

Sports Week

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The Georgetown Optimist minor bantams had their hands full Monday as they did battle with the Oshawa Red Wings in a two-game total-goal dual in the International Bantam Hockey Tournament going on this week at Memorial arena. The Wings knocked the locals out with a 7-4 edge in goals. More on page 33

Raiders - Collingwood meet at Alcott tonight

The Raiders play their second game of the second round of playoffs against Collingwood tonight at 8:30 at Alcott. It could be the end of the best of three series for one of the teams. Last night the two teams battled it out on Shipbuilder ice. At press time the game was just facing off. A third game will be played in Collingwood tomorrow if necessary.

The Georgetown Intermediate A team advanced to this best of three series on the strength of a pair of wins, Friday at home and Saturday in Port Elgin, over the Sunocos. The scores were 5-2 and 5-1.

Now the locals face an

opponent with whom they have a better season record against but with whom their games have always been a toss-up.

"In a three game series anything can happen," maintains Raider coach Steve Blundy, as he did with the Port Elgin match-up. "I'm just glad we came out of that (Sunocos series) healthy."

The Raiders are in good shape mentally for tonight's game. They had full benches for both their weekend games and played with good spirit said Blundy. "There's no four out of seven (game series)," here says the coach. "We can't grind it out. It is going to be the team that

plays the tightest or has the best power play" that is going to win.

The Collingwood playoffs were supposed to start Sunday night, because of a tight Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) schedule. But the Raiders could not comply on such short notice due to being unable to contact players in time.

"Our offense has to put out," says Blundy. "We have the second best power-play and penalty killing" in the league says the coach optimistically. "We have a good squad," says the coach. "We're real experienced people and I'm relying on the spirit and pride of the guys," to get the Raiders through, says Blundy.

Are intermediates broke?

Georgetown Raider hockey president Bob Hooper flatly denies the club is broke. He does however admit that players will have to wait to be paid their expense money, because

of poor attendance this season.

The Herald has learned that the hockey club sent letters to team players informing them that the club could not pay

them and asked them to ride along with them until such times as funds become available. The club is ranked as an amateur in the eyes of the Ontario Hockey Association.

Legion Br 120 wins provincial curling title

A dramatic 11th (extra) end finish enabled Georgetown Branch 120 of the Royal Canadian Legion to successfully defend its Ontario Provincial Legion Senior Curling championship Sunday at North Halton. The local hometown host favourites knocked off Belleville in the final game of the round robin bonspiel, to top the nine team entries with the most wins and gain a berth in the Dominion finals in Halifax April 14-20.

Going into the last game of the four day spiel, the two finalists had only lost one game each, winning seven. As defending champs of the event, the Georgetown rink of Ken Taplin, Pat Chamberlain, Gord Campbell and Harvey Chappel were naturally expected to do well.

But, heading into the 10th end of what was supposed to be the last end, Belleville had a 4-2 lead. After some in-and-out housework by his teammates, Chappel drew his

team's last two stones into the house almost on the button to steal two points and tie the game and force the extra end.

Once again Chappel came through with an outstanding final shot leaving the Belleville skip Charlie Glithero the final rock. His near miss gave Georgetown its second trip to the Canadians in as many years and sent up such a roaring cheer of approval from the more than 150 watching from the clubhouse that it could easily be heard through the glass onto the ice.

"The papers and forms have been filled out and the tickets are ready," to fly the team east in three weeks says Branch President Harold Badham.

The Georgetown team, unlike some of the others competing, do not play together during the regular season so they will have to regroup in time for the Canadians. In

fact skip Chappel will have to return from his winter home in Florida to make the nationals. And, second, Chamberlain will be returning from the Silver Broom world championships in Moncton he is attending next week to return east with his team.

As provincial champions Georgetown will once again be hosting next year's finals, with pleasure says bonspiel chairman Mac McLean.

This will be the fourth time Branch 120 has hosted the best senior men's curlers in Ontario in the past 12 years.

The team, this year, had to overcome 63 other District B teams to earn the right to represent the district at these finals. This is, in itself somewhat of an accomplishment since not all that often does the team who won the championship the year before get a team into the same championship the next year, let alone win it.

Halton Sports Camp novices win tri-county

The North Halton Sports Campers wrote their names on the logs of local history over the past weekend by winning the first ever Tri-County Championship for a Georgetown Novice Rep team, playing against triple A competition.

Backed-up by the spectacular goaltending of Curtis Green and the sheer hustle and desire of all thirteen skaters, Georgetown defeated Burlington's Triple A contingent three games to one to capture the final series.

After winning the first game in Burlington, the Campers returned home to familiar surroundings but were upset 2-1 on a goal scored with only two minutes remaining in the third period. This game was extremely even and could have gone either way.

It was 1-0 for Burlington until Brent Presswood tied it up with just over three minutes remaining. This set the stage for Burlington's eventual game winner.

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The series then switched to Burlington and our local favorites played their hearts out in a game that was televised in the Hamilton area.

Green in goal, made Jason Knight's goal, on a pass from John Brooker, stand up for a 1-0 shutout victory.

With Georgetown ahead two games to one, the series switched back to Alcott arena. In this game, the Campers were determined to end it and they did in convincing fashion by defeating their opposition 4-1.

Before the first period was over it was 4-0 for Georgetown, on goals by Brent Presswood, Jeremy Felce, Adam Bennett and Travis Gardner. The locals then went in to a defensive shell and their opposition had very few opportunities to get back into the game.

A lot of the credit for the final series outcome has to

go to the defensive corps of Adam Bennett, John Brooker, Chris McCarthy, and Doug McDermot, who improved gradually all season and reached their peak in the playoffs.

Much of the credit for the teams' success all year has to be attributed to the dedication and efforts of the team's coaches and manager Rick Lorito, Keith Bennett and Earl Rembish.

Winning the tri-county championship is a feather in the cap of everyone who contributed. Team members are as follows: Curtis Green, goal; Doug McDermot, Chris McCarthy, John Brooker, Adam Bennett, Jason Knight, Travis Gardner, Jeremy Felce, Brent Presswood, Joel Burton, Kevin Roe, Andrew Hoddinott, Mark Lorito, Alan Gray and Chris Berry, goalie (who moved to B.C. just before the finals).