

Little NHL

# Memories, nostalgia fill windup for Little NHL week

Applause followed sportscaster Brian McFarlane's suggestion that Gordon Alcott should be nominated to the Hockey Hall of Fame, at the Little NHL 40th anniversary Banquet Friday at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Friends of the late Gordon Alcott, who founded the Little NHL in 1936, gathered at the North Halton Golf and Country Club for an evening of speeches, toasts, presentations and memories.

Minister of Transportation and Communications Jim Snow recalled the time he discussed government funding of the banquet with Gordon Alcott.

Explaining how Gordon Alcott rescued people from a hotel fire in Madrid just before his death, Mr. Self said, "The poisonous gas fumes—worked on his heart and took his life from us on earth."

Chief Jim McGregor of Birch Island, Reserve where the Little NHL was established by Rev. Len Self, outlined the growth of the native league.

"Looking back at the first tournament, the boys had old skates, no real pro gloves, different coloured sweaters and there were lopsided scores. But to look at the faces on the little fellows, and to see grandmother's eyes fill with tears because they were so proud to watch them playing hockey..."

By 1975 the native league had grown to 40 teams, and Mr. McGregor said the players still display good sportsmanship and no violence.

Rev. Len Self, who helped Gordon Alcott expand the Little NHL province wide, said, "He was a great man... he meant so much to so many people both spiritually and in physical sports."

Other best wishes and reminiscences were voiced by Councillor Mike Armstrong, on behalf of Halton mayor Tom Hill, Little NHL vice president Allan Walker, Little NHL president S. Bridgewater, and 40th anniversary chairman Brian McFarlane who introduced Herb Walker to propose a toast.

Greetings were read from Ontario Premier Bill Davis, Honourable Little NHL president King Clancy, Minister of culture and recreation Robert Welch, NHL players association representative Alan Eagleson, Hockey Canada president D.H. Holmes and Secretary of Ontario Minor Hockey Vern McCallum.

Julian Reed, Halton-Burlington MPP remembered when he played on the Norval Little NHL team and got a good chuckle out of a picture of himself and the youngsters he played hockey with. Rev. Len Self presented him with the photograph as a souvenir.

Mr. Reed said the philosophies of good citizenship and sportsmanship taught through the Little NHL, "are not something you use just to win a game on the ice, but something you could use all your lives."

Hockey Night in Canada announcer Bob Goldham pointed out other contributions to the community made by his friend Gordon "Lefty" Alcott: Organizing trail ranger groups and Sunday school classes.

"I looked forward to Sunday school even more than the Saturday night hockey games," he said, describing the special activities such as hikes "Lefty" planned after his weekly class.

"Whatever a Christian I am is strictly due to Lefty," Mr. Goldham added.

Little NHL honorary president Dr. Robert Humball, who added learning sign language to preach to the deaf as another of Gordon Alcott's achievements said, "Many can count the days but not many can make the days count—as Gordon Alcott did... he was not only a credit to



THE REVEREND LEN SELF, performs the ceremonial face-off before last Wednesday's NHL Oldtimers-Georgetown Geminis, exhibition game. Douz Barnes (left) takes the face-off for the Gems while "Jolly" Jack Hamilton does the honours for the ex-NHLers. Bob Goldham looks on.

## Geminis humble Brampton, 10-6 Acton Sabres in town, Saturday

Despite atrociously one-sided officiating, according to Coach Paul Robinson, that tended at times to let the game get out of hand, the Georgetown Geminis, behind a five goal performance of Dave "Cricket" Robertson, rallied from a 4-1 first period deficit to defeat Brampton, 10-6 last Saturday night at the Gordon Alcott Memorial arena.

The game was a form of vindication for the Gems as Brampton had thumped them 10-3, the previous Sunday, in Brampton. The win boosted the Gems record over the 500 mark in the early Central Ontario Junior "B" season, to two wins and a loss.

