

The midgets are coming

The Georgetown arena will be the scene this week for the ninth annual Georgetown Midget Tournament. This tournament is sponsored by the Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group and this year 18 teams will vie for the championship trophy.

Each competing team is guaranteed two games, but from this simple basis, the formula to decide the overall winner can become a bit confusing. The team that wins their first game automatically qualifies for the championship group. Those teams losing their first game will be regulated to the consolation group. After this first round, the formula is strictly knockout. Any team losing their second game is

eliminated from further competition. Should a team progress to either the championship or consolation final, they will have, in the process, competed in four games. For those people not familiar with this setup, a master board, courtesy of Bruce Cropper of Sheridan College, will be set up in the main lobby of the arena. Also, programs for the event will be available.

In a sense, this tournament is a showcase for area hockey talent. The innovation of the Midget draft for Junior "A" teams means that scouts for the various Junior "A" clubs and NHL clubs will be in attendance. In the past few years several players who have

competed in this tournament have been drafted. As yet, however, no real "name" players have come out of this tournament, but the prospects are there.

The tournament got underway Tuesday night with two games slated. The first game was to see Milton taking on Toronto Queensway. In the second game of the evening, Ajax was to meet Kitchener.

On Thursday, starting at 7:00, Bramalea plays Guelph, Burlington meets Toronto and Georgetown, in their first encounter of the week, battles with Lindsay. Friday will see the end of the first round and that night at 7:00 p.m. Bradford goes head on with Richmond Hill, Orillia Majors meet

Whitby and in the final contest of the night, Orillia Minors play Streetsville.

The games played during this three-day span will decide the championship and consolation division and the consolation division are scheduled to begin Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and run through until 8:30 in the evening.

The consolation final will be held at 1:15 Sunday, with the championship game to follow at 3:00.

The teams in the consolation final will be competing for the Toronto-Dominion Bank Trophy, while those in the championship division will be hoping to cart away the Town of Georgetown Grand Cham-

ampionship silverware.

Aside from the team trophies awarded annually, two individual trophies play a big part in this event. The Lady Byng Trophy is at stake. This trophy, as with its NHL counterpart, goes to the player best combining hockey ability with sportsmanlike conduct and is donated by the local referees association.

The other individual award is the Most Valuable Player Trophy. This trophy has become a tradition in this tournament as it is dedicated to the memory of Bill Chapman and is annually presented by a member of the Chapman family.

The judges for this trophy are comprised of a three-member

panel of knowledgeable hockey people, completely divorced from the support group.

All in all it promises to be an exciting week for local and area hockey fans. Get behind, your Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group.



PIPER TRACY PORTER, a member of the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band, leads the women curlers in a parade around the ice, prior to the start of the first game in the Senior Ladies District playdowns for the E.M. Woolly Trophy. The final game in this bonspiel will be played at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the North Halton Curling Club.

Glen softball exec. elected

The Glen Williams Minor Softball Association held its annual meeting last Sunday at St. Alban's church. The meeting was held on an informal basis and was basically concerned with the election of a new executive for the upcoming season, and ironing out any difficulties or complaints from the previous season. Social functions planned for the near future were also discussed. The meeting lasted an hour and a half but unfortunately was not that well attended.

Perhaps the most important feature of the meeting was the information that if they had any complaints or possible rule change suggestions they should get them in to the new executive as soon as possible so

they can be put on the agenda of the annual Halton County Minor Softball Association meeting. This meeting will be held March 9 at the Bowling Community Centre at 1:00 p.m. Anyone with suggestions should get in touch with a member of the new executive if they wish action taken.

As elected on Sunday, the new executive includes: Past President, Doug Bryant; new President, Al Gimpie; Vice-President, Marion Cuthbert and Secretary-Treasurer Lavonn Pierce. The six newly elected directors included: Russ and Gerry Miller, Linda Moore, Fred Hammer, Brenda Payton and Gord Graham.

There will be a coaches meeting February 6 at St. Alban's hall at 8:00 p.m.

Make your voice heard

Here is your chance to help, and do something for our sports of fishing and hunting! Take your pick or take part in them all. On Saturday, January 19, the Ministry of Natural Resources has arranged to have the consultants for the Mining Swamp make their presentations for its natural and historic resources, its recreation and resource potential, and will present alternate concept plans for its use and development.

