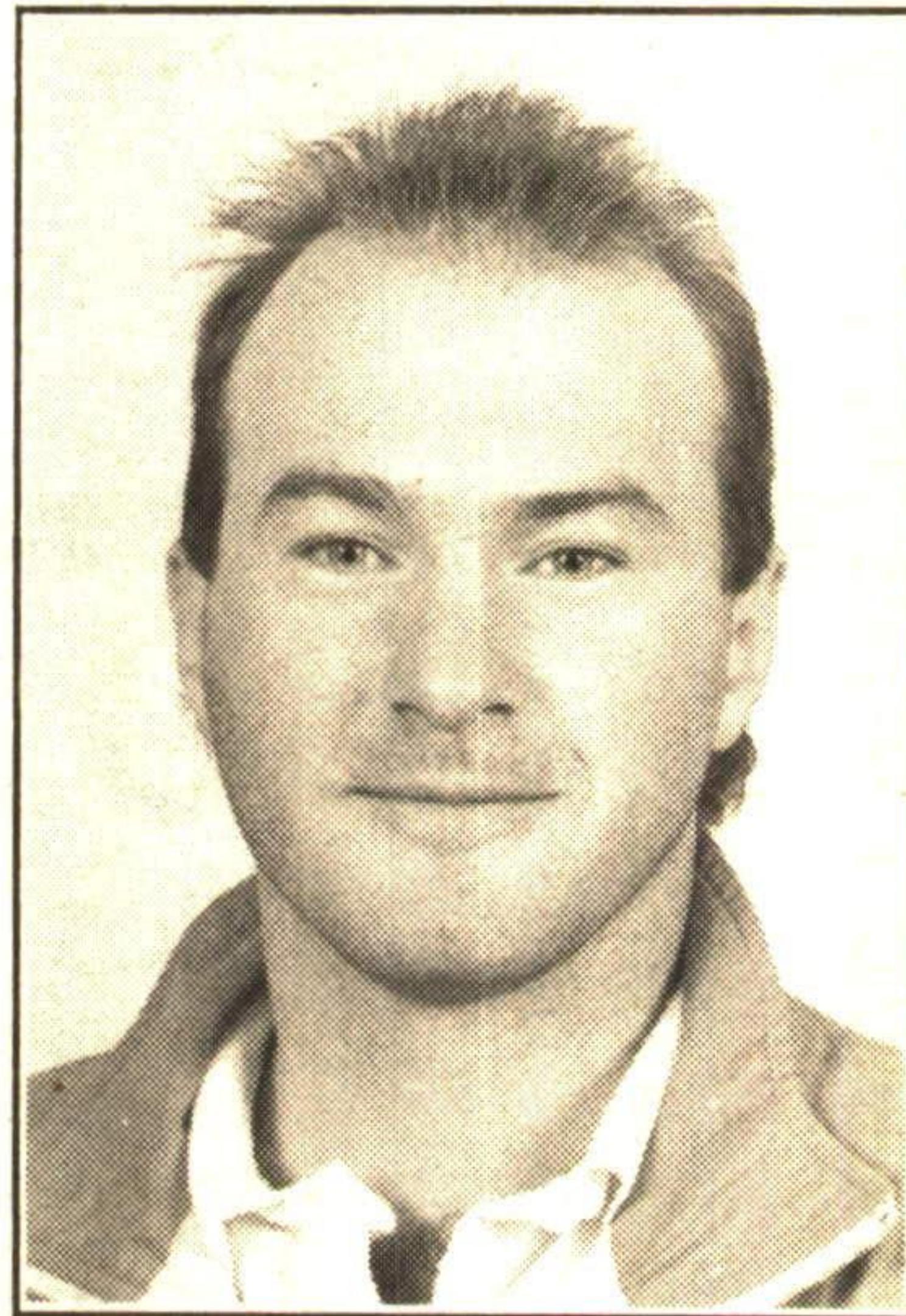
"We are looking to establish a foundation for a good international hockey relationship with universities and colleges in the States," said Wees, a veteran hockey coach of 20 plus years.

As far as the two coaches know, these American Junior Showcase Tournaments have never included any squads from Ontario. Hopefully their initiative will open the door for many juvenile hockey players across the province.

Head coach Wees hired Anderson for the position of assistant coach earlier this year, stating that his credentials are outstanding. Anderson played junior hockey in Georgetown and recently returned from Manitoba where he coached hockey at Brandon University.

Joe Moneypenny is the team's other assistant coach and acting manager for the team this season is Don Pearson.

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JAY ANDERSON