

GBA suspends coaches and disbands midget squad

By **STEVE LEBLANC**
Special

Midget-aged baseball players in Georgetown currently find themselves without a team to play for, after a series of suspensions in the Georgetown Baseball Association (GBA) that came down Monday evening.

These suspensions involve the entire coaching staff of the minor midget squad, including manager Hal Pells and assistant coaches Scott Vandervalk, Bob Dezeeuw and Jerry Saunders.

While not willing to discuss the reasons behind the suspensions, Pells said they are simply "not valid."

"The team has been disbanded and the coaching

staff has been suspended," said Pells, on Wednesday. "I haven't done anything detrimental to either the players, parents or the GBA. We were also dismissed without a hearing or any prior notice."

Pells said after Monday's dismissal notice, he was contacted by the GBA and told that a number of inconsistencies existed in the initial letter and

that a letter of apology would be forthcoming. He was also asked to attend a meeting with GBA executive members Wednesday night.

"I'm headed out to Ottawa tonight (Wednesday) and even if I wasn't I wouldn't be going to this meeting. I didn't do anything wrong," added Pells, who talked with Central Ontario Baseball Association (COBA)

president David Huckwith earlier this week but was told it was an internal matter for the GBA to deal with.

GBA president Mark Poullos wasn't willing to give any details surrounding the suspensions, other than to say that the coaches have been dismissed and that alternatives are being looked at to get the team playing again.

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Brad Smith helps Dave Ashbee try on the winner's green jacket while Bill Smith presents him with the championship trophy. Ashbee shot a 73 to top the field of 240 golfers at the 20th Annual Bill Smith Golf Tournament. The tournament raised over \$18,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

More than \$18,000 for Cancer Society

Ashbee claims Smith Tourney title

Dave Ashbee blazed his way around the North Halton Golf and Country Club course, firing a one-over par 73 to win the 20th Annual Bill Smith Golf Tournament.

Ashbee topped a field of 240 golfers while Tim McManus carded the low net of 59. Carey Brabant won the ladies low net.

The big winner of the day was the Canadian Cancer Society. The tournament raised over \$18,000 for cancer research.

The closest to the pin contest was won

by Rod Presswood. At the ninth hole Alex Virag was the closest, landing 7'3" from the hole. Mike Sinnaeve was second, 8'11" from the cup. Ray Mousdale won the putting competition followed by Larry Sisnett.

Major prize winners were: Brett Ross (Las Vegas trip), Tyrone Gordon (membership at North Halton), Art Miller (roof skylight), Rick Stull (AM/FM radio), Glen Anderson (complete car cleanup), Rod Presswood (food basket).

YBC Bursary event

Clark rolls way to second

It was a battle of Cindys at the 23rd Annual Youth Bowling Council/Master Bowlers' Association Bursary 5-pin bowling tournament in London recently.

Cindy Clark of Georgetown met Cindy Bell of Wallaceburg in the Ladies Division final. Although Bell triumphed, Clark did not come away empty handed, picking up a \$100 bursary.

Bell won the championship in two straight games 251-234 and 231-208.

Clark, ranked fourth going into the tournament, knocked off the top qualifier in the province, Markham's Michelle Levesque, to reach the final. Levesque took the opening game 202-171 but Clark came back to take the next two 223-228 and 233-218.

Bell, ranked third, also pulled off an upset by beating the number two ranked Shannon Wright of Toronto in three games.



CINDY CLARK

'Dogs dumped by Oshawa

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The Georgetown Bulldogs dropped their second one-goal game in as many outings Thursday night at the Pound, with an 11-10 decision to the visiting Oshawa Green Gaels.

Although in control for much of the contest, the 'Dogs coughed up a two-goal lead inside the final nine minutes for their first loss this season against an East Division opponent.