The fireworks started early, with Gemini Larry Peterson converting passes from Dave Robertson and Terry Turner at the 4:53 mark of the opening period, to give the locals a brief, 1-0 lead. Brampton decided to join the shooting gallery at this point and by the

15:15 mark had potted four markers to jump in front, 4-1. The offensive advantage then shifted to the Geminis and Larry Peterson scored his second of the night at the 17:15 mark and "Cricket" Robertson hit for his first of five at the 19:02 mark to narrow Brampton's lead to 4-3 after 20 minutes of play.

Second period action saw the tide start to shift in the Gemini's favour and Robertson played a key role. The Gems outscored Brampton, 4-1 in the sandwich frame to take a well-earned, 7-5 lead after 40 minutes.

Robertson opened the local scoring on a power-play effort at the 3:03 mark, then assisted on Terry Turner's counter at the 8:24 point to give the Gems the lead for the first time in the game. Robertson feasts on power-play situations and got his second of the period at the 11:33 mark to extend the local lead.

Brampton came back to score at the 15:07 mark but Larry Peterson gave the Gemini's back their two goal cushion with his third goal of the night at the 17:23 mark.

Two early second period goals by Robertson and Marty Weaven put the Geminis in front by a 9-5 margin by the 10 minute mark of the third period and the game at this point was effectively over.

Brampton scored their final goal on a penalty shot, but ended up shooting blanks throughout the last 10 minutes of play.

It was quite an offensive display by the local favourites and young Mr. Robertson had himself quite a night. He scored five goals and added two assists for a brilliant seven point night. Larry Peterson hit for a hatrick and assisted on another goal, Terry Turner notched a goal and an assist, as did Marty Weaven. Paul Martin, Bruce Bailey, Bill

Allison, Kevin Reeks, Ian Symes and Doug Barnes also were credited with assists.

Brampton goal scorers, included: Mike Krasnozov, Dave Fitzhenry, Wally Jaded, Craig Hartwell and John Van Bilsen, who counted two goals.

It was a rough and tumble game with no quarter asked and none given. The Geminis picked up 55 minutes in penalties and a game misconduct to Mike Osbourne, while three Brampton players were ejected and the "Flower Town" crew logged 68 minutes in the "Sin Bin."

This Friday the Geminis travel to Oakville for a game with the Blades, while this coming Saturday, they host the Acton Sabres, game times, 7:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Memorial arena. The Gems next home game is this coming Wednesday (October 13) when they host last year's regular season champions, the Burlington Mohawks. Game time again is 7:30 p.m. at the Alcott.

## Royalettes and others may be honoured

Georgetown Royalettes may yet be honored by Halton Hills for winning the provincial girls title.

Council Monday approved a recommendation calling for guidelines for the establishment of an annual dinner for cultural and recreational achievers in Halton Hills.

But the approval didn't come without concerns over the wording of the recommendation and the implications of having a dinner following a special presentation at council.

The committee recommended that certificates and pins be awarded to citizens achieving recognition and then follow up with a dinner.

Coun. Mike Armstrong urged that strong guidelines be prepared. "What if there are 400 people?" or "If its a girls softball team, will there be a bar?"

similar policy and it brought "pleasant relationships" with citizens and "good public relations."

A move such as this would overcome the "isolation thinking in Halton Hills and draw the community together, he said.

The town has \$6,000 available in its public relations budget, council learned.

"I am not against a (the awarding of certificates and pins) but the thing that bothers me now, having a dinner what worthwhile benefit is it?"

"I see no sense in doing a dinner and doing a dinner afterwards," he said, adding that he feels it's an "excellent idea."

Coun. Ric Morrow said he was "shocked" to learn that council had failed to incor-

porate such a function in its budget.

He said Georgetown had a

### Leads league

The Happy Gang have jumped out in front by a mere half point in the Wednesday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League, with the Mix-Ups holding second place, along with the Jet Set.

Wilma Marshall had the week's best triple, rolling a 654, with a 268 single game while Dot Hicks rolled a 649 triple and Carol Fishburn counted a 615 triple.

Dot Hicks tops the league with a 198 average, while second place is held by Marge Innes, with a 192 average and two ladies, Ann Leeming and Pat Barber are tied for third best average, each sporting a commendable 188 average.



