

Tying one on

■ Coalyard Patty's and Royal Pizza played to a 4-4 draw in Halton Hills Ball Hockey League play. Pilon/Brackey's blasted Ashgrove Welding 10-2 and Pro Shooters easily downed Fitzwhiskey's/Mr. Sub 6-1.

Gators edged

■ Tim Walinga's hat trick wasn't enough as the Mimico

Moutainers edged the Georgetown Gators novice lacrosse squad 5-4. Dan Sliasis had the other Gator goal with assists going to Adam McKnight, Tim Laidlaw and Ryan Clost.

3-D golf event

■ The Lung Association of Halton Region will be golfing in 3-D. The association is holding its inaugural 3-D Golf Tournament for doctors,

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dentists and druggists at the Millcroft Golf Club on Tuesday, September 17. Golfers do not have to be medical professionals but the non-medical golfers will be limited to 25% of the registration. The

registration fee is \$125 and includes golf, a cart and a barbecue steak dinner. Prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive and other contests. For information about the tournament contact Lynn Cameron at (905) 847-1033.

Drive 4 Cancer

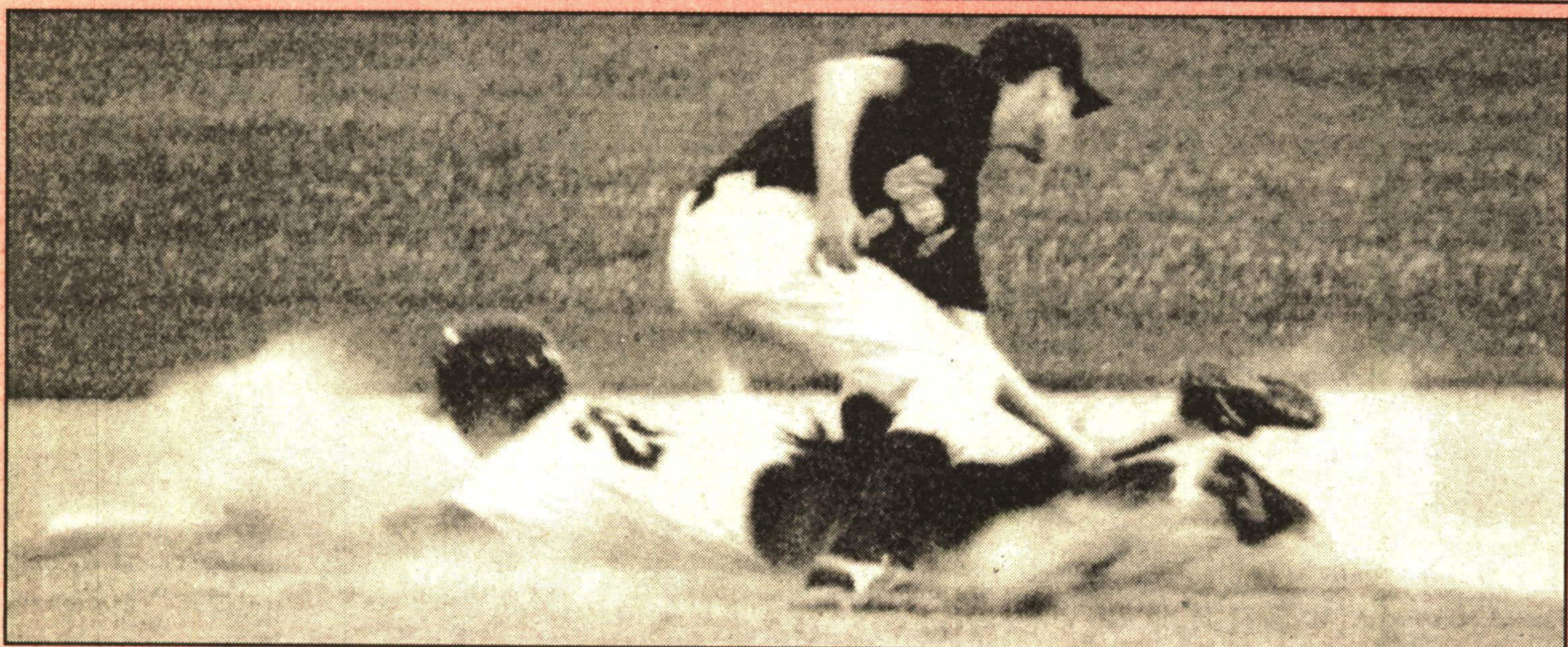
■ The Ladies Drive 4 Cancer will hold its inaugural tournament Thursday, July 11 at Acton Meadows Golf Club.

