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## Making a mountain out of a mole hill

Every once in a while a small event or happening takes place which for the most part usually goes unnoticed by the mass populace but, which shouldn't. It is the type of thing which seldom if ever gets reported. And if it does it may be considered a filler in some corner of a newspaper.

Such an item came to my attention this past Sunday evening at the Gemini hockey game. The Gems were hosting the Burlington Cougars, the third winningest team in the Central Ontario Junior B hockey loop. They are four places ahead of the Georgetown team in the standings. The two teams had played twice before this season. Burlington beat the Gems in the Gems' first game of the year 10-1 and two weeks later the local side won 4-3. Sunday's match was a tie breaker.

There were heavy checks and good and dirty ones too. Many resulted in penalties or scuffles which sometimes broke into roughing and eventually all-out fights. The game was back and forth as first the Cougars would close in on the Georgetown net and immediately the Gems would vigorously move the puck down into the Burlington end for a shot or a goal. Both teams worked feverishly hard trying to accumulate more pucks in the mesh than the other. It made the average person tired just watching the fierce action up and down the ice.

Eventually after 60 minutes of play, when based on sheer effort neither team should have been declared winner, Burlington was awarded the two points based, as it is supposed to be, on the goals scored. They won 5-3.

While the jubilant Cougars congratulated their goaltender the exhausted, weary and generally burnt out Gems made the same gesture towards their goaltender before both teams began to trudge off the ice, generally ignoring each other. All that is, except Gemini number 19.

### A CLASS ACT

Steve Crossman, who had put as much into that game as any player on the ice and perhaps more than most, casually went over to the visitors bench and offered his glove ridden hand in a friendly hospitable gesture of congratulations to first the coach, then the assistant and then the trainer before catching the last of the Cougars on the ice with the same hand that had only minutes earlier tried to shove the puck down their throats in the heat of the game.

I had watched from behind the glassed boards at ice level many times when Crossman would come charging at a Cougar right in front of me, with his mouth wide open as if he were a screaming indian warrior, as he tried to put his opponent through the boards into my lap with a check any way he could. All a part of his type of game of stopping the other team from scoring.

While the rest of the players took the game as just another one finished, Crossman showed some class in saying thanks for the game, no matter who won.

Sometimes it's worth making a mountain out of a mole hill.



Mark and Gordie Howe? That's the way my dad Hugh and I felt this past week while skating up and down the miles of Lake Muskoka. In an unusual freak of nature, which many claimed hadn't happened in over 20 years on the lake, this past Christmas the lake froze before the snow flew. There was six inches of clear blue ice in spots, other places a little less. So, for several days before and after New Years the two of us skated on glass-like ice that eventually turned into a more curling rink type because of a small shower. There were hundreds of locals and visitors enjoying this mini modern phenomenon. We usually continued until after midnight with a bonfire under the full moon. It was great to be alive.

## Fire pee wees extend streak

The United Fire Safety minor pee wees extended their winning streak, in league play, to eight Saturday with a win over Streetsville. The score was 7-0.

Scoring for Georgetown were Brian Doherty with one and Mark Hourie, Mike Teetzel and Sturg Stevens with two each. Assists went to Hurley, Pat Braund, Neil White and Doherty.

The win gives the team a record of 13-0-6 in the won lost and tied columns.

The team competed in the Milton Beaver tournament over the Christmas holidays, winning one game and losing another, both by 7-1 scores. Their first game was the win over Preston, Hurley, Howie with three, Pries, Stevens and Danny Kent were the local goal scorers. Assists went to Scott Campbell, Hurley, Braund and Doherty.

Doherty was the only Fire player able to put the puck past the Milton goaltender in their second game of the tournament.

After returning home from Milton the team held a family skating party at Alcott in place of their regular practice time.

## Optimist Bantams win

In a closely contested 2-1 final against hometown Milton, Georgetown captured the minor bantam division championship of the Milton Beaver Hockey Tournament.

Leading the scoring attack for Georgetown, Jeff Stevens scored what proved to be the winner and assisted on the other tally by John Catling. Other assists came from the

sticks of Kent Falby, Andy Fisher and Mike Daquano.

In the opening round, Georgetown squeezed by Acton 4-3, on goals by John Catling, Scott Taggart, Jeff Stevens and Joe Richardson. Assists went to John Catling, Jeff Stevens, Paul Dobson, Danny Curtis, and Kent Falby.