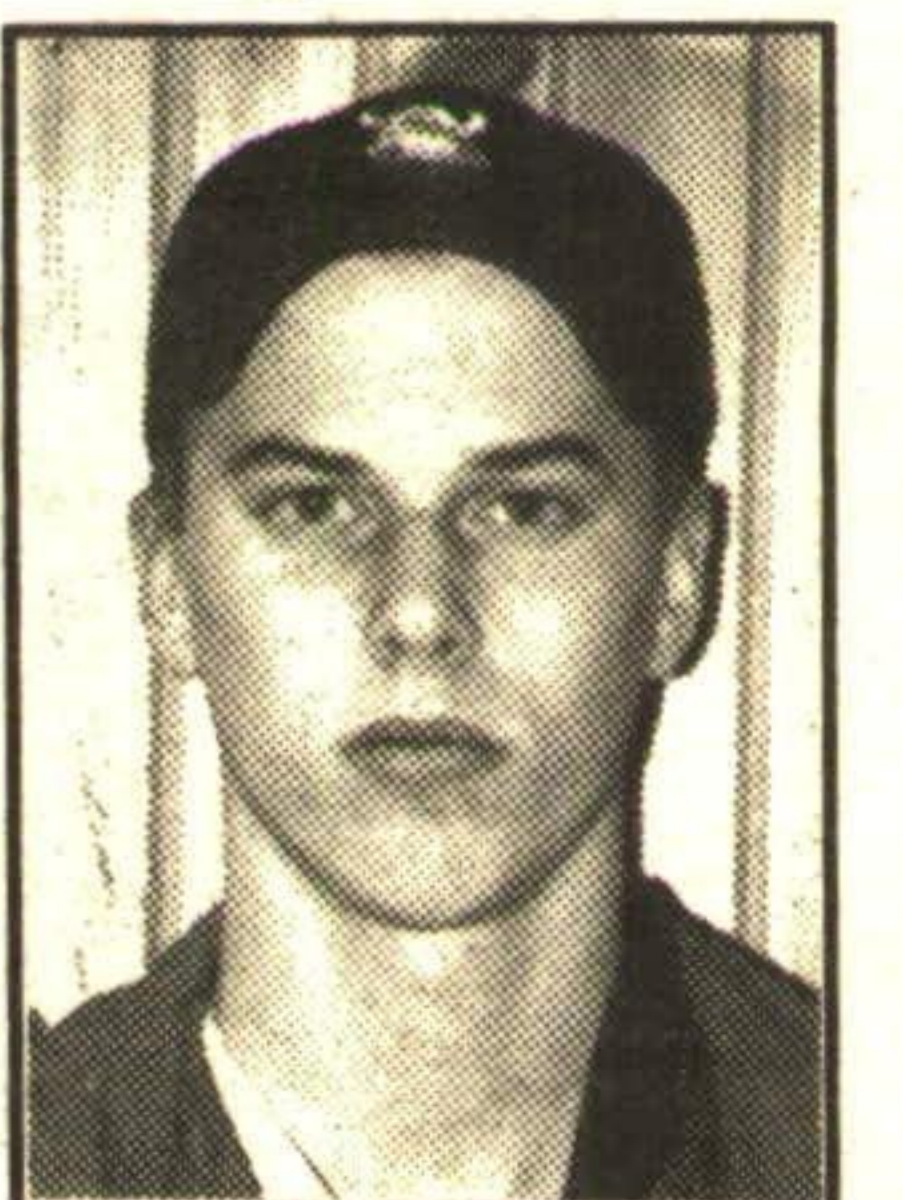
While not the clear favorites as they were in their previous home game against Guelph, the loss was still tough to swallow for coach Lindsay Sanderson.

"Our powerplay unit had opportunities to wrap it up for us in the third and they didn't," said Sanderson, whose team fell to 11-7. "Also our third line gave up three goals in the final frame due to lousy communication."

Oshawa's game-winning tally came inside the last two minutes on a low shot by Darryl MacArthur. Teammate Brad MacArthur rifled in two goals just two minutes earlier to spark the comeback.

While stellar through the first, netminder Cory Fearon wasn't quite up to his usual level through the final 40 minutes. The 'Dogs played very disciplined lacrosse, taking just three minor penalties.

Anchoring Georgetown's attack was rookie sensation Shane Bigler, who had a big resurgence in scoring with three goals and five assists. Kevin Brow and Jacques Dore tallied twice while Dore also had three helpers. Picking up singles were captain Ryan Bigler, Dean Vincent and J.J. Dickie.



SHANE BIGLER

It's tourney time

■ The Georgetown Fairgrounds are a busy place this weekend as the Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff League celebrates its 25th year with their annual tourney. Action began on Friday with the finals slated for this (Sunday) afternoon.

Gators victorious

■ Travis Bland scored four

times and Tim Walinga added a pair as the Novice Gators beat East Gwillimbury 9-3.

Dan Slihas, Jason McClelland and Matt Velten each had a goal and an assist while Adam McKnight set up a pair.

Family night

■ This Thursday, June 27 is Family Night at the Dog Pound (Gordon Alcott Arena), when



the Georgetown Bulldogs battle the Milton Mavericks at 8 p.m.

The 'Dogs will celebrate their final Thursday night home game of the regular season by

giving away some great prizes including a mountain bike and food vouchers, as well as providing some exciting Junior B lacrosse action.

General meeting

■ The Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse Association will be holding its annual meeting Thursday, June 27 at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Georgetown Police Station.

Swim lessons

■ The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is now accepting registrations for summer swimming lessons on a first come, first serve basis. Four two-week sessions are available at either the Georgetown Indoor Pool, Acton Indoor Pool or the Dick Licata Outdoor Pool in Georgetown. Call 873-2600, ext. 275.