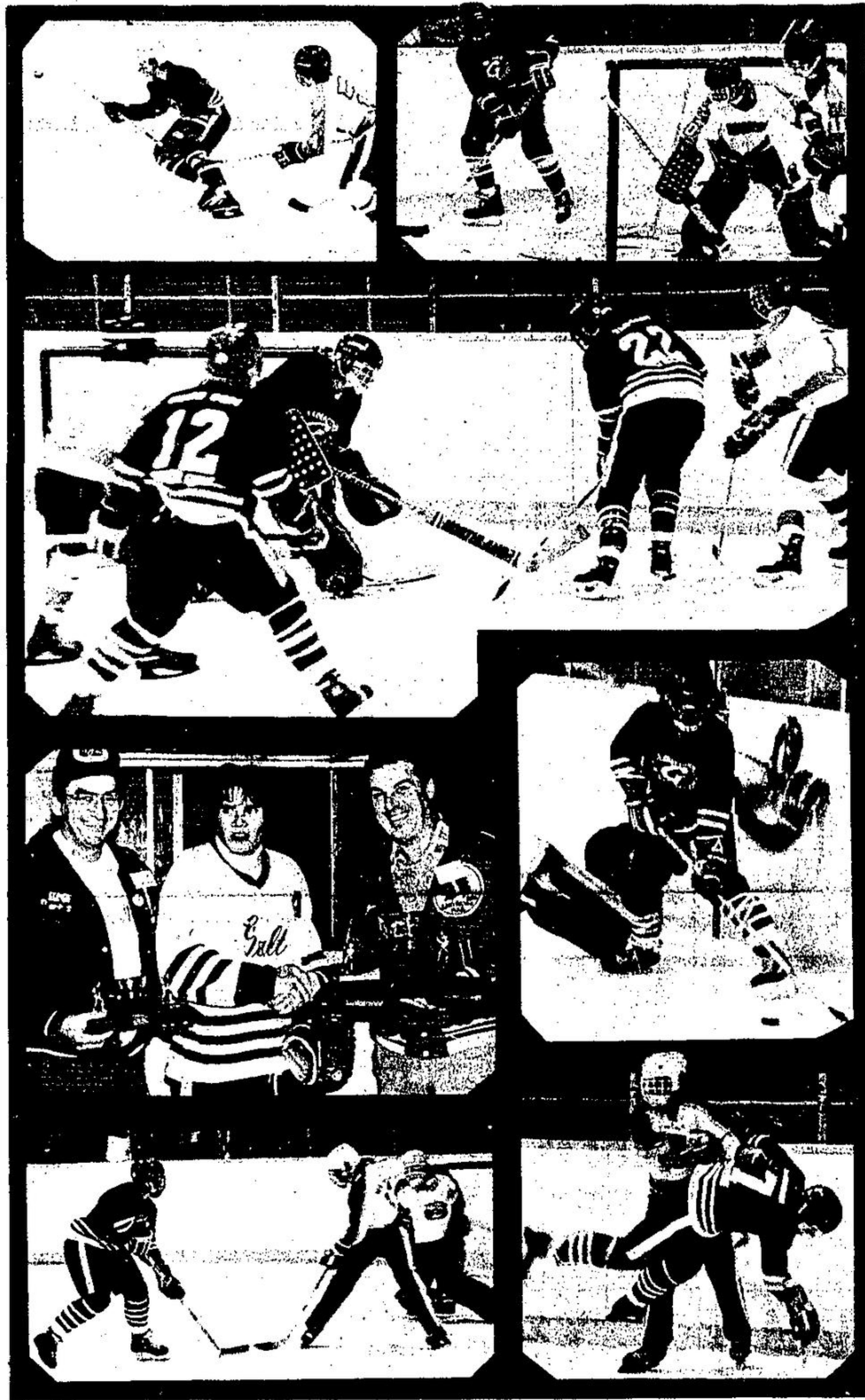


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Sunny Acres runner-ups in consolations



Alcott Arena in Georgetown played host to a flurry of excitement this past week, reminiscent of the Hardy Cup playoffs last April.

The 16th annual GMHA Midget hockey tournament drew close to 600 fans for Georgetown's entry, the Sunny Acres Farms team in their bid for a consolation championship.

The hard-pressed Sunny Acres team did advance all the way to the consolation finals, but they were defeated 6-4 by Galt.

Tournament chairman Fred Hammer said that after some lopsided scores in the first round, the stronger and weaker teams were sorted out for more challenging matches. Newmarket won the championship while Galt took the consolation trophy.

The Owen Sound and Markham game played Friday Jan. 7 kept the fans off their seats when Owen Sound came back from a 2-1 deficit to win 4-2 in the first round.

