

Marked changes in Georgetown's 22nd annual bantam tourney

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Calling Georgetown's 1982 International Bantam tournament, the number one bantam hockey tournament in Canada may be seen by some this year as a gross over-estimation - but that wasn't always the case. The 22nd annual tournament, scheduled for March 20-27, features the play of 14-year old hockey players, but instead of 44 teams, only 34 squads will compete. Scheduling difficulties mean some out-of-town teams can't compete, tournament chairman Al Martin said. Because the Raiders are hosting the NOHA (Northern Ontario Hockey Association) Intermediate finals, Friday and Saturday nights are reserved at Gordon Alcott. This limits the teams from the United States who can come because they would miss some school, Martin said.

DETROIT TEAMS

For Canadian players, the week is held during their Easter break. Detroit Adray Nationals and Detroit Little Caesars will be returning to the Georgetown bantam tournament.

This year the tournament organizers decided to move the location from Georgetown's Memorial arena to Gordon

Alcott arena

Kentner's Catering has been asked to supply the food this year instead of 20-year veteran tournament catering supervisor Jessie Hayes. Tournament chairman Al Martin told The Herald that because kitchen facilities weren't yet ready, Jessie Hayes hadn't been asked to return.

In addition, new twists for the tournament include pinball machines and liquor in the Alcott hall. Room dividers in the hall will separate the drinking section from where the youths will eat their noon-day meal.

Last year the Lions provided a hospitality lounge in the building behind Memorial hall which served liquor to adults.

When asked about the pinball and liquor in the Alcott hall, Martin said, "... people have to do something. The boys (playing pinball) will be waiting between games."

LITTLE REVENUE

Martin said he expects a little revenue out of the pinball machines but the luncheon fee of \$3.50-\$4 more than last year is included in the team's registration. The tournament doesn't make money on the meals, but it has nothing to do with the Bantam tournament, Martin said.

"The tournament is non-profit," Martinsaid, "but this



AL MARTIN
...tournament has 19 less teams, but all entries are top calibre teams.

year's expenses are up. Next year we will have to jack up the prices."

Martin said last year the tournament made a profit, but the year before there was a deficit. Because the tournament made money last year, the registration fees have stayed the same this year, Martin said.

MORE TOURNAMENTS

Martin says the Georgetown tournament could only get 34 teams because there are more tournaments during the Easter break than ever before.

Twenty-year veteran of the tournament, Georgetown's Referee-In-Chief Jerry Perkins is disgruntled, however. "We didn't need to lose all those teams because of Friday night. I can't understand why the Raiders can't cancel."

As of last Saturday, Perkins had no schedule of the tournament which he needs to round up enough referees for. Usually he receives a schedule one month in advance, he said. "The referees are ready, but we're disappointed," Perkins said.

Perkins said he looks forward to the tournament each year to see good hockey teams and players. It's a thrill when he can look back and say that an NHL player once took part in the Bantam tournament, he said. But he said he's

disappointed at how the tournament has been downgraded.

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The Bantam tournament, one of the largest of its kind in Canada, was started on April 1, 1961 when 31 teams came to Georgetown from all over the province as well as Detroit, Michigan.

The man behind the tournament then was Red Asseltine along with his wife Jean, Bill Fisher, Jack Gudgeon and Paul Armstrong.

Under their guidance the tournament grew to include more than 40 teams representing a vast geographical area. Red Asseltine guided the tournament until 1967 when the Kinsmen Club under the guidance of Harry Levy took over the sponsorship.

In 1975 Don Jarvis and Al Martin from the Lions Club offered their help in the tournament's operation. Last year John Clark and Al Martin were co-chairmen. In 1982 Al Martin and Howard Murphy are the men in charge of the Bantam tournament.

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Where have the good times gone, Jessie?

Dear Jessie,

Where have the old times gone, Jessie? I heard that you hadn't been asked back to head up duties as the Georgetown International Bantam tournament catering supervisor.

Since then I've felt a lingering sadness that Jessie Hayes, chief extraordinaire, wouldn't take part in greeting all those spunky 14-year old hockey ambassadors. You've been a part of the tournament for 20 years - from its inception in April 1961.



Sports beat

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For your dedication to young hockey players, it's surprising no one has ever nominated YOU for the hockey heritage award.

Where have the old times gone, Jessie? How can the "powers that be" so easily tell you and your girl helpers who volunteered each year that you wouldn't be needed? It hardens my heart to know the Bantam tournament organizers only told you two weeks ago.

JOINED YOUR SORROW

I joined in your sorrow when you said you cried after being told. They told you a social caterer was needed? But you, I, and others know, you could have done the job just the same. Moving the location to Gordon Alcott doesn't change a thing.

