

How the Jaycees stole winter's blues



Robyn Green didn't have too much difficulty getting a grip on this doughnut at the doughnut-eating contest but she did have trouble keeping the doughnut on the hook. The contest was organized and run by students from Acton High School.

Despite one flattened "monsterball", aching joints and bruised shins, the success of Winterfest '81 already has at least one Georgetown Jaycee organizer predicting "bigger and better things" for next year.

Over 1,000 spectators and participants passed through the gates of Fairgrounds Park Saturday, taking advantage of an early morning sun but remaining undaunted as the thermometer dipped later in the day.

"We're quite pleased to see the whole event come off as well as it did," Winterfest chairman Bill Pshyk told The Herald Monday, adding that the "deep-freeze" dance held in the Armory Saturday night was also sold out.

Optimism in the aftermath of this year's Winterfest indicates that the event might grow into a weekend event for its third anniversary in 1982.

Women drivers finished in the top two positions of the Kinsmen 100-kilometre car rally. Garry and Helina Evans took first place, Mark and Joan Duncan, second and Keith Napp and Brian Webster third. Rally chairman Brian Markham reported 13 entries.

In another type of driving contest, David Heller smashed his way to victory in the Optimists' nail-driving competition. David took three hits to clinch top spot.

Ron Ritchie ripped his way to a first-place finish in the senior men's log-sawing contest. Brian Collier managed a 10-second time to snatch the top spot in the junior men's competition, while Sandra Timteck took the senior ladies' and Wendy Leuenberger the junior ladies' events.

Arousing the curiosity of hundreds, the monsterball tournament, organized by the GDHS student council, was won by the Marywood Maulers, a Georgetown neighborhood team which proved tenacious in broomball as well.

A town staff-council team was also featured in the monsterball tourney. There's some speculation they would have won the event, had not



Harald Bransch, one of The Herald's Georgetown and District High School reporters, warms-up just before the actual log-sawing contest began Saturday during the Jaycees' Winterfest at Fairgrounds Park. Unfortunately, when Optimist-sponsored contest, concluded, Harald wasn't among the finalists, perhaps bothered by a little "logger's elbow".

the ball, donated by Brampton's Keg Restaurant, suddenly deflated in mid-field.

The toboggan relay races organized by the First Georgetown Scouts managed to attract 54 participants, many winning trophies and medallions donated by Winterfest sponsors.

While they didn't count for points this year, the dog sled races held at the Park may be part of the pro-circuit in 1982. Dog sled race organizer Jeff Pantling said 13 entries took part in the event.

Mr. Pshyk pointed out that

the GDHS Outers' Club was active during Winterfest, operating the food booth, tracking ski trails for cross-country enthusiasts and building two ice-huts.

Winterfest '81 committee members deserve credit for the success of the second annual winter carnival. Members include Jack Wallinga, Dale Thebideau, Doug Penrice, Tony Evers, Paul Atkinson, Earle Stokley, Jeff Pantling and Bill Smith. Jaycette Diane Penrice also helped out.



Monsterball is no game for the weak or faint-hearted, as can be seen from this stampede in which a few of the players fell by the wayside. Members of Halton Hills council and the town

staff were taking on all comers in the monsterball tournament Saturday, but the ball failed to hold up under all the punishment and burst during a match late in the day.

Herald photos by Lori Taylor and Harald Bransch



Mayor Pete Pomeroy started the cars in the Kinsmen car rally Saturday. Thirteen cars were entered, and the first and second prizes were awarded to women drivers who made it safely through the 100-kilometre course.

The action was inside as well as outside at Winterfest. As well as a warming-up area inside the Armory, there were displays from local businesses. These three young ladies, (left to right) Jennifer French and Kim and Nancy Hollinger, took advantage of the display by Hazen's to test out this snowmobile.



Megan Palmer and her father, Jim, had the chance to become acquainted with the big horses which were carrying Winterfest visitors around the track at the fairgrounds. The horses hauled a haywagon around the track, giving passengers a clear view of the various activities going on across the fields.



The air around the fairgrounds was enlivened with the sound of barking dogs as sled dog owners arrived to race their dogs around the nearby streets and along the track. Sled dog owners came from some distance to participate in the races.

Former NHL star Pierre Pilote was one of the guest referees in the broomball tournament organized by the Elks Lodge.



Appropriately pictured in front of the frozen foods section, Winterfest's Benny Brave Beaver stopped by the Halton Hills Plaza Miracle Mart Monday to help Acton recreation co-ordinator Joy Gwilliam do a "little" shopping. Joy, shown here with Miracle's grocery manager, Steve Terry, and Winterfest chairman Bill Pshyk (pushing cart), won the \$200 gate prize during Saturday's Winterfest sponsored by the Georgetown Jaycees. The prize was in the form of 20 \$10 grocery vouchers redeemable at Miracle Mart.

