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Look out girls, the bantams are on their way

Well, there's a big hockey tournament coming to town this week. The largest in Canada of its kind, bantam that is. Young boys from all over the province and even a few foreigners from south of the border will also be skating their way into Georgetown for the 10 day event of hockey and merriment.

Hockey tournaments are to Canadian boys what conventions are to American men. They mean a time to enjoy some work along with their fun. As with both, the purpose for coming is one thing and the reason another. The motto of such excursions is "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Kind of an appropriate way to describe the international hockey tournament that has been running here for 20 years. Most of the players and team officials come under the guise of playing hockey. But, as with all school breaks for youngsters it is a time of relaxation and enjoyment.

There will be more socializing and partying going on around town, for the young 13 and 14-year-olds, than there will be victory celebrations. Girls beware. With 700 supposedly healthy young hockey players running around, you're bound to run into them. And, who knows where.

Many fine stars have made their way through this tournament on their way up. However the majority who have passed through were not so much aspiring hockey players but young boys who want to be men. Both achieved their goals of scoring white here.

It will be a wonderful experience for all 2,000 people associated with the tourney. There will be some fond and some not so fond memories, that's what hockey tournaments are all about. More on these types of anecdotes next week.

Athletes are a strange breed. You know, the loneliness of a long distance runner. They put so much into what they do and expect to be rewarded with gold for their arduous endeavors, rather than simple self satisfaction. The Olympic athletes, so gravely and deeply concerned about the possible outcome of the international competitions, are typical.

Granted, they work hard but, most know they aren't going to win, place or even show in the big leagues, yet they go on complaining.

One exception may be Georgetown's Ian Clark. He has spent the better part of his young life propelling his piston-like legs over any type of terrain that gets in his way. He has put his heart and soul and those of many others into a pair of sneakers to prove something.

Not just that he can move faster than the second hand on the stop watch, but that he can do something with a sense of general proficiency.

This week his career and all the time he put into it, came to a peak. The pinnacle of his young life. At the World Cross Country Championships in Paris, France he dropped out of a race many thought and hoped he would win, including himself some months before he set foot on the Longs Champs racetrack.

What did he have to say about dropping out and blowing his big chance to achieve world notoriety. Nothing really. He took it all in stride, so to speak. He probably realizes that one day he will get another chance, maybe not as big but, to him he is his sport and his sport is him right now and no single race is going to upset an otherwise rewarding running career. Now he's the kind of athlete the world needs instead of the belly-achers who have probably been all around the world at the taxpayers expense and still thinks he deserves more. No Sir, I say.

Sport is supposed to be fun and combined skill and enjoyment. None do it better than the infamous Harlem Globetrotters. The American basketball players have been putting on exhibitions for 54 years now and have played before 95 million people in 97 countries around the world.

Friday they will be at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto for one appearance. They play 400 games a year, usually winning most. They are worth a season's ticket of most sports to see them once.

If you want to see real sports ambassadors, hit the big smoke Friday.

GMHSG league playdowns

Novice vs. Burlington (League Championship)
 1. Sun. Mar. 9 at Burl. Geo. 2 - Burl. 1
 2. Tues. Mar. 11 6:45 Memorial
 3. Thurs. Mar. 13 7:00 Burl.
 4. Sat. Mar. 15 3:15 Alcott
 5. Mon. Mar. 17 7:00 Burl.

Minor Atom vs. Oakville: defeated Oakville 4-1 (Thurs.) and 3-0 (Sat.) - advanced to next round with Brampton.

1. Sun. Mar. 9 at home Geo. 9 - Bram. 2
 2. Tues. Mar. 11 at Brampton
 3. Thurs. Mar. 13 6:30 Alcott
 4. Sat. Mar. 15 3:15 Brampton
 5. Sun. Mar. 16 12:30, Alcott

Major Atoms begins final O.M.H.A. series with Kitchener on Thurs., Mar. 13 - 8 p.m. - Memorial Arena.

Minor Pee wee vs. Guelph
 1. Fri., Mar. 7 at home Geo. 5 - Guelph 1
 2. Sun., Mar. 9 at Guelph Geo. 5 - Guelph 3
 3. Tues., Mar. 11 8 p.m. Memorial
 4. Wed., Mar. 12 at Guelph
 5. Thurs., Mar. 13 6:45 Memorial

Major Pee wee vs. Brampton
 1. Thurs., Mar. 6 Geo. 6 - Brampton 3
 2. Sun., Mar. 9 Geo. 5 - Brampton 4 (overtime)
 3. Thurs., Mar. 13 7:45 Alcott
 4. Sun., Mar. 16 at Brampton
 5. Sat., Mar. 22 5:45 Memorial

Minor Bantams defeated Guelph 3-1 on Sun., Mar. 9 to advance to next series with Milton.

1. Mon., Mar. 10 in Milton
 2. Wed., Mar. 12 in Milton
 3. Thurs., Mar. 13 9 p.m. Alcott
 4. Sat., Mar. 15 8:45 p.m. Alcott
 5. Sun., Mar. 16 in Milton

Major Bantam vs. Burlington (tentative depending upon Burl. - Streetsville outcome on Mon., Mar. 10).

1. Wed., Mar. 12 in Burl.
 2. Thurs., Mar. 13 9 p.m. Memorial
 3. Sun., Mar. 16 in Burl.
 4. to be decided
 5. to be decided

Minor Midgets defeated Dundas 7-3 Thurs., Mar. 6 to advance to next series with Burlington.