Silver platter received on behalf of Jean Alcott

## YBC Juniors qualifying for adult Masters

Sheldon Brown with 632 and Connie Hay with 606 lead the first qualifying round for the right to bowl with the adult "Masters". The next round is on the following Saturday, Oct. 9 with the regional finals on Oct. 30th.

The other leading qualifiers among the boys are Lenard Fisher, Ross Knipe, Robbie Quinton, Cameron Lavers, Russell Gourlie, Danny Drumm and Paul Champlin.

The qualifying leaders among the girls are Cheryl Jackson, Holly Hulme, Hope Hulme, Tammy Knott, Margaret Jessop, Shelley Sibbald, and Cindy Rutherford.

After the previous Saturdays of instructional bowling, the teams are being formed for the bantams (age 8-11) and the pee-wees (5-8). The league championship competition will be in full stride after Thanksgiving and the in-house tournaments will begin.

The graduating juniors are dominating the senior (14-18 yrs.) scene on their Sunday afternoon bowling sessions. With the zone round of the Senior Mixed Tournament coming up on Nov. 7 the bowlers are settling down to serious effort as the following scores show.

Boys: Steve Archibald 798 (271), Grant Richardson 714 (272), Brian Carlson 694 (290), Colin Hicks 665 (288), and Glen Collier 648 (234). Girls: Tina Gibbs 635 (245), Lea Gourlie 571 (195), Kim Beckett 551 (208), Janine Prouse 549 (196), and Wendy Hay 541 (243).

## McFadyen signs with Leafs

Georgetown's Gary McFadyen, a third round draft choice of the Toronto Maple Leafs in the last Junior draft, has agreed to contract terms with the parent organization.

McFadyen was one of the few rookies to attend the Leaf training camp, in fact, Gary was the youngest player in attendance, and his impressive showing in five exhibition games with the Leafs earned the Georgetowners his professional papers. In the five exhibition tilts that McFadyen toiled for the Leafs, he picked up one goal, in a game against the Detroit Red Wings.

Although the amount of the contract was not disclosed McFadyen must be held in high regard by the Leafs as he was one of only three rookies inked to a pro contract.

Gary has been assigned to the Dallas Black Hawks, a farm team the Leafs share with the Chicago Black Hawks and if he continues to impress, there is a possibility that he could see some action with the major team at a later date.

## Senior Rebs win first grid game

The GDHS Senior Rebels football team came up with their second strong effort in a row last Friday and their first win in two years, when they blanked Perdue High School of Oakville, 15-0. The win, according to Senior Coach, Mike McMahon should spur the Rebs on to even greater things in their remaining games as Perdue had been sporting an unbeaten streak until they ran into the Georgetowners and of even more importance, it was the best game that the team had played as a whole, in the last two years.

This is McMahon's second year as Senior Reb Head Coach and while last year had to be considered a disappointment, the Rebs finished with an 0-7 mark, this year was looked upon with much higher hopes.

In the Rebs first two outings, they were dropped, 7-0 by OTHS and 35-14 by Q.E. Park but last Tuesday they showed a marked team improvement in a 24-13 loss to Blakelock. McMahon felt the Blakelock game could have been won but that his charges, in effect, beat themselves. A costly fumble and some inconsistent play by the specialty teams was blamed for the Blakelock loss, but even in defeat, McMahon could sense improvement.

Last Friday against Perdue, the Rebs were clearly the class of the gridiron as they led 1-0 after the first quarter, 8-0 at the half, then finished up their solid effort by scoring another major in the final period.

Paul Allison, on a 15 yard pass-and-run play and Todd Beckett, on a 20 yard scoring scamper, scored the Georgetown majors, while Gord Miller added a single and two converts.

Beckett got the nod as the offensive player of the game, churning out 60 yards in rushing plus the TD, while Bruce Mitchell was chosen as the defensive player of the game for several key-situation tackles and his constant harassment of the Perdue quarterback.

On Tuesday, the Rebs travelled to Oakville for a return match with OTHS, they now get a few days off to regroup.