'WE WUZ ROBBED!' Broomball's 'bad guys' top the Herald Angels 2-1

"We have met the enemy, and they're better at broomball than journalism," was the terse, teeth-grinding comment offered by Herald Angels spokesman Paul Dorsey following his team's 2-1 loss in the sport's "War of the Weeklies" Saturday.

Prodded by the town recreation department, challenged by The Herald and finally signed up by the organizing Elks Lodge, a strong team from the Georgetown Independent dispatched the less-skilled Angels in their opening match before coolly climbing into second place overall by day's end.

At prestime Tuesday, volunteer Elks were dragging the bottom of the final standings list for the remains of various Herald Angels and players from several other teams.

Confirmed for the time being is the French Club's impressive, trophy-winning first-place standing: uniformed and well-trained, they routed the Independent 7-1 in the final. Behind the Independent in third place was the Rotary Club.

A long day of slippin' and a-slidin' on the rinks of Fairgrounds Park took its toll on many of the broomball players, but the exhilarating weather, hilarious mishaps, exciting upsets and special appearances by guest referees Pierre Pilote (former NHL great), Ron Finn (NHL referee), Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid, Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed and former MP Ross Milne all made the event well worthwhile for just about everyone involved.

Along with sore muscles and bruised egos, the tournament produced two things: a promising proposal for an informal broomball league to be organized next fall, involving many of the service clubs and other groups that took part in Winterfest '81, and hopefully lots of others; and some, barely audible talk of a War of the Weeklies grudge re-match at Georgetown Memorial Arena, with all proceeds going to charity.

Several Herald Angels have enthusiastically endorsed the idea as an opportunity to answer what they term "the sports upset of the decade".

But the more honest spokesmen among the Angels had

to admit that they were athletically outclassed on the ice, surviving a wave after wave of Independent offensive manoeuvres only through the goaltending grace of Herald shop foreman Dave Hastings. Independent publisher Ken Bellamy traded the ball with teammates Robin Incoce, Jim Donovan, Dave Dodds, Tim Coles and others for incessant bombing missions against the Herald net, all but two of which were unsuccessful due to last-second deflections or misses.



Herald editor Paul Dorsey's kamikaze-style headband didn't quite lend his team the amoral sensibilities he'd hoped for: The Herald Angels lost Saturday's War of the Weeklies broomball showdown at Winterfest to the Georgetown Independent 2-1. Our editor saw eye to eye with his Independent counterpart, Hartley Coles, for a change when the Winterfest mascot, Benny Brave Beaver, got them together for the official face-off. Looking on were the game's celebrity referees, Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed and former Brampton-Georgetown MP Ross Milne, who were less than "liberal" in calling penalty shots against transgressors from both teams.

The Angels had stars of their own (besides the ones editor Dorsey saw every time the ice surface stopped running before his feet did), Myles Gilson, though nearly twice the age of editorial staff members who were quote-anchoring-unquote the team, helped Dave carry the Angels to near-victory with a goal in each of the team's games.

The Herald's second match of the tournament came later in the day when a widely diverse Kiwanis Club team joustled with the journalists for a 2-2 tie. With a potential dispute hanging over his head and Rev. Ric Ruggie threatening divine vengeance for his fellow Kiwanians, editor Dorsey expressed concern that his right running shoe may have had something to do with the second Herald goal. The editor remains unsure; the running shoe isn't talking.

Knocking in the only other Herald goal of the season thus far, sports editor Dave Rowney lived up to his title with a tasteful, tactful, one-third of a hat trick against the Kiwanians. Also showing somewhat more than a Tibetan hermit's understanding of team-oriented sports was senior reporter Chris Aagaard, who deserves full discredit and the disdain of his battered colleagues for having organized the newspaper's involvement in the first place.

According to Herald publisher Bill Evdokimoff, reporter Aagaard's next appearance in a community recreational event will be as the ship's rudder aboard The Herald's Crazy Boat Race entry this spring.

Also awaiting it out to varying degrees of success Saturday were the Flag Football League contingent, the town recreation department, the Marywood (Meadows) Maulers, Dave's BP and the Delrex Smoke Shop, the Newfoundland Club and the Elks themselves.

AND NOW A WORD FROM THE LADY ANGELS:

Although not mentioned in the above article, we (Annie Olsen, Mary Lou Egerton, Barb Squire, Donna Tatton and Michelle Roy), feel that we did a tremendous job in both offensive and defensive positions in last Saturday's games. We hope in future stories about the Herald Angels, Paul (Wildman) Dorsey will see fit to mention the stronger sex.



While they failed to topple their crosstown rivals, the Georgetown Independent, the Herald Angels managed to have an uproarious good time during the Winterfest broomball tournament Saturday at Fairground Park. Members of Saturday's team came from the newspaper's composing room, advertising and editorial staffs and there's talk of a rematch at some future date to settle the grudge once and for all. Pictured above, front row (left to right) are Annie Olsen, Michelle Roy and Dave Rowney. In the back row are Myles Gilson, Donna Tatton, Mary Lou Egerton, Paul Dorsey, Dave Hastings, Barb Squire and Chris Aagaard.