All proceeds from the tournament will go toward breast cancer research. The registration fee is \$75 per golfer, which includes dinner, green fees and prizes. The field is limited to 72 golfers and the deadline is July 7. Individuals and groups are welcome. For more information call Cheryl Davidson 878-0401, Sharon McKeown 878-5242, Judy Perry 819-0600 (D), 878-3533 (N) or Carole Sharp 875-5717 (D) 876-1989 (N).

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Back in action! The Georgetown Eagles midget baseball club were back in action at the Fairgrounds Wednesday night, under the direction of Mike Ross. Here, Sam Butt slid under the tag at second in a 13-5 loss to Cawthra.

Photos by Herb Garbut

Mohawks end 'Dogs Cup hopes

BY STEVE LEBLANC
Special

The Georgetown Bulldogs were ousted from Founder's Cup playoff contention Wednesday night in Elora, with a final regular season loss to the Mohawks.

With Jacques Dore, Patrick Merrill, Mike Falkiner and Brandon Miller all out of the lineup, the 'Dogs fell 8-3 in their last ditch attempt for a top four placing in the West Division.

They finished up with a 12-10 record, good enough for fifth place behind Brantford and Owen Sound.

"Along with having these four guys out at field lacrosse camp and Roger Brow still nursing his shoulder injury, Brad Kouyoumjian suffered a fractured finger in the first period and will be out for the season," said president Barry Trood. "We played well enough defensively, but just didn't have anybody to put the ball in the net."

The third period proved to be Georgetown's downfall as they were blanked 4-0. Cory Fearon worked the net while Kevin Brow tallied twice and Ryan Platt added a single marker.

The news doesn't get much better for the 'Dogs now that they're on the Commissioner's Cup playoff side, as they will first meet the Guelph Regals who beat them in both their regular season outings.

"Definitely there's some concern, they (Guelph) were essentially the ones that knocked us out of the Founder's Cup playoffs. However, we registered the best goals-against of any team this season and we'll have the four guys from camp back for Saturday's playoff opener," Trood added.

The 'Dogs will have home floor advantage for Saturday's game one at 8 p.m. while game two is set for tonight in Guelph. Game three in the best of five will go this coming Thursday at 8 p.m. in Georgetown.

Coaches speak out

Midget staff call suspensions 'unwarranted'

BY STEVE LEBLANC
Special

Former coaches with the Georgetown Eagles' midget baseball team have finally broken their silence about their recent suspensions, which they are calling 'unwarranted and unfair'.

Manager Hal Pells and coaches Scott Vandevalk, Bob Dezeeuw and Jerry Saunders were all suspended by the Georgetown Baseball Association (GBA) on Monday, June 17.

At the time neither the coaching staff nor GBA president Mark Poullos would give specific reasons behind the suspensions. The four have since been replaced by new manager Mike Ross and coach Sean Mitton.

Pells said reasons for his personal suspension relate to registration of an illegal player and his 'lack of control' of his coaches. Incidents related to this include two ejections of coach Vandevalk, verbal berating of a player by coach Vandevalk and coaches chewing tobacco.

"They said I allowed a player carded to Brampton Minor Baseball to practise and tryout, which isn't true," said Pells. "I wasn't even with the team at the time."

