

Sports Week

Fight suspends Gem-Dixie game

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The Georgetown Gemini hockey club has been fined \$200 and three players each from the Gems and the Dixie Bee Hives have been suspended for four games as a result of Sunday night's fight between players, management and fans, which sent Gem Steve Crossman and trainer Bob 'Zeke' McCandless to hospital. Both

were treated and released from hospital the same night. **OHA ANNOUNCEMENT**
That is the latest word from Ontario Hockey Association secretary-manager Brent Ladds. This is based on a verbal report to the governing body by Sunday night's referee Bill Davorski. Ladds says that a written report is still to come in and the file has not been closed. Both teams have been notified of

the initial reprimands and are on standby for further developments. The OHA will meet Friday evening and announce decision Saturday or Monday.
The score was tied 2-2 with 1:19 left in the second period, Sunday night, when Gem Steve Crossman and Dixie goaltender Rob Hughston were involved in an on-ice

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Legion rewarded for hockey involvement

For their many years of devoted service and involvement in minor hockey in Georgetown, the local 120 branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has been named the 1980 recipient of the Hockey Heritage Award. Hockey Heritage Council Chairman Dave Kentner made the announcement at a press conference Thursday evening.

Although they are not actively involved in hockey this year, the Legion has over the years been instrumental in the involvement of young players in this community. This year, as has been the case for the past 25 years, the Legion will be

feeding the members of the Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament in March. Their association with minor hockey dates back to 1936 and the Little NHL.
Previous winners of the recently inaugurated award, were Jack Harrison and Roy Norton Sr.
Twenty-three different individuals and local organizations were nominated by the public for the award. The 12 members of the Heritage Council had gone over the nominations this past month before making the announcement this week.
On hand for the announcement were Legion President

Harold Badham and first vice-president Norm Ward. In accepting verbal the award they expressed their gratitude in being able to be a part of the Georgetown hockey program over the years.
The official presentation and recognition will come on Feb. 12 at the Holy Cross Auditorium, when 450 hockey people will be on hand for a special dinner. Already half the \$12.50 tickets have been sold, said Kentner.
The guest speakers for the evening will be former Toronto Maple Leaf star Bob Baun and current Leaf players Laurie Boschman and Rocky Saganiuk.

Figure skaters at nationals

Four area figure skaters are in Kitchener and Waterloo this week competing in the Canadian Figure Skating Championships. Dave Watson and Lise Smith of Georgetown, Chris Barber of Glen Williams and Kevin Parker of Campbellville all qualified through local sectionals and national divisionals.

The four skaters, all originally associated with the Georgetown or Acton figure skating clubs but now skating out of different clubs, will be competing against the country's best. They have all registered and have been working out in practices at the two arena sites since Monday in preparation for the start of the Championships today (Wednesday).

Sixteen-year-old Watson, skating out of the Toronto Cricket Club, is making his first appearance in the national finals, in the novice mens' division. He earned the right by placing second in the Central Ontario sectionals in Orillia and the Eastern Canadian divisionals in Markham, both before Christmas. He will be on the ice Friday and Saturday.

Lise Smith will also be skating for the first time in the big ones. The young 13-year-old, going on 14, will be competing in the novice ladies and the novice pairs with Sydney Schanks of Pres-

ton, her home club now. She will be skating the pairs today, figures tomorrow and free skating Saturday.
WINTER OLYMPICS
Chris Barber may get a berth on the Winter Olympic team, going to Lake Placid



Chris Barber

restraints in government only one team was named. It is quite possible that another one could be added from the championships.
It is a good bet that Barber, 19, and Johnson, 18, could win the competition and be named. Just before Christmas they competed in the prestigious Moscow Skate in which they placed ninth behind the top six who were Russians, a Czechoslovakian and another Canadian pair.
Asked how he felt personally about the possibility of a boycott of the summer Olympics, Barber said, "it would break a lot of hearts. If they did I would be upset. The Olympics should go on despite politics."

The top two places in the dance competition will go on to the World Championships, Barber says. He will skate figures Thursday, his short program Friday and long Saturday.

THIRD TIME

Kevin Parker, who skates for the host Kitchener-Waterloo club, is 16 and is making his third appearance at the Canadians. In 1976 he won the novice mens and last year he was second in junior mens'. This year he will be in the senior mens' class.

All four skaters have put many years of dedicated, hard work into their chosen fields and this is one of the rewards. The championships will be shown on the CTV network through the competitions and on the weekend with the Parade of Champions Sunday.



Lise Smith

next month, if he and partner Kelly Johnson can win the senior dance competition. "They've already named one pair to the (Canadian Olympic) team but, because of



Dave Watson



AND THE WINNERS ARE ... Stratford. This talented group of young hockey players won the 14th annual Georgetown midget hockey tournament Sunday at Alcott, topping 15 other teams over the six day schedule of games. It is the third tournament the team has won in as many months. Team members are Jim Redfern, Pat Simons, Tim Adair, Glenn Patterson, Dave Clifford, Ross MacSorley captain, Tim Ball, Mike Booth, Rob Daums, Greg Skinner, Dave Raulerson, Lother Muller, Steve Fiddy, Dan Ryder, Sean Neeley, Garth Green, Scott Tolton, Barry Casey, David Marsh, Dave Skinner, coach Jim Nigro on the right in the glasses, manager Don Fraser behind him and trainer Ernie Smith on the left. Story on pages 28 and 29.

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split a pair of road games on the weekend with the top two teams in their league playing with depleted lineups. See page 27.

appears to be the team to beat in the playoffs. They are undefeated in regular season play. See page 31.

invitational wrestling tournament on Saturday had the Georgetown host school relinquish its 10 year hold of the title. See page 30.