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## Herald conducts chat with GDMHA's Tom Davidson



Novice house league players from Williams Electric (dark sweaters) and Harris Systems were seen battling over the puck last Friday at Gordon Alcott Arena. (Herald photo)

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In preparation for Minor Hockey Week in Canada, The Herald interviewed the presidents of both the Georgetown Support Group (Rep) hockey and the Georgetown District Minor Hockey Association (GDMHA - House League, Tier 2, Selects).

The Herald: Can you see any other areas new to the GDMHA that has improved?  
Tom Davidson: "We developed in the Selects and Tier II. We're providing more hockey. We're providing the players that want to travel the opportunity to do so."

To any player that wanted to be carded this year, the card means you can play exhibition games outside your league or in tournaments.

And so we are endorsing travelling. Our house league teams can...more power to them if they want to play exhibition games against Burlington or Brampton.

As in the Flash Taxi situation, we're more than happy to have them go to tournaments because that's really where you get the greatest enjoyment out of minor hockey.

The Herald: Maybe you could explain the difference between Tier II and the remaining Selects teams in Georgetown?  
Tom Davidson: "The Selects is a house league All-Star team. The maximum a Select team can play is two games per month and I believe it's two or three tournaments maximum."

The thought is to provide the house league players with a little bit more competition, a little more opportunity to travel. What the OHA doesn't want are people to stack Selects teams or they don't want players to not play for their Tri County team or their Tier II team who may play for a Select team, then go to tournaments to beat everybody."  
The Herald: As opposed to the Tier II's who play once per week?  
Tom Davidson: "Once a week, now Tier II as I said, that's an experimental league. That's not a normal Tier II. Tier II is normally just a second rep team where you play a whole lot of teams and have a whole lot of practices and they go all over the place."

What the Tier II in Georgetown now is, they play once a week, one week at home, one week away so it's a house league type format in playing and also practising once per week. It's two hours per week maximum and we allow our teams to go to a maximum of three tournaments.

Our Tier II is an experimental Tier II to my knowledge it's the only one in Ontario. I know the Ontario Minor Hockey Association is looking at it very carefully because I really feel it will be the forerunner of hockey in the future and because of energy costs, transportation costs and outside interests it's really a big commitment by the player and the parent to now play in a Rep organization."

The Herald: As far as ice time allocation works in town with minor hockey, do you foresee any problems in the next little while in accommodating the number of hockey teams in town?  
Tom Davidson: "Most definitely, there are a number of areas...first of all, we have no extra ice time at the moment, we are strapped. We have nothing available."

Tri-County is working with us, not entirely for our benefit. Tri-County would like to see our Tier II expanded because if we develop a better Tier II system then those players will put more pressure on their own Tri-County players which will then create a better competitive atmosphere and then hopefully they get better teams."

So extra ice they have, they are letting us use it for our Tier II teams only, to my knowledge. Our Selects, we have it in Minor Atom and Pee Wee, I personally would like to see it through the whole league, but there's no ice.

I'd like to expand it to Bantam next

In our talks with GDMHA president Tom Davidson, he agreed to a taped interview in which it was understood that edited transcripts would be published in The Herald during Minor Hockey Week.

year which means probably Atom and Pee Wee Selects will have to suffer a little bit - maybe an hour a month. They'll have to find their own ice for practices.

The Town in January is supposedly coming up with a new format. I think the hours were going to stay the same, but the rates would change possibly so that the more people an association can use on the ice, the better the rate: a user-pay philosophy.

On the topic of ice time, for the GDMHA we would like to get practice time for teams, but there's no ice right now.

If anybody is concerned about this issue and would like to see the kids get more ice, I'd be more than happy to have them step forward not by themselves but with me, with us, and make a presentation or look into the ways that would make it more viable."

The Herald: As far as the future of minor hockey goes, maybe you could speak of what your impressions of the future holds for not only minor hockey in Canada, but minor hockey in Georgetown?  
Tom Davidson: We, if we hit the ice, can't do anymore than we're doing with the ice we've got. That's a fact. We just can't. If ice becomes available...I would like to see Selects both major and minor. I think Tier II may also go minor-major."

We're getting 70-80 people to try out for our Tier II and so it's got to be a popular extension of our house league.

In the Development Program, we'd like to see every house league kid get two hours per week. That's a goal that can't be met because of ice restrictions. But hopefully we can work that out for some of the teams.

