

McVey waiting for decision on his gymnastics future

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Corporation executives will make their final decision tomorrow on the fate

of Mississauga Gym Club's head coach Brian McVey. The corporation, the club's controlling body, announced McVey's release Oct. 9, prematurely terminating his five-year contract as of Jan. 7, 1980.

McVey was initially contracted to remain with the club until Feb., 1981 but executives said he was let go because of financial restraints.

Protest from competitors' parents initiated the formation of a five-man committee to investigate alternatives to

McVey's departure.

The committee, consisting of competitor's parents, investigated fund-raising methods to offset the club's deficit and presented their findings to the corporation's executives earlier this month.

Their suggestions were not made public or revealed to the club's coaches.

Friday McVey said he would receive a letter on the weekend from the corporation outlining the suggestions they would consider.

"I'm not exactly sure what is going on. I'm to see whether I agree with what's in the letter and respond to them, in a letter, by the beginning of the week," he said.

McVey said he has already told the corporation's executives he is considering two alternatives to his departure in January. Leaving in January would interrupt gymnasts' training schedules mid-way into their competitive season.

"I will either take an immediate reduction in salary or if necessary, continue coaching for the rest of the year with my girls and receive no salary," he said.

"I have no idea what else I will do for money. I guess I'd just make enough money to get by," McVey said.

The head coach said earlier he was considering applying for coaching jobs at other clubs or with schools. Last week he said he did not intend to pursue those intentions.

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ROUND UP

Basketball

Steve Nero of Sheridan Bruins is sixth in Ontario Community Colleges Association scoring with an average of 20.8 points after 11 games. Lena Dimitreko of Sheridan Pandas is fourth in women's basketball scoring with an average of 15.3 points a game.

Tennis

Glen Michibata, of Cobblestone Courts, was eliminated in the quarter-finals of the Orange Bowl junior tennis classic Friday in Miami Beach Florida by Raul Viver of Ecuador after losing a third set tiebreaker 7-1. Michibata won the first set 6-3 but lost the next two 6-1, 7-6.

Thirteenth-seeded Michibata defeated Jean Desdunes of the United States 6-1, 6-3 in Thursday's fourth round. Desdunes had earlier staged the tournament's biggest upset by defeating top-seeded American player, Scott Davis, on Tuesday.

In earlier games Michibata, 17, defeated Venezuelan Filbo Mibet 6-4, 6-1 in third round play.

Michibata also beat Chris Green of Orlando 6-3, 6-1 and Israel's Tommy Frischer 6-4, 6-0.

Cobblestone's Fatima Ravat and Jill Hetherington each lost first-round matches in the tennis classic held at Flamingo Park Tennis Centre in Miami.

Fishing

Neil Schonfeld's 41 pound four ounce muskie catch on the Moon River Sept. 22 made him a winner in Molson's Big Fish Contest. Schonfeld, of Achill Crescent, placed seventh in the contest which closed Nov. 30. The first-place muskie weighed 47 pounds.

Phil Kaske, 14, of Streetsville came 12th in the muskie event with his 38 pound eight ounce catch on the Severn River Nov. 16.

In the northern pike division Gordon Wise of Lakeshore Road W. came 12th with his catch Au, 15 on Manitowabing Lake. Wise's fish weighed 15 pounds six ounces. The winning northern pike weighed 32 pounds.

Football

Lorne Park Spartans Todd Stansbury, who signed a letter of intent to attend Georgia Tech on a football scholarship two weeks ago, is considering an offer from the University of Tulsa. Stansbury visited the Tulsa campus last week on the invitation of head coach John Cooper.

Last week's firing of Georgia Tech head coach Pepper Rogers which occurred after Stansbury decided to visit Tulsa is causing Stansbury to reconsider. Ed Emory, who recruited Stansbury for Georgia Tech before accepting the head coaching position at East Carolina, has since contacted Stansbury about coming to East Carolina.

Skiing

Jeff MacInnis, 16, began his third racing season with the Southern Ontario Ski Team with two strong finishes last week in the Holiday Classic. MacInnis finished 17th of 110 Canadian, American and Swedish skiers at Killington, Vermont. MacInnis skied better than the Ontario team members during this race.

When the Holiday Classic moved to Waterville Valley, New Hampshire Dec. 19, MacInnis finished 15th of 110 in the slalom event.

The Southern Ontario team and the Ontario team begin their regular racing season Jan. 4 at Osler Bluffs, Ontario.

Hockey

Dixie Beehives travel to Aurora tonight for a Provincial Junior A hockey game.

Streetsville Derbys host Milton tonight at Vic Johnston arena. Game time is 7:30 p.m. The Derbys don't play again until Thursday, Jan. 3 in Barrie.

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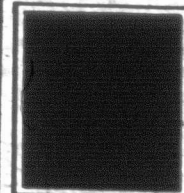
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