In advancing to the final,

the minor bantams edged Preston 1-0 on a goal by Jeff Stevens from Paul Dobson.

Coach Bob Webster was extremely pleased with the team effort displayed by the Georgetown boys throughout the tournament. Special mention goes to the defensive efforts of Forbes and Falby and net-minders Poirier and McNiven.



The Georgetown Optimist minor bantams were the winners of the bantam division of the Milton Beaver Hockey Tournament over the Christmas holidays. Members of the team include James Poirier, Mike McNiven, Andy Jones, John Hodgson, John Catling, Paul Dobson, Jeff Stevens, Andy Fisher, Mike Daquano, Captain Joe Richardson holding the trophy, Mark Webster, Scott Taggart, Danny Curtis, Gary Robertson, Kent Falby and Tom Forbes. Coach Bob Webster is in the left corner of the photo with the cap on and manager Gerry Stevens is on the far right. Absent was team trainer Bill Kirby.

## New Golden Age winner

The Golden Age Bowling league is continuing to add new members all the time. More and more seniors are coming out to the Friday afternoon league to get some exercise, enjoy some fun and just try and improve their average. A few members, however, have opted for the sunny south where they can lawn bowl.

One such man is Grant Real, a consistent winner in the mens' divisions. He has gone to Florida but, has been replaced in the winners

circle, for this week anyway by newcomer Irwin Noble. This past week was Real's last week on the winners podium at the lanes, while it was Noble's first visit.

The two gentlemen battled it out for the top two positions in the High single flat and the high triple flat. Both traded stop spots in the two divisions. Noble won the single flat with a 276 to Real's 240. Then in the triple flat Real rolled over Noble 654-607.

Noble took the other handicap classes over Roy Haley.

In the high single handicap it was Noble 327, Haley 306. In the high triple with handicap Noble scored 760 and Haley 725.

On the other side of the lanes the Ladies were dominated by Edith Mills and Ada Locke. Mills took three of the four categories. She was the top bowler in the high single flat edging Locke 201-198. Locke turned that around with a 269-263 score over Mills in the high single with handicap.

Mills continued in the high

triple with handicap scoring a 538 compared to Kay Brochie's 522. She then handed Locke a 724 score of which Locke could only come up with 697 points.

The new year saw the 747's return to the top of the pack in the team standings. They now lead with 78 points. The other teams' scores are: Corner Pins 76, Blue Jays 68, Rolling Pins 60, Slo and Easy 58, Sluggers 57, Six Dolls 56, Expos 54, Half and Half 53, Raiders 48 and Friendly Five 45.

## Atom Selects play in La Belle Province

The Georgetown Atom Select Hockey Team has just returned from a very successful trip to our neighbouring La Belle Province. The team was fortunate in having been invited to participate in an exhibition series in Quebec City during the Christmas holidays. The three games played were under Quebec hockey regulations, and though losing the contests, we were given an excellent display of skating, stick-handling and passing with no body contact.

The first game was played at the host's local arena. It was an evenly matched contest, with the Quebec boys winning 4-3 on a late goal. Mike Ross led the local 4-town squad with two goals, while Robbie Cooper tallied for the remaining goal, with Jason Bew drawing the assist. Excellent goal-tending by Sean Mitton and Greg Bairstow was very evident during the game.

Georgetown's next game was indeed a special treat for both squads, as it was played at the new Physical Education and Sports Pavilion of Laval University in Ste-Foy. Tim Chapman scored from Scott Duggan midway

through the game, but it was not enough to win, as Georgetown lost 5-1.

In their final game, Ron Finn, one of our local NHL officials handled the game. Mark Hillier opened the scoring, with an assist going to Robbie Cooper, and Darrell Young tallied for Georgetown, with Cooper again drawing an assist. In this game the 4-town squad went down to defeat by a score of 10-2.

Though being outscored on the board, the Georgetown Atom Selects were not outdone on sportsmanship or experience gained. The memories of this trip will remain in the hearts of these young athletes far longer than a number on a score sheet.

Travelling with the team were Greg Bairstow, Jason Bew, Tim Chapman, Robbie Cooper, Scott Duggan, Sean Finn, Mark Hillier, Kevin Lindberg, Sean Mitton, Craig Niculucci, Terry Paddle, Richard Percival, Mike Ross, Mike Webster, Darrell Young, and some of the parents of the boys along with coach, Tom Davidson, his wife Rita, and Sheila Finn, co-ordinator.