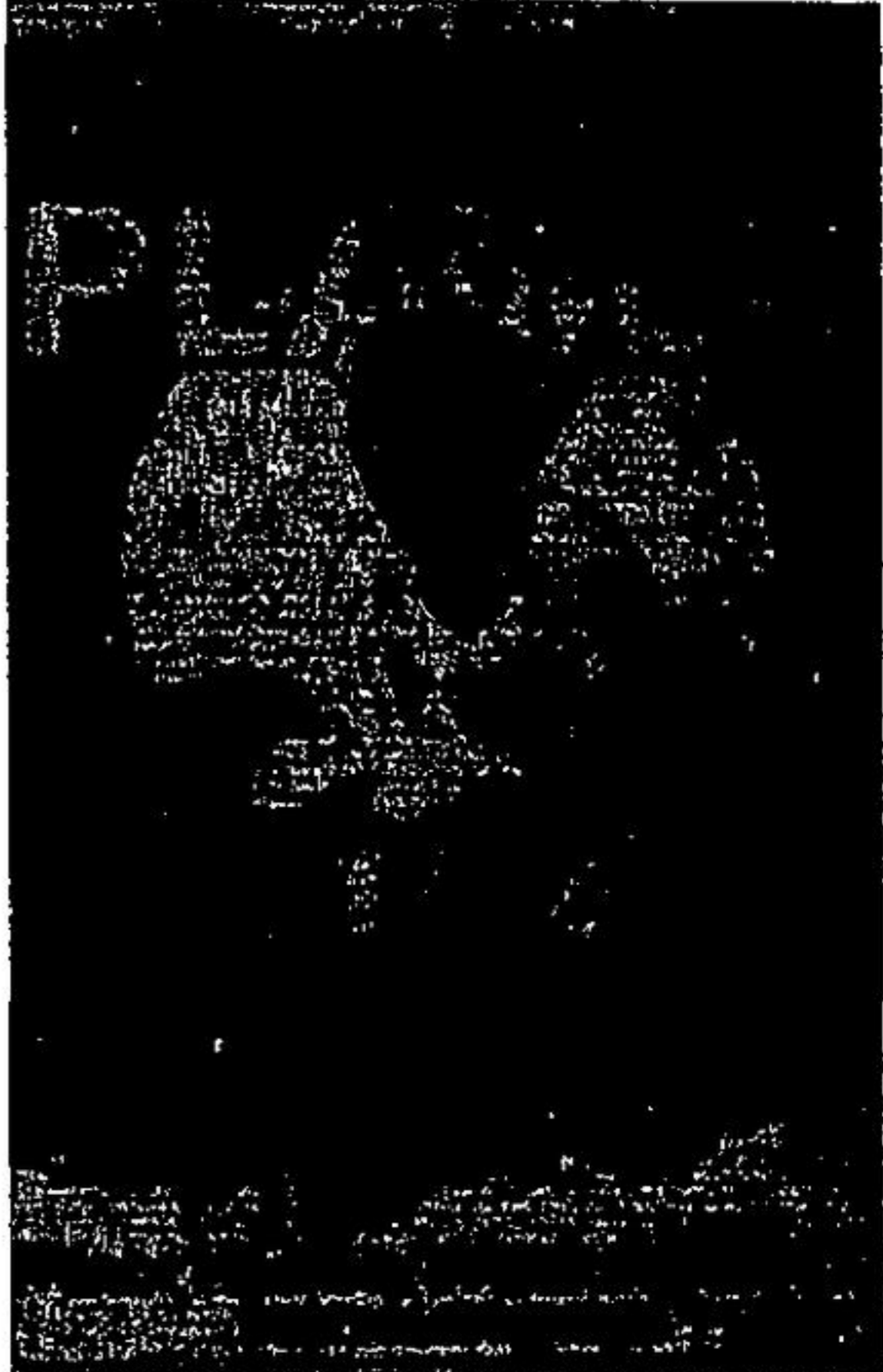
The Herald: Would you like to say something about the future of minor hockey in Canada?  
Tom Davidson: "The trend is down. I believe there are fewer hockey players now than ever played. I think registrations would be down everywhere."

Except Georgetown. We were down a bit really this year, but we were told through the OMA office that per capita, Georgetown is the strongest centre in Ontario.

That's why the town is in a squeeze. The town says to us that per capita we have more than enough arena capacity than what's needed - heavy on the per capita.

Then we say nuts to the per capita, go to the arena or listen in on our phone. Probably there's a boom coming through and when it's gone, there'll probably be ice."

The Herald: Why do you think there's that added popularity in Georgetown for minor hockey?  
Tom Davidson: "People are sadistic (laughing)! I really don't know but I think it's good. It keeps the kids busy and certainly keeps the parents busy and it creates a good atmosphere"



### GDMHA selling buttons

For the first time, the Georgetown District Minor Hockey Association (GDMHA) is selling buttons and hats to their members, players and supporters.