Local shopowners need the business from the tournament and the change from Memorial arena has taken the spirit of old downtown Georgetown away from the tournament.

"INTERNATIONAL?"

In addition, teams from the U.S. and out of town have been given a blow because traditional Friday night and Saturday night games can't be scheduled at Alcott because of the Raiders' playoff games.

Al Martin says the Raiders' games won't allow some of the far-away teams to take part.

What happened to the "International aspect" of the Bantam tournament, Jessie? Should we still call it "International?"

Where have the old times gone, Jessie? Tournament organizers say only 34 teams will compete. At one time, there were 44 teams from across Canada and the United States.

I remember talking to you last year about how you were looking forward to the event. People came up to you and said, "It's almost time for your big day, eh Jessie?" But no more.

"It was a holiday. Something I enjoyed doing," you said about the tournament week.

It was the only full week away from work that you ever took - just for the pleasure of being around those rambunctious hockey players and all those grinning, happy-to-serve girl helpers.

Where have the old times gone, Jessie? I remember you telling the story about one hockey team who came in the dining hall. They were noisy and unruly. You asked them to leave and they did.

But two days later they came up to you and apologized. Not only that, they gave you a nice stone sculpture as a gift for all you had endured.



Jessie and her helpers.

Where have the old times gone, Jessie? It's ironic that you and Georgetown's Referee in Chief, Jerry Perkins, both 20-year veterans of the tournament are (to say the least) disgruntled, disappointed and distraught at the 1982 tournament.

Have traditional values been forsaken for the opportunity to make a quick dollar? Surely, pinball machines and liquor in the same room (but room dividers will separate the boys from the liquor we're told) hardly represents the best Georgetown can do in the way of providing good wholesome hospitality to visiting 14-year olds?

We are told Kentner's catering will provide a \$3.50 meal for the boys. Your price last year was \$2.50 and no better food was ever served.

You had volunteers, but Kentner's catering will pay their help. Where has the spirit of volunteerism gone from the tournament's directive?

By moving to Gordon Alcott, the old part of Georgetown has been forgotten.

Your daughter Sally served with the girls. Your sons Ken, Jack and Ian were all once rink rats for the tournament. You've said that meeting new people and visiting with more familiar faces has always been a highlight of the tournament.

How many girls have you seen grow up and get married who were once helpers at the tournament? Remember all those hoped-for romances? The 14 or so girls who help you range in ages from ten to sixteen, is that right?

You say, "there have always been romances between some of the visiting players and the girls, but the boys then go back home and the girls ask 'Oh, Mrs. Hayes, will he be back?'"

Those 14-year old boys never returned to Georgetown. But you, Jessie always supported the tournament. It is sad to see that the tournament no longer supports you.

I understand why you'll never return. You see, "deadly hurt" feelings take a long time to mend. Where have the old times gone, Jessie?

Raiders bury Orillia:

Intermediates now wait for winner of series 'D'

The way Georgetown played last Saturday night at home against Orillia, one might have assumed the local Intermediate A hockey team didn't want to play the lacklustre Terriers for one more minute than they had to.

Georgetown Chrysler handily ended Orillia's chances of extending the best four of seven semi-final playoff series by downing the Terriers 18-2.

"The Terriers never seemed to get untracked as their weariness from previous Raider victories may have finally taken effect."

By the end of the first period the Raiders led the game 6-1, then almost doubled that score when they went ahead 11-2 at the end of the second period.

NO HARRIS

Without the services of All-Star veteran Clyde Harris in the nets for Orillia, the Terriers defence looked weak against the goal-scoring power of the Raiders offensive unit. Randy Jackson faced 58 shots as replacement to the injured Harris. A bright spot for the Raiders was the balance shown in the goal-scoring department. Although veteran Gary Ford and Joe Ens each attained shutouts, most of the scoring was well spread out among a number of players, giving Georgetown a balanced attack.

League scoring champion Bill Hamilton couldn't get untracked for a goal scoring spree as he netted a lone goal, the first of the game, two minutes into the period.

Teammate Peter Sturgeon had two goals as did Ron Twiss and Steve Lyon. Single goals went to Scott McKenzie, Ray Tonelli, Juri Kudrasovs, John Saunders and Gary McFadyen.

The Raiders will now have a week's layoff as Owen Sound and Collingwood face off in series D to decide who will play Georgetown scoring.

Last week Collingwood defeated Midland while Owen Sound upset Port Elgin in other playoff action.

