

Successful start to tennis career for Gord Buchan

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Georgetown's Gord Buchan got his American collegiate tennis career off to a good start this past year and he's looking forward to bigger and better things in the future.

Buchan, a member of the nationally-ranked Huntington College men's tennis team, finished the season with a won-loss conference record of 4-1 in singles and 12-1 in doubles.

Huntington College, located in Huntington, Indiana, captured its NAIA conference title and then placed 18th at the national championships.

"We had a decent season against the rest of the teams in our conference," said Buchan, summing up the team's performance.

As for his own performance, the former Georgetown District High School star says that, at first, he was hampered by a lack of experience.

"I found that they (his teammates



GORD BUCHAN

and opponents) had a lot more experience than me. My fellow high school recruits had 80 high school matches, whereas I had maybe 20," said Buchan.

According to him, this gap in experience was most obvious in the game's mental nuances.

"My teammates were used to the mental aspect. I fit in physically but my mental capacity wasn't up to theirs," said the Gordon Alcott club member.

Even without the match toughness that comes with experience, the

Huntington College coaching staff was pleased with Buchan's play in his freshman campaign.

"This has been Huntington College's most successful season," said tennis coach Mark Fairchild. "Gord was a big part of our success."

Buchan, a business management major, hopes to continue that success in his sophomore year.

"I'm looking forward to it and I expect our team to do just as well or better," he said.

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Andy's win

Acton Andy's Restaurant under-15 soccer all-stars knocked off Listowel 4-2 in a recent Five County league tilt. Jon Routledge notched a hat-trick and Kris Adema had a singleton for the Acton side. Assists were credited to Derrick McIntyre, Andre Savard and Daryn McIntyre.

Chamber golf

The annual Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce golf tournament is slated for the North Halton Golf and Country Club Aug. 22. Each golfer is guaranteed a prize. There will also be hole-in-one prizes, raffle prizes and special entertainment. Cost is \$107 for the golf package, \$37.45 for dinner only. Call 877-7119 for information.

Trail run

The second annual Mountsberg 10-km Trail Run is set for Sept. 25 at the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre. A two-km junior fun run and a 1-km "waddle, dawdle, stroll" walk will also be held.

Registration costs range from \$8-20 depending on the event and the date of registration. The first 300 to register receive a T-shirt. Winners receive \$100 cash.

For information, call (905)336-1158. Proceeds go to the Halton Region Conservation Foundation.

Braves bounced

The Brams United Brita Braves had a rough time at a recent tournament in Kitchener, losing all three games.

In regular season play, Brams United rebounded to blank Waterloo 7-0. Georgetown's Marci Roy had three goals, while Melissa Watts added one. Another Georgetown resident, Kate Blyth, also plays on the Brams squad.

Glen victorious

The Acton Tyler Tedbits atom girls' softball team had a tough time against Glen Williams recently, losing 17-13. Acton jumped out to an 8-1 lead after two innings, but Glen Williams scored seven runs in both the third and fourth to take the win. Amber Duque suffered the loss after going three innings in which she struck out seven and walked two. Duque also homered. Jodi Baldwin and Amber Denis each worked one inning in relief.

Police event

The annual David Keenan Memorial Slow Pitch Tournament will be held at the Peel Police Grounds on Mississauga Road Aug. 19. Teams made up of police and corrections officers will display their talent in support of the Kidney Foundation. For more information, or to make a donation, call 877-8359.



Teeing off for charity

Paul Coulls acts as a human tee for tourney organizer Steve Jobin at the Four Seasons Restaurant Golf Tourney for the Lupus Society of Hamilton last Saturday at Acton Meadows. Watching the action are (from left) Dave

Haynes, Brad Thomson and Four Seasons owner Emmanuel Protopapas. The event raised \$750 with 52 golfers taking part in the activities.

Photo by SIMON WILSON

Ball results

Slow pitch race is heating up

There's a great race atop the Georgetown Service Club Slow Pitch League's "B" division. SOB's (10-1) hold a slim two point lead over Park Lincoln (9-2). Kendale (7-4), Optimist (6-5), Random Car Club (4-6-1) and Knechtels (2-9) round out the division.

Meanwhile, Newfoundland Club (7-3-1) leads three teams, Kinsmen, Living Lighting and Lions (all at 5-5-1), by four points in the "A" divi-

sion. Elks Club (3-7-1) trails by eight and the Firemen (0-11) languish 15 behind.

In action Aug. 7th:

-Ken Bucks' two hits led Kendale to a 10-3 romp over Elks.

-Newfoundland Club rocked Optimist 21-4. Optimist's Mark Ashley tripled.

