

# Our salute to Minor Hockey Week

## Meet the player

### On to the arena!

Meet Stephen Lee. Close as one might come to a typical all-Georgetown minor hockey player. The routine of a 11-year-old Minor Peewee who plays house league and Select hockey provides for some tense, challenging and fun moments as we'll find out soon.

Stephen is a member of the A and S Trophies minor hockey team. The team is in first place so their game against second place Kentner's Dairy Bar today is important to win.

9 a.m. Wake-Up  
Stephen awakens in anticipation for his game

today at 11:05 a.m. at Memorial arena. Sitting down with his parents Brenda and Jack, along with brother Peter, 9 and sister Angela, 6, he polishes off his usual egg and two pieces of toast.

Getting up at 9 o'clock isn't always the normal time for Stephen. With select and house league he has six games per month and six practices per month. Every second Wednesday morning he's at the arena at 6:30 for a house league practice which coach Barry James conducts.

10:15 a.m. Departure  
Stephen likes to get to the arena early, even if the locker room door is

still locked. He'll watch the other games on the ice. He's usually upright if he's not at the arena an hour ahead of time, Stephen's father says.

He'll put on his equipment slowly and talk with the other players in the dressing room. Stephen always gets his skates sharpened before a game. Stephen is sort of an intense hockey player. He's not the fastest skater but he's pretty good in the corners and is a good passer, says his father.

Stephen has 13 goals this season, averaging out to one per game. His parents kid him about letting up after he scores his usual output but ac-



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Often Stephen will criticize his own play even if he scored a goal.

The game is over, but like some 900 other young hockey players in Georgetown, Stephen Lee is anxiously awaiting a chance to get back on the ice once again.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** A query to a GMHA executive member from The Herald about a typical young minor hockey player to do a feature story on set the wheels in motion and a week later the name of Stephen Lee was submitted.



In the dressing room before a game the players like to get dressed slowly. Here, Stephen Lee, left; Donnie Guest, centre; and Andy Deruchie put the finishing touches to their skates before going out on the ice.



It's game action and Stephen Lee (dark jersey) finds himself in the thick of things against a Kentner's forward.

son miss a pass on the same play, he says.

On the ice, it's developing into a tight game. At 4:26 left in the first period, Kentner's takes a 2-0 lead. Stephen has several shots on net along with other members of his A and S Trophies team.

In the fast skating game Donnie Guest puts the Trophies back in the game with 15 seconds left in the period.

Midway through the second period the Trophies score again, this time by Daryl Sproule.

Stephen Lee gets his goal of the game with a shot from the slot at the 18:06 mark of the third period. A fourth goal comes from Trophies' Greg Onoprijenko for a 4-4 tie with 3:22 left in the game.

During the game the Lee family can be heard whispering words of encouragement to their son.

12:10 p.m. Aftermath  
The Trophies tie Stephen and his teammates huddle in the dressing room and

parents go in to congratulate their boys for the win. The parents also go into the room to make sure their sons pick up all that expensive hockey equipment, Jack Lee says.

After the game the Lee family ponders about whether to pick up some food at the arena or at a fast food establishment in town, for lunch.

In the car, Brenda and Jack have to be careful not to say to Stephen that he had a good game when he didn't. Stephen knows the difference and he knows when his parents are being sincere.

### Sponge hockey

Sponge hockey started up in Georgetown last weekend when The Gold Key Wizards from Brampton ousted three teams from Georgetown to claim the first championship of the season.

The Wizards beat the Georgetown Swarm 2-1 in games. The action continues this weekend and organizer Frank Robertson says he is now accepting entries for anyone who might want to sign up a team.

The minimum number of players for a team is ten. Call 877-6716 for more information.

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Stephen is always ready to go to the arena and persuades his parents to get him to the rink one hour before game time.



The following are the team members of the A and S Trophies of the Minor Peewee house league: (back row, left to right) John Blackmore, Mike Teller, Paul Bagulmer, Stephen Lee, Greg Onoprijenko, Kelly Graham, Barry Coe, (front row, left to right) Andrew French, Daryl Sproule, Donnie Guest, Todd Smith, Andy Deruchie, Shane Reid. Absent: Mike Tothe, Coaches Barry James and Ross Sproule.

(Herald photo)

## NOMINATIONS REQUESTED - for - 1983 HOCKEY HERITAGE AWARD

The General Public is invited to nominate a group or an individual who has made a significant contribution to Georgetown's Hockey Heritage.

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