A tough match-up between Whitby and the Toronto Aeros shaped up Thursday night when the 1982 champs of Georgetown's tourney (Toronto) met up with the 1982 consolation champs of Georgetown's tourney.

Whitby took a 2-1 lead at the end of the second period after a scoreless first period. Toronto then tied the game at 3-3 in the third with two consecutive goals after Whitby scored in the final period. In a fourth period, the Toronto Aeros rallied with 3:45 left in the period for a 4-3 advantage. The Toronto Aeros had

16th Annual Midget tourney

their share of hard times in the next round against Richmond Hill where they were downed 2-1 in overtime in a game played Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Georgetown met a fired-up Etobicoke team in the first round and they were beaten 5-1 Wednesday night.

In round two of the consolations, the Sunny Acres Midgets gave their fans something to cheer about with a 5-1 drubbing of Orangeville. John Catling gave his local team the lead in the first period with a goal at the 7:18 mark.

In the second period Orangeville rallied to tie the game but four consecutive goals by the Sunny Acres Midgets gave them the win.

The game winner came from Kent Falby, followed by goals from Scott Farley, Rich Ward and Scott Taggart.

Georgetown were involved in one of the two overtime games at the Midget tournament when they met Markham Sat. Jan. 8 and defeated them 4-3.

Markham led the scoring with the first goal at the 7:25 mark. Georgetown then connected for three consecutive goals from Brent Smith, John Hodgson, and Scott Taggart.

Markham came back with two goals in the third period to tie the game at 3-3. In overtime Georgetown were awarded the game by Derek Roy's goal coming with 7:28 left

in overtime.

In the consolation round, Georgetown faced a talented team from Galt. In one of the tournament's more penalized games, Georgetown took a 3-1 lead in the first period on goals from Derek Roy, and Tom Forbes (2).

Galt came back in the second period with three consecutive goals before Georgetown's Tom Forbes could break the streak with his own goal at the 2:13 mark.

Galt took control in the third period with two unanswered goals.

Richmond Hill tried valiantly, but they were outclassed by a towering Midget squad from Newmarket in the championship final.

In the first period Newmarket took a 1-0 lead, then advanced that to 4-2 at the end of the second period. The third period was scoreless.

GMHA vice-president Wayne Pries said he was "quite satisfied" with the tournament, indicating the Whitby-Toronto Aeros was one of his highlights.

The following is a run-down of the games played at the Midget tournament:

- First Round:**
Whitby 7
Oakville 0
Toronto Aeros 8
Milton 0
Brampton 4
Stoney Creek 0
Galt 1
Richmond Hill 7
- Second Round (Championship):**
Newmarket 6
Owen Sound 3
Grand Championship Final
Newmarket 4
Richmond Hill 2
Second Round (Consolation):
Oakville 9
Milton 1
Stoney Creek 2
Galt 11
Second Round (Consolation):
Georgetown 5
Orangeville 1
Markham 3
Levak 1
Third Round (Consolation):
Oakville 2
Galt 14
Georgetown 4
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Bantam tournament preparations underway

Chairman hopes to increase teams

Preparations for Georgetown's 23rd Annual Bantam Hockey Tournament are well underway, according to chairman Al Martin, with the intentions of having a full contingent of 44 teams.

"We may end up with 40 teams, but we are going for 44," Martin said. Last year the size of the tournament was reduced from 42 teams to 34 teams.

There is a chance the Junior B hockey playoffs might conflict with the tournament date, but Martin said he wouldn't know for sure until February.

"I'd hate to have to move four games into Memorial Arena (from Gordon Alcott Arena)," he said. "We have to provide ice time if the Junior B's are still playing."

JAMES HELPING
Helping out with Martin is co-chairman Bill James who takes over from Howard Murphy. Members of the newly formed Georgetown Minor Hockey Association have indicated their willingness to help with the tournament, Martin said.

The chairman has sent out 80 applications to prospective hockey centres for the tournament, held during the March school break. There are 18 paid entries received which means 26 teams are still required.

Because the tournament last year lost some money, the cost of the 1983 registration has gone up \$10 per team. Martin doesn't believe the slump in the economy is keeping people away from tournaments. "The people I talked to, they are only worried about playing and not the costs." However, he thought costs could be a factor in registrations this year.

Thus far teams such as Windsor, Leamington, Copper Cliff (Levak) have committed themselves with an inquiry from Petrolia which used to compete in the Bantam tournament a few years ago.

Toronto teams never respond early because they want to know how they'll fare in playoffs



AL MARTIN

first, Martin says.

Traditional 'A' division powerhouses from the United States, Detroit Little Caesars and Michigan Kord haven't responded yet. Martin said they usually get their registrations in before Dec. 31.

Martin said he has sent

with the tournament application forms a survey asking teams what type of format they would prefer for 1984.

