



Mark Pries avoids this Chinguacousy checker in Major Atom action last week. The Firefighters and McNally Construction team beat Chinguacousy, but were eliminated later from Silver Stick play in Brampton.

(Photo by Rob Irvine)

Major Atoms win one at tournament

The Georgetown Firefighters and McNally Construction Major Atoms were up against top-flight competition in the Silver Stick in Brampton and went to the finals of the consolation before being eliminated.

In the first game the Major Atoms were pitted and lost 8-0 against Etobicoke who eventually went on to take the grand championship.

Georgetown never really got into the game and were forced to take many unnecessary penalties to slow down their speedy opponents.

In the second game, a consolation round match against Chinguacousy, the team was much more impressive as they were up against an opponent they could handle. They won the match 4-2.

Chris Hodgins opened the scoring and also added the final marker. Danny Kent and Mike Hurley had the other goals with assists going to Jon Hammer, Mark Pries, Mike Teetzel, and Dean Irvine.

In the consolation final Georgetown went up against Fort Erie, another very strong and impressive squad. They had two players who were particularly excellent and they gave the Georgetown defensemen fits. They took a total of six penalties in attempts to slow the two big guns down.

Scoring for Georgetown were Teetzel and Hodgins with assists going to Hurley, Irvine and Hammer.

Coach Harold Gilmer said Hodgins played his best hockey of the year in the tournament, but he was very pleased with the work of his whole squad especially in the loss to Fort Erie.

Novice Campers lose at Stayner

The Georgetown North Halton Sports Camp Novice Reps went to the semi-final of the consolation section in the Stayner tournament before losing 3-0 to Chinguacousy.

and took a 2-1 win to advance against Chinguacousy.

The Camper's outstanding player in the tournament was Pat McCarthy.

In league play the Campers dropped a 2-0 decision to Guelph.

It was a very close game with Guelph scoring in the third and adding a second marker into an empty net.

Georgetown lost its first game 2-1 to Newmarket and was knocked to the consolation round.

In the second game Georgetown went up against Milton

Meet the coaches

"As long as my players give it 100 per cent and they can walk off the ice with their heads up I'm satisfied," says the Georgetown Firefighters and McNally Construction Harold Gilmer.

"I definitely think winning is an important part of hockey even at this level," Gilmer told The Herald. "However, it is not everything. If the players play to their potentials that is all I can ask."

The coach said that nothing upsets him more than to see players playing half-heartily. "I make my players earn their next shift," he said. "If I see a player did not go all out on a shift I tell him and then sit him down."

Gilmer also said that he does not think players should have equal icetime.

"I have specialty units for power plays and to kill penalties," he said. "I will not put a player out to kill a penalty if I think he is going to be over-matched even if it's his turn on the ice."

The coach said that a main aspect of his teams is that they have plenty of spirit.

"I make sure that none of the players criticize one another or ride each other," he said. "If a player needs to be criticized for a bad play or something it's my job, not the other players."

NINTH YEAR

Gilmer, who says he loves coaching minor hockey, got into it nine years ago. He started off as a house league manager and after a year coached Pee Wee house league for two years.

In his fourth year in minor hockey Gilmer coached the Pee Wee 4-town team.

"That was a very exciting year for me," he said. "We won the Newmarket tournament and also took it all in Hanover. It was a good year."

After that year he moved into the Tri-county ranks with the Minor Pee Wees who finished third in league play.

Then he spent a year as coach of the Atom 4-towns and as an assistant with Rep Minor Bantams, who finished second in league play.

For the past three years Gilmer has been at the helm of the minor atoms and so far has been very successful with them.

His first year his club took the Huntsville Tournament championship.

Then last year his club was the OMHA Zone One champions. "Winning an OMHA title gave me a great feeling of accomplishment."

Gilmer still plays hockey himself in pick up non-contact games and says he enjoys that very much.

He said he like coaching in Tri-county because it is very competitive.

"I believe in striving for perfection and you can do that in Tri-county," he said.

Gilmer said he believes that tournament play and the OMHA playdowns are the highlights of the season.

"When we play in tournaments or the playdowns I play my best players as much as possible," he said. "Up until about Christmas I think the players should get equal icetime."

