

Eden Mills' Barden twins policemen for Cornwall

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The names Gary and Gerald Barden appear far down the list in scoring statistics released by the Quebec Major Junior "A" hockey league, but if you ask ex-pro Orval Tessier about the Eden Mills twins' contribution to his Cornwall Royals club this season, he'll tell you he'd take a team full of Bardens.

"I wish they'd cut out some of their courage, put it in a bag and pass it out," Tessier told reporters in Montreal, after the Royals had been intimidated out of a win against the Montreal Juniors at the Forum this year.

The giant Junior "A" rookies played the role of policemen for the Royals, who surprised the experts with their second place finish in the QMJHL west division. Sherbrooke Beavers who are playing in the Memorial Cup in Kitchener this week finished first in the west division.

Both Bardens accumulated more than 200 minutes in penalties, keeping attacking forwards on their toes. Gerald set a Cornwall team record of 279 minutes and was third in team body hits with 94. Gary made 108 successful body hits to place second behind team leader Mike Conway, a graduating junior.

The season ended sadly for Gary, who suffered a broken bone in his neck in a game at Shawinigan, March 20 and was forced to the sidelines for the rest of the season. He is still wearing a neck brace. Gerald missed part of the regular season with a charleyhorse. He returned to action for the playoffs against



FIFTH ROUND choice of the Quebec Major Junior "A" Cornwall Royals in last year's midget draft, Gary Barden was the club's second best bodychecker this season.

TWIN BROTHER Gerald set a team record of 279 minutes in penalties for the Cornwall Royals, acting as a policeman for the club.

Montreal.

The Barden twins first played hockey in Acton. In 1968 their efforts helped Barry Inscoc's Acton novices win the OMHA Zone 2 Novice "B" championship, the only OMHA honors an Acton team has ever won. Following two years of pee-wee and one year of bantam play in Acton, the twins transferred to the Guelph minor hockey system when they registered for high school in the Royal City.

Gerald was chosen most valuable player on the Guelph midgets in the '72-73 season and outstanding defenceman in the Waterloo Golden Puck tournament last year. Gary made it two for two for the twins, when he won the award as MVP on the Guelph midget team last year.

Participating in the OHA midget draft for the first time, the QMJHL Royals selected Gary in the fifth round. Gerald was to have been a late round pick, but when the draft was closed, Cornwall invited him to training camp as well. Coach Tessier had been impressed by the twins' play in the Richmond Hill midget tournament. Oshawa Generals and Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds of the OHA Major league also expressed interest in the Eden Mills natives.

The twins come by their hockey ability honestly. Their father Ted played with Acton intermediate teams and older brother Jim played with the Markham Junior "B" team in the Toronto Marlboro chain and later with Junior "A" clubs in Guelph.

Second application for "B" club

The OHA has received a second application from Georgetown to operate a Junior "B" hockey team here next winter.

OHA registrar Mrs. Comfort acknowledged receipt of the second application to the Independent yesterday (Tuesday). Mrs. Comfort said she is not certain who filled the application.

Last week a group of four Georgetown men, Alan Walker, Doug Coulbeck, Tom Jones and Bill Moore announced they had applied to the OHA to operate a Junior "B" club.

Deadline for OHA Junior "B" applications is June 15. Sometime before that date it is expected the OHA will speak to both applicants to see if they are willing to work together. If not, the OHA will have to decide on which application to approve.

Police week

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ACTON SABRE individual award winners show off their silverware with the club's Honorary President at Saturday night's banquet at Acton Meadows. Winners l. to r. are, Robin Inscoc, Ray Dunbar, Dave Chapman, Bob Inglis, Mark McCauley, Pete Morrison, Mr. Gardin, Charlie McRae, Steve Brunelle. Missing when photo was taken was Brian Beaumont.

Track meet

Halton high schools track and field championships will be held at Sheridan College in Oakville, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13 and 14.

Essex wins Junior "C" championship

Essex won the OHA Junior "C" championship over Lindsay in the seventh and deciding game of their final series in Essex Sunday. Games in the series were played only on weekends, because of the distance of 300 miles between the towns.

Essex eliminated New Hamburg in seven games in the semi-finals, while Lindsay sidelined Dunnville four games to one.



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