

SPORTS & LEISURE

Greenwell falls short at Amateur

Despite a promising start at the U.S. Amateur Golf Championships in Minnesota, Robbie Greenwell couldn't sustain it for two full rounds and missed out on qualifying for the match play segment of the tournament.



ROBBIE GREENWELL

Greenwell, a 20-year-old University of Memphis junior, was at three-under-par at one point and turned in an even-par 71 in Monday's opening round on the Chaska Town Course, looking in good shape to earn one of the 64 spots in the match play, which begins today (Wednesday).

Facing the famed Hazeltine National Golf Club course on Tuesday, the North Halton Golf and Country Club golfer was two over par through the front nine, then had five bogeys on the back to finish up at seven-over 150, well back of the qualifiers.

The field this week began with 312 amateurs vying for the 111-year-old title.

Both on and off the ice

Raiders have plenty of new faces for 2006-07

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Their leading scorer has gone south, the defence has to be rebuilt and they've got a new head coach.

That might provide a grim outlook from most Georgetown Raiders' fans, but after listening to the OHA Provincial Jr. A Hockey League club's director of player personnel, the 2006-07 campaign promises to be a banner season.

"We think we have the makings of a Royal Bank Cup team here, we really do," said Peter Mavroudis, referring to the Tier II national championship tournament, to be held this spring in Prince George, B.C.

"There are still some pieces to pick up, but with who we have coming back and what we've been able to acquire, I've never been more optimistic about a team's chances at the start."

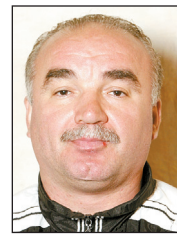
Considering that the Raiders went to the semi-finals of the Royal Bank Cup in 2005 with a powerhouse squad, Mavroudis's optimism might be questioned. Especially with top scorer Mike Gurtler leaving for Indianapolis of the USHL, captain Frank DeAngelis off to school and star goalie Ryan Gibb too old to play.

New head coach Blaine McCauley does get veteran leadership and scoring back with Rob Sgarbossa and Wade Finegan returning, along with defender Ryan Lee, goalie Cam Healy, forwards Marc

Marchese, Jon Southgate, Greg Lever and Jeremy Whelan. Duke Bouskill, whose #27 Raider jersey hangs in the Mold-Masters SportsPlex, has been named as one of McCauley's assistants.

Mavroudis has been active during the summer under new majority owner Ted Nishi of Etobicoke, picking up several

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veterans from teams at various levels.

Goalie Keaton Hartigan, the Midwestern Jr. B league's MVP last season, has been brought in, along with Dutchmen teammate and forward Kyle Schwende. Hartigan, 20, was a workhorse for Kitchener in 2005-06, posting a 22-20 record and 3.10 GAA with a .911 save percentage.

"Keaton had two separate years in one last season," said Mavroudis. "The first half he had trouble finding his rhythm, and then in the second half he won 16 out of 18 games and was the reason why Kitchener made the playoffs and why he

was named league MVP."

Twenty-year-old Ryan Ford, who finished second in the Midwestern loop with 82 points in 44 games for his hometown Cambridge Winterhawks, also figures to bolster a Georgetown offence that had difficulty scoring last year. The Raiders were eliminated by Hamilton in six games in the second round of playoffs.

Mavroudis was also able to acquire some OHL experience with power forward Matt Carter from Owen Sound and defenceman Chris Chiementi, who spent four seasons with Sarnia and Mississauga. Adam DeJong was picked up in a trade with Milton for forward Alex Paiement, and Georgetown native Ryan Torres returns home to patrol the blue line after playing for Bramalea Jr. A last year. The 6-foot-1, 185-pound 18-year-old had two goals and three assists along with 139 penalty minutes for the Blues in 40 games.

Georgetown also picked up Jr. B rear-guards Adam Pomroy from Cambridge and John Quarrie of the Guelph Dominators, the Raiders' new affiliate, along with the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association.

Mavroudis added that a dozen Halton Hills players were among the 40 players invited to be at the training camp.

The Raiders will practise in Acton until September and will play their first exhibi-

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Minor Bantam Eagles claim Central Ontario crown by routing Brampton

The Georgetown Minor Bantam Eagles have qualified for the Ontario Baseball Association championships next week in Brantford after winning the COBA 'AA' title in Mississauga last weekend. Members of the team (front, from left) are: Jeremy MacDonald, Brandon Hood, Adam Amato, Stan Gaweda, Zach Pearson, Matt Cunha, Kenny Leibel, Ryan Bateman. Back row: Coach Scott Johnston, Scott Bossy, Matt Alain, Alex Johnston, Brendan Smy, Taylor Brown, Nick Aversa, coach Mike Pearson. Absent was coach Jason Kennedy.



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Pounding out 57 hits and 44 runs in five games over the weekend, while holding the opposition to three runs per outing, the Georgetown Minor Bantam Eagles captured the Central Ontario Baseball Association 'AA' championship in Mississauga, beating the Brampton Braves in Sunday's final.

With the victory, the Eagles have advanced to the OBA 'AA' championship tournament on the Labour Day weekend in Brantford.

Georgetown took apart regular-season rival Brampton in the title game of the double-knockout tourney by an 11-4 score after losing to the Braves earlier on Sunday. The Eagles also won a tournament in Brampton and placed second at an event in London earlier this season.

Preliminary round— Georgetown 9, Burlington Bulls 2; Georgetown 8, Mississauga Wildcats 1; Georgetown 6, Mississauga Wildcats 1; Brampton 4, Georgetown 3
Championship— Georgetown 11, Brampton 4

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