

Royals pull off exciting tourn

The Ross Royals once again proved why they are one of the best teams in the area as they laid claim to the championship trophy and \$400 first place prize

money in the third annual Laurentian League senior hockey tournament held in Westmeath on the weekend.

It was not an easy task, and the Royals had to pull

two very close victories out of the bag in the semi-final and final games of the 12-team event.

The Petawawa Pepsis came close to knocking

Ross off in the semi final, taking a 1-0 lead on Josh Dufour's marker at 7:29 of the first period and holding on for what everyone thought was the win.

Thanks to some outstanding goaltending by Rick Olmstead the Royals managed to stay alive, and with only 1:23 left in the third period tied the match as Wade Patterson connected on a pass play from Gary Johnston and Ron Eckford.

It only took them another 30 seconds to capitalize again, when Donald Curry picked up Steve Harold's rebound and jammed it in, much to the disgust of the Pepsis's.

The final game was just as exciting as Ross took on a tough Windsor Tavern team. The Royals dominated at first, with an early goal on Ron Eckford's blistering drive from the point that deflected past Windsor goalie Dieter Laport. They slacked off near the end of the period though, and it cost them as Mike Sandrell found a hole low on Olmstead's glove side.

The Tavern jumped into the lead at 8:30 of the second on Rick Went's power play goal, the only goal of the period.

A lucky break for the Royals evened up the game as a Windsor player fell on the puck in the crease during a scramble in front of the net. A penalty shot was called and Gerry Hodgins made no mistake, dekeing Laport out and



Mike Nixon of the Petawawa Pepsis accepts the most valuable player award from Allan Bell.

Great weather for Queens Line Sports Day

Queen's Line residents couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather than Saturday's to hold their annual Sports Day at the local rink.

A good crowd turned out to watch and participate in the variety of athletic endeavours, which included minor hockey, men's and women's broomball, men's and women's tug-of-war, public skating and races, and an old timers hockey game in the evening.

In broomball action, the visiting Foresters Falls

ladies shut out Queen's Line 3-0, but the men evened the record for home by downing their Foresters Falls counterparts by the same 3-0 score.

On the tug-of-war front, the Foresters Falls ladies again won the battle of the fairer sex by outpulling the QL team. The Falls men also chalked up a win over Queen's Line but lost in the final reckoning to the Fourth Line squad.

The evening's entertainment saw some pretty good old timers versus gentle-

mens hockey action as the make up team of local oldies (most of them not so old) faced the Valley Flyers. The Flyers won 6-1, but not without some difficulty against the veterans.

All tolled, it was an excellent day of fun, and those who were there enjoyed themselves to the fullest possible on the good sport and great food that was served up.