The public is encouraged and urged to take part, review the plan and make their comments and recommendations. Our response will help direct the plan for this last vestige of wilderness in that area. The meeting will be held in the Mining Community Centre in the village of Minesing. It can be reached off Highway 26, northwest of Barrie. Continuous presentations will be made from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The consultants will analyze public opinion, and prepare a master plan to be presented to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The annual convention of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters will be in Ottawa on the Holiday Inn on February 20 to 23. This is the 47th annual convention and may well prove to be the best one yet. A lot of opposition to hunting has come up in recent years, and I believe the federation is going to take some definite steps in this regard.

A notice of this meeting will be placed in the window of the Halton Hills Herald, and will give complete information in regards to the arrangements. As always, if I can help, please call.

The federation is also running a campaign for new members, and this is something that all of us can do to give

Just too many games

Rebels come close to crown

The basketball season for the Junior and Senior Rebels got underway last Friday as the two teams travelled to T.A. Blacklock High School. The Seniors won 80-42 in what coach Jim Costigan termed "a real solid team effort."

Mark Bels was high pointman for the Seniors with 26 points while Rick Gourlie hooped 16, Paul Nichol stuffed 15 and Steve Foster netted 12. The Juniors were dubbed 90-30 by a team that could easily

compete and win in a higher league. Most schools adhere to the philosophy that Juniors are groomed for Senior ball. Not so at Blacklock. Their Junior teams are kept intact for as long as possible and, as witness their high calibre, three cuts from the Junior team made the Senior team. For the Junior Rebels, Brian Adamarczuk sunk 12 points and displayed some good, strong rebounding. James Lawson picked up 10 points.

The Senior Rebels travelled to Huntsville on the weekend and took part in the annual Blue and Gold Tournament. They were nearly walked off with the title but too many games in too short a time proved a bit more than the team could handle. The team left Georgetown at 6:30 in the morning, played their first game at 10:30 a.m., their second at 1:30 p.m. and played in the final at 3:30. Coach Costigan explained that the team didn't even bother to get out of their uniforms after the second game as there just wasn't enough time between contests.

In the first game, the Rebels defeated host Huntsville 49-18. Mike Stankovich was top man in this game with 18 points. Their next game saw them put down Orillia 73-53. This was a much tougher victory as the

team ran into foul trouble and perhaps had underestimated their opposition. Mike Stankovich led the way again with a team high of 20 points. The final saw the Rebels lose "A" champions, Stayner, 42-37. The legs just weren't there, but it might be suggested that three games within five hours is quite a demand for a basketball team.

Mike Stankovich was clearly the class of the Rebels. Coach Costigan later stated that "it was the best I've ever seen him play. He did a really super job." His teammates obviously felt the same way as they agreed to name him unofficial tournament MVP. For the three games, Stankovich scored 51 points and his all round play buoyed the team.

The Junior and Senior Rebels

were to play at Oakville-Trafalgar High School on Tuesday. On Wednesday the Juniors take on Acton H.S. in Acton, while on Friday the two teams will be hosting Milton.

Men complete draw

By Jeff and Diane Duck

Last week saw the completion of our club's first round, regular draws in the men's and mixed sections. Time restrictions didn't allow for any playoffs, so prizes went to the top two rinks of each draw at the completion of each schedule.

Final standings are: Men's Competitive, "A" Flight, first place, Ray Steele; Men's Competitive "A" Flight, second

place, Roger Leveque; Men's Tuesday Club Curling, first place, Pat Chamberlain; Men's Tuesday Club Curling, second place, Jeffrey Duck; Men's Competitive "B" Flight, first place, Jim Wilson; Men's Competitive "B" Flight, second place, Doug Hauser; Men's Thursday Rated Curling, 7:00 draw, first, Tony Hull; Men's Thursday Rated Curling, 7:00 draw, second, Gord Campbell; Men's Thursday

Rated Curling, 9:00 draw, first, Irwin Noble; Men's Thursday Rated Curling, 9:00 draw, second, Morris Goudeketting. The mixed section, after a shaky start in trying to find enough ice time to accommodate all the teams, also completed their first round. Victorious were Harold Martin's team of Marg O'Flaherty, Bob Bruce, and Una Martin. Runners-up were the partnerships of Gord and Cynthia Partridge and Roger and Diane Mann.