The reason is that the tournament committee would like to explore the possibilities of a round robin type tournament instead of a sudden death elimination type.

The problem with a round robin is that the teams would stay around longer for their games and thus more billeting would be required, Martin said.

Now, a team that does not win doesn't play any more games - only if a team wins do they keep playing.

In recent years there has been a problem in luring teams from the United States because our March school break no longer corresponds with theirs.

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might be back for the Saturday morning to present trophies to the top teams, Martin said, but he hasn't yet sent a letter asking him. A number of guest celebrities might be on hand for the 1983 trophy presentations, Martin said.

CLIPBOARD LADY

Billeting supervisor ("the lady with the clipboard," Martin jokes) Karen Harrison will look after accommodations while timekeepers are under the supervision of Ron Knight and Brian James. The Georgetown referees association under Gerry Perkins handle the referee assignments.

A committee is currently looking into three possibilities for serving food for the 14-year old hockey players, Martin said. He said the tournament will probably offer one meal per day.

Club wins 8-5 against Barrie

Bathgate becomes a Gemini

Not only did the Gemins finish off their week with a win and a tie, the local Junior B hockey club acquired the services of the son of NHL Hall of Famer Andy Bathgate.

Bill Bathgate, who has one year of Junior B eligibility, was given to the Gemins on waivers from the Streetsville Derbys. Also included in the deal was Kerry Leggie, a left winger. Both were attained for cash.

The arrival of the two new players to the Gemini camp was arranged Sunday night after Thornhill tied Georgetown 3-3. Thursday Jan. 6 the Gemins defeated third place Barrie 8-5.

The deal for Bathgate and Leggie comes after some of Georgetown's own goal scoring talent has begun to shine. Dave Doucette and brother Lance powered their way to a two-goal output each in the Barrie game.

Meanwhile Bob Dean had an excellent game against Thornhill, scoring the last two goals of the contest. Defenceman Jay Birwell has had three goals in the past two games.

TEAM TIES
Bathgate and Leggie are coming to Georgetown largely because of the ties between Gem coach Jules Russiani and Streetsville's GM Stan Kalapaca. Russiani once coached Streetsville Major Midgets to a Silverstick and All-Ontario championship.

Bathgate, a smooth skating forward, had 16 goals and 19 assists in the first 26 games of the 1981-82 season. This season he has 12 goals and 9 assists in 21 games and is coming off an injury.

Leggie is a player like the Leafs' Dan Daoust, said coach Russiani, meaning he's a hustler who is good at killing penalties and defensive play as well as being able to put the puck in the net.

Good sound forechecking against the Barrie Colts and a good offensive and defensive effort by the whole team gave them the win over Barrie, the coach said.

There was good discipline in that there weren't too many penalties in the game with the Colts, Russiani said.

From Burlington, Rob Vail returned to the Gemins for the Thornhill game. Vail played the 1981-82 season for Georgetown.

The Gemins will get their first test with their

new players when they take on the Acton Junior B Sabres in Acton Wednesday night.

Scoring goals in the Barrie game were Bob Davey and Herb Kewley with singles while Jay Barwell, Dave Doucette and Lance Doucette collected two goals each.

Kevin Frank had three assists in the game while Peter Haller had two.

In the Thornhill game Wayne Cowley continued to play excellent goal-tending for Georgetown. Jay Barwell scored Georgetown's first goal when he moved up from the blue line and slapped one past Thornhill's Paul Duvan.

Thornhill tied the game

at 1-1 in the second period on a power play with four minutes left until the end of the period. Then at the 18:02 mark the Thunderbirds scored again to take the lead.

In the third period Bob Dean exploded for two goals, one on the power play assisted by Jay Barwell and Peter Haller. Thornhill went ahead 3-2, but Dean came back on a good individual performance, aided by Dave Doucette and Lance Doucette.

To make room for newcomers Kerry Leggie and Bill Bathgate, import Gemini on a five game trial, Rob Vail was released. It was announced Monday night.



BOB DEAN

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Darren advances to national level

Figure-skating Divisionals

Figure-skater Darren Kemp became the third resident from Georgetown to advance to the Canadian figure-skating championships following in the footsteps of Kris Barber and Dave Watson.

The 16-year-old came fourth in his figures in the Men's Novice Division, then went on to an overall third place finish based on the performance of his free skate routine.

Placing well in the figures was Darren's biggest surprise, he said. The divisionals, in which the top four skaters advance to the Canadians to be held February in Quebec, were held in Oshawa over the weekend.

Darren landed all his triples in his free skate routine. He is coached by Wally Distelmeyer of the Toronto Cricket Club.

At the Central Ontario Sectional at Brampton in December Darren placed third overall to advance to the Divisionals.

