

# Ottawa breezes to tournament win

The talent-laden Ottawa 79s were clearly the class of the thirteenth annual Georgetown Midget Hockey Tournament and emerged as champions with a 9-2 victory over Richmond Hill in the final.

The 79s, a team gearing up to take a run at the Canada Cup championship, were only really seriously challenged in one of four games. In the second round they had to squeak out a 6-4 win over a tenacious group of young hockey players from Bowmanville.

### LOST COOL

The Bowmanville game was the only one in which the poised 79s lost their cool. They got into penalty problems which enabled Bowmanville to fight back after

trailing 4-1 late in the second period.

In the final against Richmond Hill there was never a doubt as Ottawa built up a 8-0 lead before their foes finally got on the board.

For Ottawa, who are running away with the league title in the Ottawa Valley District, it was their second tournament win. Earlier they had won their own Ottawa International. In that tournament there were 16 top teams, including the Toronto Marlboros, St. Michael's a Detroit team and the best midget team from Buffalo.

In another big tournament in Timmons Ottawa went to the final where Sault Ste. Marie beat them out.

The 79s will now play in several tournaments including Drummondville, Hull,

Sorel, and Richmond Hill as they ready themselves for the Canada Cup series. The Canada Cup, the replacement for the Wrigley, will be in April at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

"We will have a tough time getting out of our own district for the Canada Cup," said manager Bert Brookes. "There are some very good teams up there."

Brookes said the top midget teams he has seen so far this year are Buffalo, Detroit and Oshawa. Only the last one is a potential opponent for Ottawa in the Canada Cup playdowns.

Ottawa's main strength is team balance. Every player coach Doug Lavallee sent out to take a shift gave it his all. They also have good team size and speed.

Centreman Geoff Dervin, a big, smooth player in the Jean Beliveau tradition, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

### BEST PLAYER OUT

Brookes said that Junior scouts have expressed much interest in Dervin, but he said the player attracting the most attention did not even suit up here.

Defenseman Andy Schliebener is said to be the team's most talented player and Brookes said he would be very surprised if he is not playing in the Junior "A" loop next year. A charley horse kept him out of action here.

Another strong player on the team is centreman Roger Cloutier, who is one of the team's four minor midget

aged players. The others are centre Jim Byrne, goaltender and winger Brian Trombley. All are very talented and should be certain future Junior "A" players.

This tournament was very reminiscent of last year's in which Peterborough ran away with the championship side. There was much debate around the arena as to whether this Ottawa team could beat Peterborough. That matchup would certainly have been very interesting.

Peterborough had a better skating team, but Ottawa has more size. Peterborough had excellent goal scorers and so does Ottawa. A game between the two powers would certainly have been a show case of midget hockey at its best.

At the beginning of the

tournament it was thought Brampton Triple "A" would be able to give Ottawa a battle. The two teams met in the semi-final and Ottawa took an easy 6-2 victory.

The Brampton squad, who had just returned from a tour of Czechoslovakia were the dirtiest and chippiest team in the tournament. Their only competitor in that category was the Double A team from the same city.

A member of the team said they picked up a new bag full of dirty tricks in their tour of Czechoslovakia where several of their players were cut and bruised by European opponents. In any event they were not even in the same league as the 79s when it came to basic hockey skills and team play.



Tournament chairman Bob "Zeke" McCandless presents the championship trophy to Ottawa captain Bruce Kilgour. The tournament was sponsored by Sunny Acre Farms.



Ottawa's Geoff Dervin was named winner of the Bill Chapman Memorial Award as the tournament's Most Valuable Player. He is shown above accepting the trophy from Wayne Chapman.



The Lady Byng Trophy, donated by the referee's, was won by Saltfleet's Bill Curnew. He accepts the prize, a clock radio, from referee Gerry Perkins.

# Local midgets go to second round

The Georgetown Sunny Acre Farms Midgets advanced to the second round of Georgetown Invitational

Tournament where they were defeated 4-2 by Brampton Triple A. In the first round Georgetown defeated

Brampton Double "A" by the same score.

In that first game Bob

Dean, a player still eligible to play minor midget, stole the show as he was a one-man gang for Georgetown.

The first period of the game went scoreless as both teams played it tight defensively.

Brampton got on the scoreboard first in the second period as Darcy Corcoran beat netminder Greg West.

Dean then tallied from Dave Pilote and Dan Reynolds to notch the score for Georgetown.

### PENALTY SHOT

Later in the period Dean broke in alone on the Brampton netminder, but was tripped from behind by a defenseman. The tournament's only penalty shot was called on the play.

On the penalty shot Dean went in and tried to deek, but was foiled in his attempt.

Shortly afterwards Dean broke in again on the Brampton net. This time the centreman did not fool around with any deeks as he rifled a shot in off the post. It was one of the tournament's prettiest goals.

Georgetown went up 3-1 early in the third period when Greg Thompson scored from captain Herby Kewley and Steve Robbins.

Hugh Ward brought Brampton back to within one goal later in the frame, but Pilote replied on a play set up by Kewley to give Georgetown the win.

It was a chippy affair with Brampton taking 11 minors and Georgetown six.

The game was a good warmup for Georgetown as the Brampton Triple "A" side continually took runs at the homeside in the second round.

Rarely did Brampton play at full strength in the contest as they took 15 minors and had two of their players ejected. Georgetown had only four minors called against them.

It was Georgetown's inability to capitalize on the abundant number of infractions committed by the Brampton players that cost them the game.

Brampton jumped ahead

when Rob Montgomery and Tim Wilson tallied in the first period.

### SIMPSON BLAST

In the second period Tom Simpson's blast from the point on a power play brought Georgetown back to within one goal. Dean set up the play.

Later in the period Montgomery got his second of the game and Brampton was up by two again.

Simpson got his second goal of the game early in the third period with John Thorpe and Kevin Thompson earning assists on the play.

With 3:14 left to be played Bob Shorey scored to give Brampton its 4-2 edge.

Although Georgetown did not advance past the second round it was a good showing on their part. It was the second tournament in which Georgetown has come up big. They won the consolation section at the Silver Stick in Brampton.

Coach Neil Cotton had his players maintain their composure in the two games as the Brampton teams tried to physically manhandle the Georgetowners.



It looks like Georgetown Sunny Acres Farms' Bob Dean has an easy one during this rarely called penalty shot, but the Brampton goalie slid over and made the stop. Although Dean missed on the penalty shot, he scored two goals to lead Georgetown to a 4-2 win in the first round. (Herald photo)