

Georgetown, Streetsville share 4-town crowns



GEORGETOWN bantam captain Joe Spitzer, congratulated by Legion Minor Hockey executive member Ab Irwin.

Georgetown and Streetsville shared the championships at the annual 4-town tournament for houseleague select teams in Acton Saturday.

Mac's Milk atoms brought Georgetown its first championship with a 2-1 win over Streetsville and a 6-3 conquest of Orangeville.

Montego Construction bantams topped Orangeville 5-2 and Streetsville 4-1 to win their crown.

Streetsville teams won both the peewee and midget titles, defeating Georgetown teams in the finals.

Consolation champions were Streetsville atoms, Orangeville peewees and Acton bantams.

The bantams, coached by Gus Holmes, Don Van Fleet and George McPhail brought Acton a consolation championship with a 5-4 overtime win against Orangeville. David Johnson scored the winning goal at the 2:30 mark of the overtime period. Johnson, George Brown, Craig Sommerville and Nick

Humeniuk also scored for Acton, while Tim Ursu netted twice. Greg Clark and Murray McMillan once each for Orangeville.

Alan Moulton, Don Still, Kevin Moon, Dean Howard and Trevor Mitchell were the scorers for Orangeville peewees in their 5-1 consolation win over Acton. Lance Alton replied for Acton.

Scott Anderson and Greg Golden fired hat tricks for Streetsville atoms, who crushed Acton 14-0 in their consolation game.

Some parents expressed dismay that the Acton atom team, outscored 25-1 in its two games had no exhibition games prior to the tournament. Legion officials pointed out the 4-town team had been weakened this year, when the local OMHA group entered both minor and major atom teams in the Waterloo-Wellington league for the first time.

Acton bantams lost a narrow decision to Streetsville 2-0 on shots on goal in overtime in the first round,

after playing to a 4-4 tie. Nick Humeniuk netted two goals and Jeff Gardiner and George Brown one apiece for Acton. Mike Kalapaca scored three goals for Streetsville.

Goals by Todd Cook and Dave Lawson left Acton peewees a goal short at 3-2 to Georgetown in the first round. Wilson Cochrane fired the lone Acton atom goal of the day in an 11-1 first round loss to Orangeville.

Streetsville pulled a 4-2 upset over Georgetown in the midget championship game, while Streetsville peewees won their championship 3-2 over Georgetown on a penalty shot.

Jim Dalton of Georgetown was the lucky winner of a \$50 bond in the tournament draw.

John Toebes, who chaired the tournament committee saluted the Legion ladies for catering to the hungry youngsters at Branch 197 throughout the day and referee Don Currie of Orangeville, who handled more than his share of games, when other officials

failed to show. Also on the tournament committee were Gord James, Kerwin McPhail, Ab Irwin, Jean McPhail, Jim McKnight and Gabe Rosenbersky.

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Tournament Scoreboard

Atom
Georgetown 2 Streetsville 1
Streetsville 14 Acton 0
Georgetown 6 Orangeville 3

Peewee
Georgetown 3 Acton 2
Streetsville 5 Orangeville 2
Orangeville 1 Acton 1
Streetsville 3 Georgetown 2

Bantam
Streetsville 4 Acton 4
(Streetsville won on shots on goal in overtime.)
Georgetown 5 Orangeville 2
Acton 5 Orangeville 4 (o.v.)
Georgetown 4 Streetsville 1

Midget
Georgetown 8 Orangeville 5
Streetsville 16 Acton 1
(Midget semi-finals were two games total goals).
Streetsville 4 Georgetown 2



LONGTIME Legion minor hockey worker Gord James presented the midget championship trophy to Streetsville captain Mike Bradley and coach Pete Fraser.

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Instructors notice rapid improvement in Hockey and Skating school students

Twenty weeks of instruction in the basics of skating and elementary hockey skills will come to an end for 160 Acton and area youngsters (night) (Wednesday), when the Acton Hockey and Skating School holds its windup party.

Jim James and Harold Townsley, co-operators of the school, throw the chocolate milk and doughnuts party in March each year to reward their charges for their patience and progress.

With Mike Marcoux and Lloyd Smallwood also on the instruction staff, the school

offers youngsters not only valuable hockey teaching, but also good leadership. Over the past five years, James has made a point of increasing his hockey knowledge. He has completed the first three levels of the OHA coaching course and recently was notified of his acceptance into the Level 4 course, which will be held at the University of Waterloo in conjunction with the Memorial Cup finals in Kitchener. Jim has also attended two major clinics at which Howie Meeker was

guest instructor. Townsley gained experience as a junior and intermediate player in the North Halton area and later as coach of the Acton bantams. Both Marcoux and Smallwood are Acton minor hockey grads. "One of our main objectives is to show the youngsters that learning can be fun," James explains. "We don't want any kids crying in our rooms." And learn they do. Beginning in early November students are allowed to skate, pushing a chair for a maximum of three sessions. The chair is taken away and they are forced to skate on their own. Soon, as their confidence grows, they start taking strides. Pushes, crossovers and snowplow stops are the next teaching topics.

Youngsters in a more advanced group are taught the proper part of the skate blade to push with. "We go on the theory of balance before power," says James. "We don't worry about power at this age."

The school had 160 children enrolled this year, ranging in age from 3 to 9. Approximately 10 girls were in the classes, which were held at the arena Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6 until 7. Registration fee for the 20 week school was just \$8.

Results of Jim and Harold's efforts are beginning to show in the improved techniques of the Acton minor and major atom players. Many of them learned to skate at the school four years ago.

"We notice a huge improvement in each youngster from the beginning of the school until the end," James adds.

The two hockey and skating teachers are interested in expanding the school to include sessions for 8-10 year olds next year, if they can manage to get ice time.

"We hope to keep going as long as ice rental doesn't price us out," James says. "We're in this for the kids, not to make a big profit."

As in the past, this year's school attracted students from Rockwood and Georgetown and area, as well as Acton.



YOUNGSTERS have fun learning at the Acton Hockey and Skating school.

Major atoms out of Pt. Colborne tourney

Acton A-B Supermarket major atoms lost 6-0 to Niagara-on-the-Lake in the consolation final of the Port Colborne tournament on the weekend.

Earlier the atoms bowed 3-1 to Dunnville in the first round, but edged Hamilton 3-2 in consolation play.

Going to the Port Colborne tournament has been a tradition for Acton teams, since 1971, when an Acton team first entered.

The atoms have made it to the Waterloo-Wellington league finals against either New Hamburg or Elmira by

ousting Orangeville two games to one in the semi-finals. Orangeville won the series opener here in Acton, but lost both games on their home ice.

This Friday the atoms play in the Wasaga Beach tournament.

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Guelph wins rubber match

Guelph minor peewees edged Acton Y's Men 2-1 last week, in the rubber match of a three game exhibition series which spread out over the entire hockey season.

Mike Marshall scored the Acton goal, with assists going to Joe Carter and Bob Allsup. The Marshall-Allsup-Carter line was Acton's best trio.

Dave Anderson and Andy Ellerby came up with stellar efforts in the Acton nets.

Following competition in the Wasaga Beach tournament this weekend, the peewees will wind the season with a father and son game at the arena, Wednesday, April 2. They'll play their first game at Wasaga Beach, Friday at 12:30.

Acton CFAW midgets play their first game in the Hamilton tournament on Good Friday against Markham.

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