The Senior Rebel roster includes: Paul Allison, Mark Beaton, Todd Beckett, John Boyle, "Wid" Bradley, Pete Burke, Jason Clancy, Don Cousins, Glen Fendley, Bill Fournier, Andy Garbutt, Jeff Haines, Barry Hardman, Bryan Justice, Pete Kipfer, Mike Landry, Paul Lehman, Jim Lindsey, Bob Lockwood, Paul McCracken, Gary McIlravy, Gord Miller, Bruce Mitchell, Dave Patterson, Ross Perego, Fred Peters, Brock Rush, Paul Sargent, Chris Servos and John Wright.

## Foberts win Tournament

Champions have finally been declared in the rain-postponed, Georgetown Industrial Fastball League, Tournament, Perks whipped Elners, 12-0, in the Consolation Final and Fobert Real Estate of Milton, squeezed past the Whalers, 3-2 to capture the championship trophy.

## Oldtimers still tops, beat Geminis 4-3

About 600 people turned out at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena last Wednesday to take in the exhibition game between the NHL Oldtimers and the Georgetown Geminis - the game was won, 4-3 by the ex-NHLers - and it's a pity that more support was not shown the event staged to aid the Ontario Society for Crippled Children.

Whipper Bill Watson, for years a wrestling favorite and more recently a champion of charities, especially the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, added his presence to the affair and he escorted young Ricky Ware of Scarborough, a substitute "Timmy" for the Society.

The night began with an exhibition game between two Georgetown Tyke Hockey teams, the Rangers and Halton Hills Catering - and they set the tone for an evening of fine entertainment by displaying an enthusiasm for the game that should serve to silence those critics who are forever sounding it's death knell. The Tyke game ended in a scoreless draw, but not for lack of effort on the players parts.

The Rangers were coached by Dave Kemshead and team members included, Dennis Doucette, Jason Bew, Robbie Cooper, Mark Dunning, Jody Gordon, Dennis Oram, Chris Ward, Jamie Spiller, Tim Champman, Guy Hillock, John Lorito and Jason Arnold.

Halton Hills Catering were coached by Doug Penrice and team members included; Randy Donovan, Colin Moore, Michael Webster, Terry Grievson, Gary Stewart, Wayne Brunton, Caroline Grassy, Terry Dryden, Rory Kennedy, Ron McNiven, Ross

Tassone, Michael Ross and Ricky Fisher.

Slaphos were not allowed and although fine hockey was spotlighted, the crowd was put in a festive mood, very early on by some hi-jinks on the part of the NHL Oldtimers.

Ivan Irwin appeared for the introductions, sporting a full head of hair and appeared to be one of the younger members of the Oldtimers. At about the five minute mark of the opening period, a mate rushed from the bench and doused Ivan with a pall of water. To the crowd's huge amusement, Ivan realized that the charade could not continue and promptly removed his wig - which at this point resembled a rather drenched muskrat more than a stylish hairpiece.

The banning of the slash shot made stickhandling and playmaking of prime importance and even Gemini Coach, Paul Robinson, received some surprises.

"I honestly didn't know that some of our players could handle the puck so well" he commented, "maybe it's something we should look into."

The Geminis Dave Robertson opened the game scoring at the 12:03 mark when he whistled a fine, inches-off-the-ice wristshot past Oldtimer goaler Ivan Walmsley, from about 10 feet inside the blue line. The period ended in a 1-1 tie, when Jackie Hamilton scored his first, of a pair of goals, at the 15:37 mark.

Jackie is a story in itself. The former Leaf, who is now in his 50's, was one of the earliest members of the NHL Oldtimers. He sports a fine mane of white hair and a rather substantial paunch, but his comedy routines, as well as his hockey ability endeared him, to the Georgetown fans.

The Geminis took a 2-1 forty minute lead, on a goal by Doug Barnes, who was set up by Doug Robertson but the third period was the one that sent the fans home satisfied.

Harry Pitherney, who toiled for the Boston Bruins got the Oldtimers the equalizer at the 23 second mark, then at the 8:56 mark, Cal Gardner, who played for the Leafs, Boston and New York, put the ex-NHLers in front for the first time in the game.

Jackie Hamilton, for the Oldtimers and Larry Peterson for the Geminis rounded out the game scoring, but the score was not as important as the thoroughly enjoyable evening that was had by all.

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