When choosing his players

Gilmer said he looks for three things: skating ability, stick-handling and attitude.

"If a player has great desire, but his skating isn't all that strong I'll keep him," he said.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Although Gilmer said he does strive for perfection and winning, he also rates sportsmanship as being very important.

"I try and set an example when it comes to sportsmanship," he said. "In my years of coaching I've never received a bench penalty."

He also said he works his players hard at practices. "If you work hard at practise and learn, the games will take care of themselves."

The coach also said that the people around the team do a great job. John Doherty is his assistant coach and Fred Hammer his manager. Scott Osborne also helps out at the practises.



Harold Gilmer

Stationery Bants win Silver Stick consolation

The DRG Stationery Major Bantams hustled their way to the consolation championship in the Bramalea Silver Stick Tournament last week.

The competition was extremely keen with 8 very closely matched teams.

Georgetown drew Whitby in the first round, considered to be the first or second best team in the tournament.

Georgetown opened the scoring at the 6:50 mark of the first period with an unassisted goal by Kirk Warnock.

Whitby scored two minutes

later and Paul White ended the scoring in the first period for Georgetown with an unassisted goal.

The second period went scoreless. Whitby came out in the third period with two fast goals, but Georgetown came to play hockey. Kevin Frank from Mike Doucette, Doucette from Anthony Oram and Rlyv Kennedy, put Georgetown ahead 4-3 with less than five minutes left in regulation time.

With less than two minutes to play, Whitby tied the game, causing a 10-minute sudden victory over-time period. Whit-

by continued their momentum with the winning goal, part way through the first over-time period.

The loss to Whitby put the Bants in the consolation side of the tournament. One more loss would terminate Georgetown's involvement in the series.

The Bants met Bay Ridges in their second game and won it 5-2 in a hard fought game. Scoring were Frank from Dave Norton, Oram from Mike Marcolini and Kennedy, Frank from Kirk Warnock, Geordie Adams unassisted and Marcolini from Kennedy and Duane Hatcher. Jeff Walterworth and Kevin Frank played very well during this contest.

This victory set up the final game for the consolation championship: Georgetown vs. Brampton.

In exhibition and league play, Georgetown's record had been 3-0 against this team. This was to be a classic game.

Peter Haller, with a pass to the point from Anthony Oram, opened the scoring at the 9:26 mark of the first period. The remaining part of the period went scoreless with excellent goaltending and defence by Georgetown.

In the second period, at the 9:18 mark, White scored from Adams and Haller. Brampton replied at the end of the second period making the score 2-1.

The third period was a display of fine hockey by both teams. Both goaltenders came up with several key saves as Brampton fought to get that big goal that would tie the score. With over 1 min. left to play, Brampton pulled their goalie in favour of six attackers.

The Georgetown boys put out even more to hold off the Brampton attack, claiming the victory and the championship.

Major Pee Wees earn three points

In two outings recently the Georgetown Standard Products Major Pee Wees earned three of a possible four points.

Joe Richardson led the squad to a close 2-1 victory over Brampton by notching both his team's goals.

Rich Ward earned an assist on the first marker which notched the scored for Georgetown in the second period and the second one, which came with only 1:08 remaining to be played, was a solo effort.

Tom Forbes and Kent Falby were both outstanding in the Georgetown defense.

Georgetown led 2-0 after the first period against Ancaster in a tough, hard hitting game.

Scoring for Georgetown Rich Ward, from Jeff Stevens, Stevens, from John Hodgson, and Falby from Forbes.

Georgetown had an excellent chance to win the game, but good luck was not on their side as Richardson hit the post on three shots.

Pat Brooker and Stevens were standouts in the game which featured Georgetown twice killing off two-men short situations.

Brenda Hill second at winter Games

Brenda Hill, 14, finished second in the pre-novice class at the Ontario Winter Games held in Kingston last weekend.

Brenda, who skates out of the Oakville Figure Skating Club, is the granddaughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hill of McNabb Street in Georgetown.

The young skater has had an excellent year so far, finishing second in the Central Ontario Sections held in Thornhill last month.