OWEN SOUND HOT
Owen Sound played Collingwood Tuesday (yesterday) and next Thursday, Friday and Sunday. If the series finishes after four games, the Raiders could find themselves playing the winner as early as Tuesday March 9 in Georgetown, says League Convenor Debbie Brown.

If the series lasts seven games, Georgetown would host the first game of the Intermediate A title playoff Friday March 12.

Owen Sound coach John Chambers says his team's good showing against Port Elgin can be attributed to more scoring power and effort by his squad.

Against Collingwood, Chambers says his team will have to stop the Collingwood scoring punch and eliminate their chances.

Georgetown Chrysler Raider hockey players finished off the regular season in fine form as the line of Hamilton, Sturgeon and Ford were one, two, three in the final league scoring standings.

High scoring right winger Bill Hamilton ended the season just short of 50 goals

when he netted 49 goals plus 52 assists for 101 points.

Peter Sturgeon at left wing had 38 goals and 56 assists for

94 points while centre Gary Ford had 28 goals and 54

assists for 82 points. Finishing sixth overall

with 72 points in 31 games was Raider defenceman Steve Lyon. Gary McFadyen was eighth in the scoring standings with 33 goals and 36 assists for 69 points. Thus Georgetown had five of the top ten scorers in the Intermediate A league.

Finishing 14th was Raider Juri Kudrasovs with 57 points while Scott McKenzie came on strong in the latter half of the season as he collected 51 points for 17th spot.

In other team statistics, Georgetown placed second overall in collecting penalty minutes with Raiders' Gary Landry placing fourth in the league for most individual penalty minutes at 109.

Georgetown finished second-last in attaining power play goals, but were second when it came to short handed goals. Ray Tonelli, Gary Ford and Bill Hamilton were the third, fourth and fifth (respectively) at netting short handed goals.

In the goaltending department, the Raiders have never fared better. In the 1979-80 season, veteran Peter McDuffie had a 4.41 average while a year later the Georgetown goalie had a 3.23 average.

Current goaltender Doug Dragsavich has a 2.84 average in his 17 starts with the Raiders.



The Raiders 49-goal scorer Bill Hamilton eludes two Orillia defenders last Saturday night. The Intermediate A Raiders barnstormed to a convincing 18-2 win to eliminate

the Terriers from further playoff competition. Georgetown now waits for the winner of the Owen Sound - Collingwood series to be played this week.

Wrestlers qualify at OFSAA

Four of 19 set to go to provincial championships

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Last Thursday at Bolton a youthful Rebel wrestling team qualified four of their 19 wrestlers to go to the OFSAA championships and placed second in the Halton-Peel wrestling championships.

The Rebel wrestlers accumulated a total of 79 points for a second placing behind Erindale's 103 team points. Central Peel and Nelson placed third and fourth with 56 and 52 points respectively. Erindale was the team expected to win.

Only the top two wrestlers in each weight division are entitled to compete at the provincial championships, to be held this Friday and Saturday in Windsor. There are four Georgetown qualifiers.

Two of these qualifiers were both in the 84 lbs weight class. They were Mike DeGuidice and Jeff Knight, placing first and second respectively.

Both DeGuidice and Knight ended up wrestling each other in the final bout, enabling both to go to OFSAA.

Bob Sweezie earned his way to Windsor by defeating rival Rob Heppie four to one in the 119 pound division. Coach McKay considers their bout the best technical match of the day.

GILLESPIE LOST
Doug Gillespie lost out to Russ Phillipin in the final match of the 127 lbs class which placed him second to the expected OFSAA champion.

Other wrestlers were Brian Doherty and Dave Taylor placing third and fourth respectively in the 99 lbs class. Dave Power placed fourth at 97 pounds.

Tim Dixon came down with an unfortunate case of the flu the day of the meet and settled with a disappointing sixth place finish. Dixon was expected to have qualified in the 97 lbs weight class since he had pinned all his would be opponents throughout the year.

POWER THIRD
At the 104 lbs division Steve Power finished third. Wayne

Morrow and Tim Davis wrestled to third and sixth placings in the 112.5 weight division.

Jim Wittmer finished fifth in the 119 lbs division and Ian McIver placed fourth in the 127 weight class. Rich Sedore

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was seventh in the 135.5 class. The biggest disappointment of the day occurred when veteran wrestler Mike Taylor twisted his knee in his

second bout and had to withdraw from the meet. Although he withdrew early he still managed a sixth place finish in the 134 lbs weight class, although he was expected to be in the top two.

MORROW FIFTH
In the tough 156.5 division Garry Morrow placed fifth, attesting to his vast technical improvement in his first year as a wrestler.