The North Halton Club hosted this district's Legion playdowns last weekend. Our perennial winner and the guy that is awfully hard to beat in the tight games was Harvey Chappel. Harv has Ken Nash, Gord Campbell and Ken Taplin with him. The second Georgetown rink also got to the semi-finals. This rink of Dunc Money Penny, Bill Schenk, Pat Chamberlain and Tony Hull wound up in the same group as the Chappel rink and only one of them could come out on top.

This year, Mike Tarp's Georgetown Chryslers is sponsoring our first big mixed club bonspiel. It starts on January 20th, with the final games and a wind-up dance a week Saturday.

Coaches Corner

Discipline needed



Ron Dixon has been associated with hockey in the Georgetown area for the past 26 years. In fact ever since he moved here from Regina, Saskatchewan. Regina's loss was Georgetown's gain. His contribution to local hockey has been, to say the least, considerable. His wife's name is Janice and they have two children, Blake and Brenda.

Ron's first venture into local hockey circles was with the industrial league. He was there only a half season and was picked up by the then local Junior "C" team. His hockey talent was obvious and he was approached by the town's intermediate "A" team. This was all the beckoning Ron needed and for the next 11 years, including two All-Ontario Championships, he performed with the intermediate "A" team as one of the local favorites. Personal problems eventually forced him out of the playing aspect of hockey, but his love for the game pushed him into the coaching ranks. For many a Georgetown youngster this is the only role in which they envision Ron.

His banlam teams won the "C" division title two years in a row and the grand championship once. In the midget ranks, he led his various teams to three All-Star Ontario finals. At present, Ron is the head coach of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group.

Ron would like to pass along some formal and some informal advice to those youngsters currently playing hockey. To be a good player, you must discipline yourself. This means setting regular hours, turning down the occasional chance for a good time and, above all, getting proper rest. Set up a regular timetable for when you should get to bed, and the night before a game give yourself an extra hour or so of sleep. In the same sense of self-discipline, you must realize that ice-time schedules do not give you or your coaches enough time to institute a good training program to get you in shape for the season ahead. As Ron says "You don't need ice to condition yourself." Get out and get moving before the season starts. Exercise, get yourself into reasonably good shape, because in the long run, you and only you will benefit from being in shape before the season starts.

As for the game itself, Ron feels too many young players waste time and effort by circling. Admit it how often have you done this without even realizing it? Don't turn your back on the play. Try and keep your eyes on the puck at all times. Make a conscious effort to concentrate on the play, then you won't expend energy needlessly. More importantly, you won't be caught out of position by worthless circling.

Passing is an integral part of hockey, but one that is often overlooked. As Ron points out, most players slap at the puck when making a passing attempt. This is not the correct way to execute a pass. When making a pass, you should push the puck. There should be very little wrist action. Try passing with your wrists stiff. Concentrate on accuracy.

As your sense of where the puck should go develops, so also will your sense of what type of pass to use. A flashy looking bang pass looks pretty foolish when it ends up 15 feet from where it's supposed to go. Concentrate on accuracy. Variations will come in time. Ron cites the passing of Gordie Howe to back up his contention. Howe rarely slaps the puck; his passes are more of an extended push, and who could honestly argue with Gordie Howe when it comes to playing hockey?

Soccer season rolling

The 1975 soccer season is well on its way. At the annual meeting Dec. 1, 1974 Haddy Smedema returned as president, Charles Coomber as treasurer. Colin Wilde remains in his position as past president.

Two new men were elected. They include Brian Turner as vice-president and Peter Skelton as secretary. These men have met every Saturday morning with a two-week break during Christmas and New Years.

Executive appointments for the 1975 season made at these meetings include: Elizabeth Doig, registrar; Sheena Kewley, chief commissioner; Murray Parsons, advisory committee for recreation in Halton Hills. John Ferguson is public secretary; Jim Goddard, public relations officer and Ian Ward, equipment manager.

Dick Kendrick will serve as first vice-president in Halton and Peel and Haddy Smedema

as a director.

Next Saturday, Jan. 18 the Ontario Minor Soccer meeting will be held in Toronto. Haddy Smedema, Peter Skelton and Brian Turner will attend that meeting and all indications are there that Georgetown will register all individual players on an official card with Ontario for the coming season.

The following dates should be of interest for all soccer people: Feb. 9 1975 we will have our general meeting (spring assembly) in Cedarvale. It is needless to point out the importance of this meeting for all soccer people.