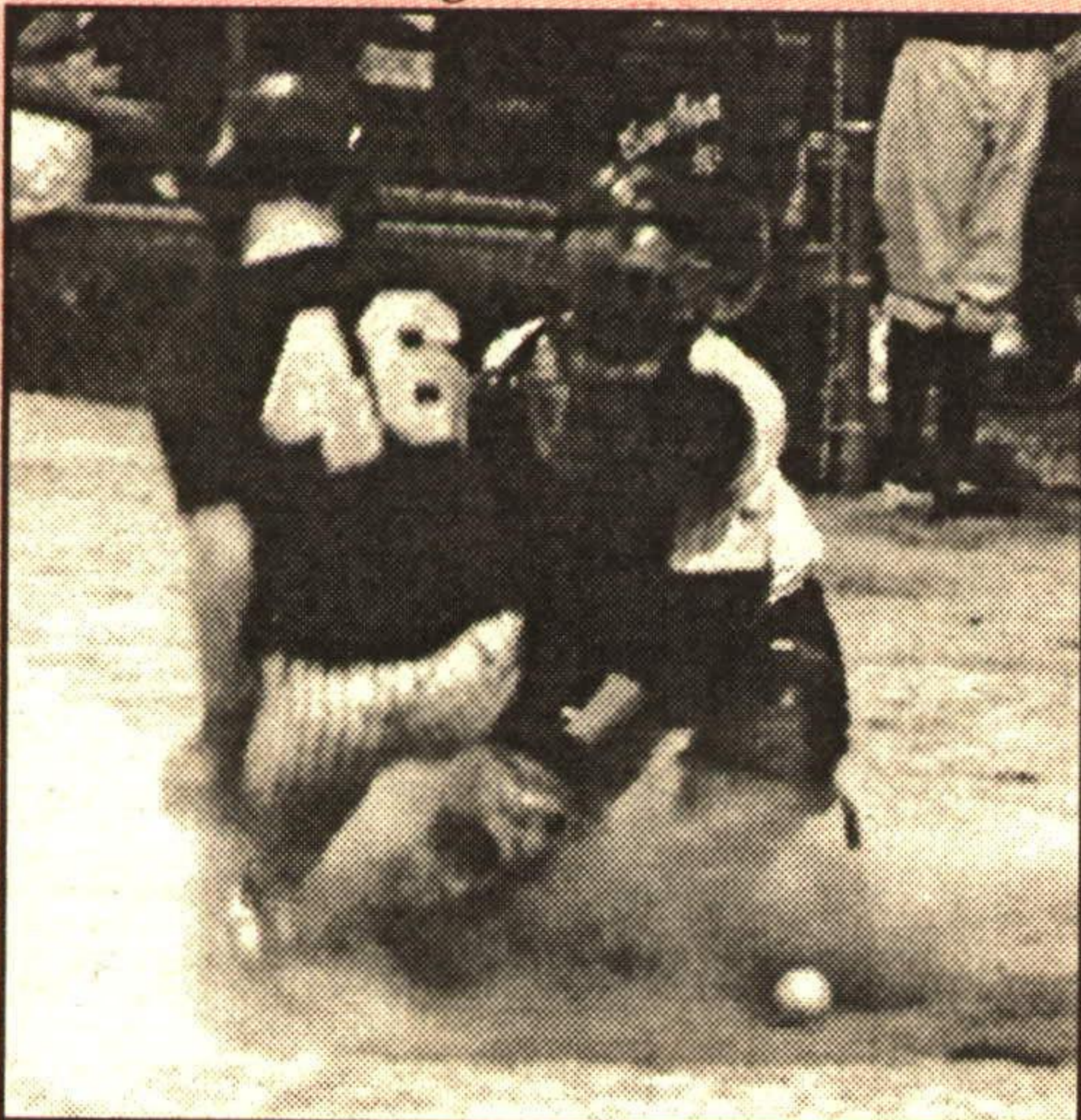
Pells went on to add that Vandevalk's two ejections, including one where his refusal to leave the playing field resulted in the Eagles having to forfeit, had already been dealt with by the Central Ontario Baseball Association (COBA) which slapped

a three-game suspension on him.

In terms of the verbal berating of a player, Pells said the incident occurred at a June practice which he was not present. "How am I suppose to know what my coach is doing at practice in Georgetown when I'm in Barrie. I'm not psychic."

Vandevalk added that he was planning to apologize for this berating at the team's next game but that the next game never came because of the suspensions the previous evening.

While a letter about chewing tobacco was handed to coach Dezeeuw at Alcott Arena late one evening, Vandevalk said the GBA never approached him personally or talked with manager Pells.



Catcher Alex Klimsiak couldn't come up with the ball as a Cawthra runner scored.

Saunders said one reason for his specific suspension related to his witnessing of players abusing GBA equipment. He explained that in the two incidents where this abuse warranted action, he took the players out of the game. "The GBA executive have taken the fun and pride out of coaching in Georgetown. Oh yeah, this has definitely made me question whether or not I want to coach in this town anymore," said Saunders.

"We were never given the opportunity to explain ourselves prior to the suspensions either," said Vandevalk. "If someone had a problem they could have talked to me instead of handing me a letter of suspension."

"They (GBA) suspended four volunteers, disbanded a team and traumatically affected 16 young players — who are now down to 12 on the team — and affected the entire COBA league without even offering their own people the chance to due process."

Pells said he has spoken to a lawyer about what legal action is available to him, and that under the current GBA executive he wouldn't return to coaching without a letter of apology. Pells added that he hasn't been informed about the length of the suspension.

Coach Dezeeuw was unavailable for comment, while Poullos would not comment on either the reasons behind the suspensions or whether the coaching staff were given the opportunity to defend themselves.