1. Sun., Mar. 9 at home Geo. 6 - Burl. 4
 2. Tues., Mar. 11 in Burl.
 3. Wed., Mar. 12 in Burl.
 4. Sat., Mar. 15 7 p.m. Alcott
 5. Wed., Mar. 19 in Burl.

Major Midget vs. Brampton
 1. Thurs., Feb. 28 Geo. 8 - Bram. 4
 2. Sun., Mar. 2 Geo. 2 - Bram. 1
 3. Mon., Mar. 3 Geo. 1 - Bram. 2
 4. Thurs., Mar. 6 Geo. 1 - Bram. 3 (overtime)
 5. Fri., Mar. 7 Geo. 1 - Bram. 2 (overtime)

Sports Camp novices battle flu bug to win first game of playoffs

Playing on sheer desire, with half their ranks decimated by the flu bug, the Georgetown Sports Camp Novices hustled their way to an exciting, hard fought 2-1 victory against Burlington in the first game of their best of five tri-county championship series.

The locals, favorites in the series, arrived in Burlington with eight healthy bodies plus four more who left their sick beds to dress with their team-mates. Three other regulars including high scoring centre Brent Presswood were unable to make the trip.

Despite what seemed like unsurmountable odds, the Campers played their hearts out and were rewarded with the victory.

Curtis Green, between the pipes, was outstanding as he made save after save in

spectacular fashion. All the forwards excelled with their back checking, particularly Andrew Hoddinott who was by far the best skater on the ice.

Coach Lorito praised his defense who stood their ground and were not to be intimidated in front of their own net.

Georgetown opened the scoring in the second minute of the opening period as Kevin Roe stole a loose puck inside the blue line and drifted a shot through a maze of players into a corner of the net.

Burlington tied the score midway through the second period but Mark Lorito put the locals to stay as he combined on a pretty play with Adam Bennett and Alan Giray. A defensive shell for the best period preserved the

victory.

The next game in the series

was played last night (Tuesday) at the Georgetown Memorial Arena.

Fire pee wees having no trouble

The Georgetown Fire Safety minor pee wees opened their best of five Ontario Minor Hockey Association semi-final playoff round with a 5-1 win over Guelph Friday night at Gordon Alcott arena. Sunday they took the second game 5-3 in Guelph. Last night (Tuesday) the second game of the series was played at Memorial arena. No score was available at press time.

Georgetown opened early in the first period with a goal by Mark Howie from Jon Hammer that stood until 22 seconds remained in the second period when Guelph tied it up.

Howie got what proved to be the winner, 2:20 into the final period when Hammer worked the puck to him. Mike Hurley notched a hat-trick to round out the scoring. Assists went to Howie, Mark Pries, Danny Kent, Hammer and Neal White.

Their second win of the series, on Sunday in Guelph, was a narrow one with the winning goal coming with

just five and a half minutes remaining to play. After taking an early 2-0 lead in the first period, on goals by Mike Teetzel from Sturg Stevens, and Danny Kent from Pat Braund and Pries, they let Guelph come back to tie them in the third.

Teetzel from Kent and White put Georgetown back in front until Guelph tied it up once again with 9:10 left in the game. Howie scored the game winner with less than six minutes to play, assisted by Brian Doherty. Hammer put in the insurance marker 24 seconds later assisted by Teetzel. Georgetown then went into a defensive shell preventing Guelph from getting a shot on goaltender Steve Tucker.

The series could have wound up last night at Memorial had Georgetown won. If not the fourth game will go tonight (Wednesday) in Guelph. If another Guelph win brings a split in the series the fifth and deciding game will go at Memorial at 6:45 tomorrow (Thursday).

Standard Product pee wees score shorthanded goals

The Georgetown Standard Product Minor Pee Wees took a two game lead in their best of five tri-county playoff series with Brampton Sunday with a 5-4 overtime win. They won their first game 6-3 Thursday.

The series was almost tied as the local pee wees were behind near the end of Sunday's game as the Brampton team made them fight hard to tie the game and force the overtime. With still no score 7:20 into the 10 minute overtime, Georgetown got a double minor.

That's when the old team spirit really came alive as they notched a pair of shorthanded goals by Brent Smith and Keith Rieger from Jay Anderson.

John Barclay from Smith,

Wayne Morrow from Smith, and Rieger from Stephen Marcolini and Scott Farley were the other Georgetown goal-getters.

In the first game, backed by the steady work of goaltender Mark Bertrand, the Standard Pee Wees took the game 6-3. Jay Anderson from Mike O'Brien and Glen Leslie started the team's scoring. John Barclay from Farley, Smith unassisted, Anderson again, from Barclay and Morrow kept the scoring going for the locals. Steve Turner from Smith and Rieger, and Morrow from Marcolini totalled the Georgetown scoring.

The two teams get back at it tomorrow (Thursday) evening at Gordon Alcott at 7:45.

Optimist bantams in OMHA semis

The Georgetown Optimists minor bantams opened their Ontario Minor Hockey Association semi-final playoff series with Milton Monday night.

The local team advanced into this round on the strength of their 7-1 point win spread in a six-point total series against Guelph.

Saturday the bantams won that quarter-final play in Guelph where they fought their way to a 3-1 win.

Scoring for the Optimists were Joe Richardson from Andy Fisher, Scott Taggart from Mark Webster and Danny Curtis, and Gary Robertson from Paul Dobson and John Catling.