Feb. 22, March 1, and March 8 are our registration dates for 1975, also to be held in Cedarvale. On Feb. 14 we will run the biggest dance ever in the Riviera at Norval, featuring the famous Station House Band.

Other food for thought, and most important for us all, it is expected that 1975 registration will hit an all-time high. In 1974 we had more than 1,000 boys and girls playing organized soccer in town. An increase for 1975 could become a problem. It has therefore been suggested to restrict registration, but the question is how to go about this?

132 people were needed last year to either coach or manage one of the 68 teams in our association. We may need more this year. It has become the main reason to restrict registration of boys and girls.

Finally, our executive is in the stage of organizing a referees association. In 1975 we will need many volunteers to referee again. An attempt will be made to have an association of referees aside from our minor soccer association. We believe that our new executive is stronger than ever before and we look forward to a successful 1975.

North Halton hosts playdowns

The Senior Ladies District Playdowns for the E.M. Woolly Trophy got underway at the North Halton Curling Club this past Monday. This is a three-day event, with the

championship game scheduled to be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Representing the Georgetown club is the rink of skip, Bette Broomhead, vice, Inez Crichton; second, Jean

Mackenzie and lead Jean Brander.

The rules for the senior ladies are slightly different from the normal rules which effect regular ladies' curling events.

Each member of the competing rinks must be 50 years of age or older and the combined age of the rink must total at least 210 years.

To qualify for the district playdowns, the various rinks had to win their respective club championships in this division.

The winning rink from this week's event will journey to St. Catharines to compete from January 27 to the 29 for the Woolly Trophy. The top three rinks from St. Catharines will go on to the provincial championships which are being held in Ottawa, February 16, 17 and 18. The winning rink from Ottawa will compete in the Canadian championships, March 16 in Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

Although Georgetown is not directly represented, our district champion, Humber Highland, will be competing along with 15 other district champions in the Southern Ontario Provincial Ladies Championships, January 21 at the Dixie Curling Club.

The North Halton Curling club will also be the scene this week of playdowns in the Men's Halton and Peel Championship. Games will be played Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The first draw is slated to begin at 6:30 each evening. The championship games will be played in Brampton this coming Saturday.

Wrestlers regain championship

The GDHS wrestling team travelled to Fiesherton over the weekend and successfully defended the Grey Highlands title, which they won last year. Assistant coach Bob McKay, who handled the team, commented that although a few top teams had chosen to bypass this

particular tournament, the Rebels "were ready for this one, wanted it badly and were better prepared physically and mentally than other teams competing."

In many weight classes the Rebels were clearly superior to

the challengers. Seventeen teams participated in this tournament. Georgetown finished on top with 126 points. Ferguson was second with 83 points and Grey Highlands was third with 51 points. For Georgetown, Peter Fournier won the 85 lb. class. Dave

Paterson finished on top in the 92 lb. class. Rick Rodgers won the 100 lb. class. Pat Fobert turned away all challengers in the 125 lb. class.

Wayne Martin was top man in the 143 lb. class and Jeff Haines took the title in the heavyweight class. Brian Pendergast was second in the 92 lb. class. Bill Fournier placed second in the 100 lb. class. Ted Phillips picked up a third in the 117 lb. class. Martin Pollack was third in the 125 lb. class. Eric Fobert finished second in the 132 lb. class.

Scott Mason garnered a third in the 138 lb. class. Gavin Strachen came in second in the 159 lb. class. Steve Turner was second in the 170 lb. class and Andy Carman placed second in the 196 lb. class.

This weekend the GDHS wrestling team will be hosting their own Georgetown Invitational Tournament. Competition is expected to be of high calibre as some of the top wrestling schools in Ontario have indicated that they will attend.

Midgets not at their best

Back to back home games for the Al Piliutti Minor Midgets produced two wins, four points and a lot of penalties. Many of the penalties were stupid, and just plain chippy. The games were less than classics and frustrating to watch.

Streetsville were the visitors to the local hockey palace a week last Tuesday and the Piliutti gang out-fumbled them for a 5-4 win. Streetsville struck for two quick goals before the red machine got moving with Mike Richmond setting up Glen Bodnar. Richmond also set up the second Piliutti goal as he won the faceoff in Streetsville's zone, back to Andy Broadbent with a quick slap shot past a startled goalie.