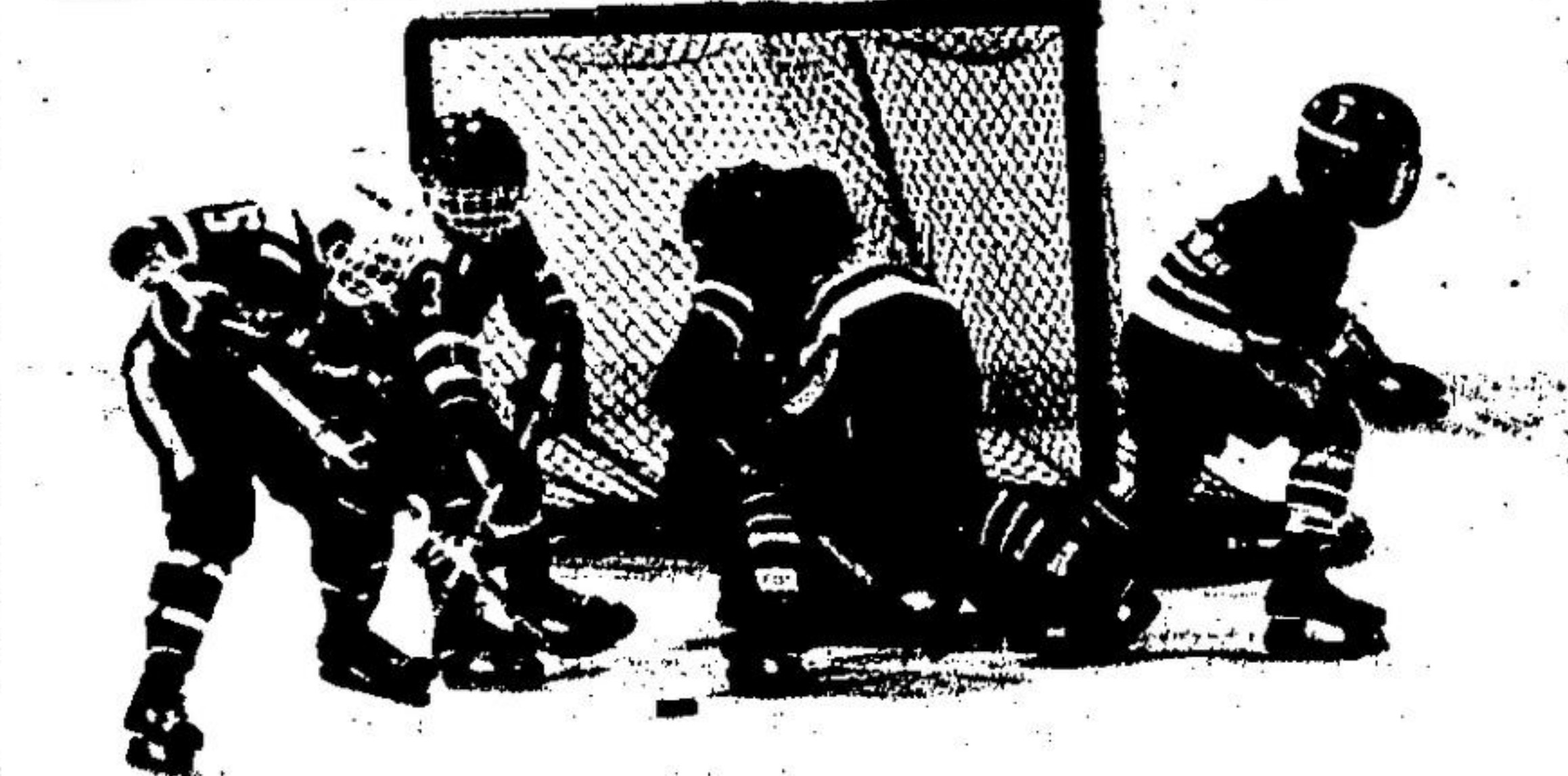
Other wrestlers to place were Mike McNiven, Mark Roberts and Craig Armstrong.

Both coach McKay and

Smith consider the year to be a great success considering they haven't placed lower than third in any meet with one of the youngest teams in years.

They are hoping most wrestlers will return for next year's team because they can only improve a very good team.

As for OFSAA McKay is only expecting to get some good exposure for the wrestlers, as Sweezie is the only wrestler attending that has been to the provincial championships before.



GOALMOUTH CLATTER

Action around Stratford's net has two players from each team trying to gain control of the puck. The Georgetown Rep Minor Atoms (black jerseys) skated to a

6-3 overtime loss in an incredibly close playoff game. Story on page B4.

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