

Sports Week

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Gems still in playoffs?

The Gems could be finished their hockey season this morning or they could have kept their playoff hopes alive by defeating the Burlington Cougars in the fifth game of their Central Ontario Junior B playoffs last night at Alcott. At press time the two teams were just facing off and no score was available.

Sunday the Gems were congratulating each other and patting themselves on the back while shouting they were going to take the final four games of the best of seven series four straight after they had just defeated the Cougars 7-4.

It was a convincing win, and one to show reason for optimism especially in the third period, where the young Gems scored four times after entering the last third of the game with a 3-3 tie.

Dave McGilloway led a strong team effort with four goals as the team faced a do-or-die situation, after having lost their first three encounters. Earlier they had lost 7-1, 5-1 and Friday at the Burlington Gardens 6-5 in overtime. Had they won that game, combined with Sunday's win the series would have been tied at two and prevented them

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Dave McGilloway shows how happy he and his Geminal team-mates were about winning the fourth game of their playoffs with Burlington Sunday night to force last night's fifth playoff game, at Alcott. McGilloway had just scored his fourth goal of the game to guarantee the Gems of the 7-4 win.

Bantam tournament will have 700 players

The largest bantam hockey tournament in Canada is set to go in Georgetown, for the 20th consecutive year, two weeks this Saturday. The international event will bring more than 700 boys from 44 teams located on both sides of the 49th parallel into town for the week long slate of games from March 15 to 22.

Tournament chairman Don Jarvie says that more than 2,000 people will be involved in bringing the 79 games of hockey to Memorial arena. The round robin finals will be held at Gordon Alcott the last day.

Although most of the preparations have been completed, Jarvie says the tournament committee is still looking for billets for the players and their coaches, kitchen help and ticket takers at the games. Those able to help accommodate can contact Karen Harrison at 877-3922. Young girls willing to help at the Legion with the feeding of the boys should get in touch with Jesse Hayes at 877-4522 or Gerry Murphy at 877-9938. Interested ticket takers should call Glen Stroule at 877-0219.

The tourney, now reaching its second decade, has had some illustrious hockey figures pass through it. Daryl Sittler, of the Toronto Maple Leafs has played, as have Marcel Dionne of the Los Angeles Kings and Pete

Mahovlich of the Detroit Red Wings along with some 60 other big league name players. There have even been 13 NHL referees who have played or officiated at the Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament.

There will be 16 A-class (based on population) teams and only six D class teams competing with the rest either B or C says Jarvie, which should provide for some excellent hockey. Teams confirmed are: Detroit SA, defending 1979 champions, Georgetown, Peterborough, Copper Cliff, Dixie, Uxbridge, Waldon, Woodstock, Unionville, Milton, Levaek, Collingwood, Brockville, Peterborough (2), Beamsville, Willowdale, Bellville, Windsor, St. Thomas, Brampton, Thornhill, Detroit Little Caesars, Bowmanville, Burlington, Simcoe, Stratford, Brampton (2), Hamilton, Chinguacousy, Oakville, Kitchener, Owen Sound, Detroit Arday Nationals, Windsor (2), Bolton, Markham, Hamilton (2), Oakridges, Brantford, Niagara Falls, Hespeler, Acton, Toronto Red Wings and Streetsville.

The teams will be divided into A, B, C and D divisions for a double game knockout. The winners of each division will playoff in a round robin series the final day at Alcott where the championship will be decided.



Georgetown Pontiacs

In 1966 Georgetown won its own coveted International Bantam Hockey Tournament. The Pontiacs are left to right, front row, Clive Llewellyn, Paul Fendley, Doug Wiles, John Blair, Dwayne Hay, Bob Neil, Marty Fowler, Neil Korzack and Benny

Hepes. Back row, from the left, coach Ron Dixon, stick boy Blake Dixon, Ron Fogal, Bill Neil, Bruce Davies, Jerry Nash, Gord Foster, Glen Chapman, Ray Ingles, manager Jamie Cunningham and Bill Korzack.

Ineligible player costly to Akers

An ineligible player may cost Akers-Clark a better chance at winning the Georgetown Industrial Hockey League championship title.

When the season ended Sunday, an official complaint was launched against the team questioning eligibility of Brian Hurley of the Akers-Clark team. It turns out he played for the Owen Sound Greys of the intermediate A league as well as the local Sunday morning loop.

Because of it, the seven points the team accumulated in the four affected games he played have been forfeited by the league.

This means the team will slip from second in the standings to fourth. And that means they will meet the powerful league winners, Norval, in the first round of playoffs Sunday. The other best three-out-of-five series will feature second place Glen Warriors and third place Philp Publishing, the defending champions. United Rental and the Royal Pizza Kings did not win enough games to qualify.

The standings will now show, after the league meeting Monday night, Norval in first with 40 points, Glen Warriors 23, Philp Publishing 22 and Akers-Clark 18.

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Figure skaters celebrate 25 years

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club is throwing itself a 25 year anniversary party this Sunday at Gordon Alcott. All former members, presidents, coaches, executive, parents and anyone else associated with the club over the years have been invited to join in the celebrations.

Carol Lamb, current president of the 270 member club, says that when the club began a quarter of a century ago in 1955 there were just 69 skaters.