Next Broadbent gave the puck to Mike Buck, who, finding all red sweaters covered, carried the puck through the Streetsville team and scored. Streetsville tied the game

briefly in the final period before Greg Schenk killed Larry Burns' rebound. Richmond and Bob Hill assisted on the next Piliutti goal; Randy Bergeron the shooter. The last goal was scored when Bergeron fielded his own rebound and passed back to Meral Hache' in the slot. Glen Toat worked the nets for the win.

Brampton provided the opposition on Thursday as the Piliutti gang played sloppy hockey and only edged the flower town gang 3-2. The power play was prominent as four out of the five goals were scored with the other team

penalized. Randy Bergeron and Steve Crossman were both hunting and it shows in the first and winning goals. The Blue Bombers (better known as Larry Burns) shot the other goal from Glen Bodnar and Mike Richmond on a nice passing play. Bob Hill and Andy Broadbent also assisted on Bergeron's markers.

In both games the defence played "loosey-goosey" while the forwards played give-away hockey. As a result the goalies had to be sharp. Brad Miller was in the nets for the win.

Midgets show the old form

In sharp contrast to their two previous games, the Al Piliutti Minor Midgets played an excellent checking game of hockey in Burlington last Sunday. They forechecked and backchecked, the defence controlled the puck in their own zone then head-manned it to their front men with the result of a come-from-behind 3-2 win. Burlington scored both their goals one minute apart, three minutes into the game.

The midgets came back slowly, getting one goal in the first period, Mike Richmond from Russ Hogan. They tied the game early in the middle frame, Richmond again from Greg Schenk and Meral Hache on the power-play.

Randy Bergeron got the winner late in the period set up by Larry Burns and Sebek. Glenn Toat had to be quick in the final period in the nets to preserve the win.



bob ollivier

the federation a strong voice in its effort with the government. Present members all received an order form for adding new members and I have started on mine and hope you have taken steps to do your share. You have a great selling feature as well with the new format of the Ontario Fisherman and Hunter magazine. It makes it all the more attractive.

Many other organizations charge \$10 for membership, plus any magazine. The OFAH membership is only \$6.75 and this includes the official publication, the Ontario Fisherman and Hunter. The magazine alone is \$6. for the same one-year subscription. You can't lose. Get those members signed up, now!

Also in line with the federation, tickets are on sale for the draw to be made at the convention in February. Top prize is a boat and motor with second a canoe with several other worthwhile prizes. If you have tickets you can't sell, get them to me. I sold mine and cannot get any more. A limited number were printed and they are hard to get hold of. I can sell more, but I would prefer to have you sell your own and try to sell a membership with it. It can be done. Why not by you?

A study to assess the impact of the shorter season on Walleye in Lake Nipissing, will be undertaken during 1975. Studies have shown that Walleyes in the lake are being over-harvested, and to reverse this trend, the minister's advisory committee on Lake Nipissing recommended a shorter season. The season for Walleyes, at present, is May 18, 1974 to March 31, 1975. The shorter 1975 season (May 24th to March 15) reduces the number of days that Walleye can be taken in spring by six days and in winter by 18 days. This is the minimum restriction required to effectively reduce the harvest.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is holding a "Day in the Snow" at the Terra Cotta Conservation area on Sunday, February 2, 1975. This program will start at 10 a.m. and run 'til 4 p.m. and will provide a wide range of activities. Horse draws, sleigh rides, skating, cross country skiing, snow shoe hikes and instruction on winter survival and winter photography will also be presented to make this one of the most appealing days the authority has ever put together. Hot food and drink will be available at the concession booth, and a large bonfire will be kept going to keep you warm if, by chance, you get a little cold. Some snow shoes will be available on a free, first come basis.

You are encouraged to bring along toboggans, skates, skis etc. along with your camera. Join in the fun and get to know your local conservation authority. Parking fee will be charged for the day at the regular \$1.50 per car. Further information can be had at 451-0115, which is a local call. Next week I will try to explain a Tiger Trout.

'Til then, enjoy our winters in Ontario Outdoors.

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Due to the Midget Hockey Tournament, only the Atom House League will be operating during the coming week. The Notice schedule is as follows

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
4:15 p.m. N8 vs N3
4:55 p.m. N5 vs N10
Rexway BP vs Armstrong Insurance

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21
4:15 p.m. N1 vs N2
Senga Homes vs Sports and Tack
4:55 p.m. N5 vs N6
Rexway BP vs Armbro Transport
5:35 p.m. N3 vs N4 4