-SOB's roared past Lions 16-7. Paul Dodds spanked a two-run homer for the winners.

-Steve Foreman's two hits couldn't prevent his team, Living Lighting, from suffering a 10-2 loss at the hands of Park Lincoln.

-Kinsmen and Random Car Club battled to a 14-14 tie. Kinsmen's Ed Serjeantson had a great game, homering twice and driving in five runs.

-Knechtels hosed Firemen 14-7. Greg Lawrence led the victors with three ribbies.

Chiefs hold comfortable Condo lead

With the Acton Condo Fastball League season now two-thirds complete, it appears no one is going to catch the Chiefs, who hold an almost insurmountable nine-point lead over their nearest rivals.

In weekend action, Halton Hills Taxi won twice to hold on to second place.

Meanwhile, Milton Cellular remains in third despite despite

dropping two decisions against the Sumner Tire Nationals on Sunday. Milton Cellular did manage to ring up a win in its Friday night encounter.

The Milton Blues hold down fourth spot after defeating the first-place Chiefs 3-1 in an extremely entertaining game.

On the strength of their two wins over Milton Cellular, the Nationals

are tied with the Blues.

The Nats also lost a game this past weekend, falling 7-6 to the Chiefs.

The Cougars suffered two losses, including one by default.

As for the lowly Aces, they continue to search for much-needed pitching help that they hope will vault the squad into playoff contention.

Foodland peewees continue to roll

Acton Foodland peewees are in the midst of a successful campaign. Through the end of last month, the Acton side had a won-loss record of 10-4, including four wins in five July games.

The team started July off on the right note, clobbering Brookville 12-4. Marcel Dube led the Acton charge, scoring a trifecta of runs on a single, double and triple. The game also featured strong defence.

Acton's lone loss of the month came against Campbellville by an

8-2 count.

The Campbellville hurlers limited the Acton offence with nine strikeouts.

David Lajeunesse then powered Acton to a 12-5 win over Waterdown "3". Lajeunesse hit a two-run homer, which complemented the strong pitching of Andrew Coe and David Albano. Matt Hall had a strong defensive game.

Acton made it two in a row by pulverizing Kilbride "Blue" 23-2. Hall (3), Albano (5), Lajeunesse

(4), Coe (3), Lucas Vandermeer (3), Mike Smith (4) and Peter Topolay scored the runs.

Kilbride "Red" also fell victim to the Acton attack, losing 8-6. Coe was brilliant on the mound, striking out the side in both the first and second. Jeff Millen and Smith each scored two runs.

Acton completes its regular season schedule with games versus Limehouse and Waterdown "1" before starting the playoffs the week of August 15.

Bennett heads up hockey school

The start of the Halton Hills Sports Academy's 1994 Hockey School is fast approaching. The school will be held at the Gordon Alcott Arena from Aug. 29 to Sept. 2.

Georgetown's Adam Bennett, a current member of the National Hockey League's Edmonton Oilers and a former first-round draft pick of the Chicago Blackhawks, is the camp's head instructor. Bennett's brother, Tim, is the instructional co-ordinator.

The camp strives for a ratio of approximately 10 campers to each instructor and is geared predominantly at players between the ages of six and 12 who have played house league and are looking to try out for various rep teams in early September.

Organizers expect 100 to 120 players at the camp. The players are divided into groups of 10 to 12 according to skill level.

Participants will receive instruction on skill development, fitness training and fair play rules of conduct. Goaltender instruction is also offered.

Each day, instruction will be split into two sessions. The morning session will deal with skating instruction, the afternoon with individual skill development. On the last day, the campers will take to the ice for some game action.

Registration fee is \$225 for one child. Families with two or more children pay \$215 for each. A minimum \$50 deposit is required with the registration forms, while the rest is due the first day of the school. A lunch package is available for \$35.

Applications and brochures are available at M and M Pro Sports, the Alcott Arena, the Georgetown Arena or the Acton Arena. Call (905)873-4991 for further information.

Bantams win

Acton Al and Al's Red Brand Meats baseball bantams whipped Waterdown "2" 8-2 recently.

Acton counted five runs in the bottom of the first and never looked back from there.

Runs were scored by Kevin Moreland (2), Sean Cullen (2), Gavin Hall, Marc Chaisson, Jimmy Dickenson and Justin Vandermeer. Kevin Dick (2), Chaisson, Vandermeer (2) and D.J. Mann (3) drove in the runs.

Chaisson was also the mound star. He struck out 10 and walked only one in four innings of work to record the win.

Mann pitched the final inning.