During the week of Minor Hockey Week (Jan. 18-23), 1,000 buttons will be available for purchase at the cost of \$7 for 20 buttons. About 300 hats will also be sold for the cost of \$5 each.

Each of the items features the GDMHA logos and they are not being sold at a profit to the minor hockey association, president Tom Davidson said. The purpose of the buttons is mostly to provide give-aways at tournaments, Davidson said.

We purchase a button, people may call Carol Peebles or see their commissioner at the arena, Davidson said. Orders will be on a first come, first served basis, he said.

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## Senior volleyball GDHS girls win Sheridan College tourney

By HAROLD BRANSHCH  
Herald Correspondent

The GDHS Junior and senior girls' volleyball teams played several tournaments last week resulting in the senior team winning the Sheridan College invitational and their two season matches. The juniors lost both of their matches.

Tuesday the seniors opened the week with a solid win over Perdue in two straight games. The games were won by scores of 15-8 and 15-3.

The juniors lost their match two games to one with scores of 17-15, 15-7 and 15-9. Coach O'Neil noted Jody Barwell, Linda Batten, and Carolyn Griffiths as having played excellent games.

Against Milton on Thursday, the seniors once again won two straight games. They defeated the Milton squad with scores of 17-15 and 15-10. The juniors lost both their games with scores of 16-14 and 15-9, but won an exhibition game afterwards 15-8.

Saturday the senior Rebels won the Sheridan College invitational volleyball tournament over eleven other teams from the Halton-Peel district.

**A RECORD**  
Placing first in their pool of six teams with a record of five wins and one loss the seniors advanced to the semi-finals against Gordon Graden. They won this match by scores of 15-1 and 15-6.

In the final match Georgetown was pitted against White Oaks and handily won the match in two straight games, with scores of 15-4 and 15-14.

Coach Clatworthy said the outstanding players on defence were Michelle Mieh and Jenny Smith, while Kim Thompson, Cindy Pettibone, and Mickey Richmond were playing strong games on offense.

He also said Barb MacKinnon was playing well for a first year senior.

The team will not be playing for the next two weeks due to finals and semester turnaround.

## Minor Bantams edge past Ching

By HAROLD GILMER  
Herald Spectator

The Optimist Minor Bantams edged past Chinguacousy last Thursday 4-3 in Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group action.

A good move by Mark (Stonewall) Pries on Ching's blue line and a blistering shot into the upper right corner won the game for Georgetown with only 20 seconds left in the game with Georgetown a man short.

Georgetown's goals in the second period were well executed. The third period Georgetown went flat until late in the period. The Minor Bantams have now won their last six games.

After a scoreless first period Bob Klavkalns, Pat Braund and Louis DePaoli scored for Georgetown with assists coming from Scott Campbell, Louis DePaoli, Jon Hammer (2), Dean Irvine and Bob Klavkalns.

Jon Hammer assisted on Mark Pries' goal.

## Oakville angry over decision, Walker resigns

Oakville Blades president and manager Murray Walker of the Junior B Central Ontario team, resigned his post as a director with the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) last week.

Walker made the move after he was denied of the OHA's full board last Saturday Jan. 10 of his appeal regarding the Blades' only defeat of the year because of using a player not yet approved by the OHA.

Milton protested the use of a player by Oakville last October and the original decision by the OHA was made in December. The player in question, Chris McRae, was signed to an OHA player card by Oakville, but Oakville hadn't received an approval and confirmation of the signing in the mail the date they played McRae in the game.

## Industrial hockey leading scorers

Player	GP	G	A	TP
Brian Beaumont, HT	14	23	36	49
Doug Thompson, AC	13	25	17	42
Brian McKenzie, WI	13	20	17	37
Larry Peterson, HT	13	12	20	32
Dale Mieczanec, AC	13	15	16	31
Dave Holmes, HT	13	12	19	31
Chris Milne, AC	10	10	20	30
Mike Richmond, HT	12	18	10	28
Doug Barnes, DBM	10	7	16	23
Terry Turner, DBM	12	13	9	22
Ian Syme, HT	10	6	15	21
Scott Beckett, AC	14	5	16	21
Merel Hache, DBM	10	6	13	19

**FUTURE GAMES:** Jan. 24: 7:30 Akers-Clark vs. H.T. Wilson Insurance; 9:00 Hollywood Tavern vs. De Boer's Movers; 10:30 Don's Auto Service vs. Acton.

**Industrial hockey standings**

TEAM STANDINGS	GP	WON	LOST	TIED	PTS.
Hollywood Tavern	15	13	2	0	26
Akers-Clark	15	12	3	0	24
De Boer's Movers	14	8	6	0	18
H.T. Wilson Insurance	15	6	8	1	13
Don's Auto Service	14	3	10	1	9
Acton	13	0	13	0	0

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