

Rebel junior basketballers sweep to crown in Acton tournament

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The Georgetown District High School junior Rebel basketball team swept to the championships at the eight-team Acton Invitational Tournament on the weekend.

The Rebels opened by defeating Orangeville 57-37. Orangeville was coached by a former GDHS staff

member, Bob Auld.

The game was close for the first quarter but the Rebels eventually wore the Bears out and came out victorious.

Dean Marks scored 18 points and Pat Braund scored 15 points in this game. Midgets Graham Shepherd and Cam McIver added great support.

The second game was played against host Acton before a large crowd. Georgetown won again, 42-22. Special mention in this game should go to guards Mike Livingstone and Jeff Jansen who are "the best pair of reserve guards in the county," according to coach Moe Leeking.

The team went on to the finals

against Milton and won 68-48.

"From the opening tip the Rebels ran and pressed," explains Leeking. "The Milton team eventually wore down."

Special mention should go to Rebels Jon Hammer, Neil Silverston, George Kent, Adrian Brakel, Jim Grant, Casey Vanderstuit and Steve Chaffee.

Dean Marks led all scorers with 22 points. Louis De Paoli contributed 17 and Pat Braund added 14.

Marks led rebounders with eight while McIver bagged four from the boards.

With their recent win over Nelson High School of Burlington, the junior Rebs are now 10-0 in

exhibition and tournament play as they head to Perdue on Monday for their first league encounter.

They compete in a Burlington tournament on December 10, then return home for two games, Dec. 13 (E.C. Drury of Milton) and Dec. 15 (against Acton).

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PLAYING THE FIELD

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Former pro stresses fun

Dave Tataryn is an interesting study. After several seasons as a professional goaltender in both the NHL and the WHA, he has carved out his little 43-acre niche near Hillsburgh, where he runs his hockey school and works as a blacksmith. He's there when he's not teaching school, or blocking pucks for the Cambridge Hornets, or developing young goalies for the GMHA.

A graduate of the University of Toronto, Tataryn is intelligent and articulate. He can still parade his jock mentality, but when it comes to dealing with young hockey players, he is sensitive and caring.

Tataryn's deal with the GMHA calls for him to develop the skills of young netminders in the GMHA rep system, an end he pursues Monday nights at Memorial Arena. They want him to teach the youngsters to play the angles, stand up and use the stick.

Tataryn throws in a bonus, no charge. He does his best to improve the youngsters as citizens; mentally, physically and spiritually. He's even been known to go so far as to stress the fun aspect of playing minor hockey. In some minds, that's tantamount to blasphemy.

"Sometimes minor hockey is too callous, like big business," Tataryn said in a recent interview. "If you develop the individual, the hockey will develop."

"A coach shouldn't be just a person to change lines. He's a second parent."

EMPHASIS ON PARENTS

Because he's seen both sides of the rainbow, Tataryn worries about what happens in our minor hockey system. But while he accepts the notion that most young Georgetown boys entertain visions of playing pro hockey, he points out that the emphasis of developing a well-rounded young man remains with the parents, primarily, and also with minor hockey officials. The time a youngster spends in minor hockey can and should be used to instill and develop values.

"I get worried that there are people in minor hockey who just don't know what they're doing, and they could really wreck a person," Tataryn said. "You can end up with some 12-year-old boy quitting hockey, all because he's not enjoying the game."

There are certain notions about minor hockey that Tataryn would love to see changed. One is that rep hockey is a means to an end, that being a pro career. Another idea he loves to discount is the suggestion that professional hockey is fun. It's damn hard work, he likes to point out, and pro careers are often fleeting.

"Parents who think they have a 'Gretzky', they're just fooling themselves," Tataryn says. "There's only one Gretzky, and you have to accept that."

"The average pro career is about three years. Should you ask a young player to make a decision for the rest of his life for that three years? He's got to put in another 47 years. What's he going to do?"

GET AN EDUCATION

Tataryn likes to point at Georgetown's Brian Hayward, currently blocking rubber for the NHL Winnipeg Jets. Hayward parlayed his puck-stopping skills into an education at Cornell University, and he still realized his boyhood dream of playing big-time shinny. Life won't stop for Hayward when he retires, Tataryn says. Rather, it will begin to blossom.

"As a parent, I have to expose my son to different things and let him make decisions for himself," Tataryn said. "If I've done my job as a father, and developed my son's respect for hard work and people, then he will be able to handle decisions."

And until his body is ready to make decisions, Tataryn feels his parental duty includes keeping the wolves away. There are those, he says, who would have you put all your eggs in one basket, so they can get the best short-term price at the minor hockey market.

"Minor hockey is the total development of the boy," Tataryn says. "I would want to know what any organization planned to do to benefit my boy. I would ask if they are looking at my boy to develop their organization."

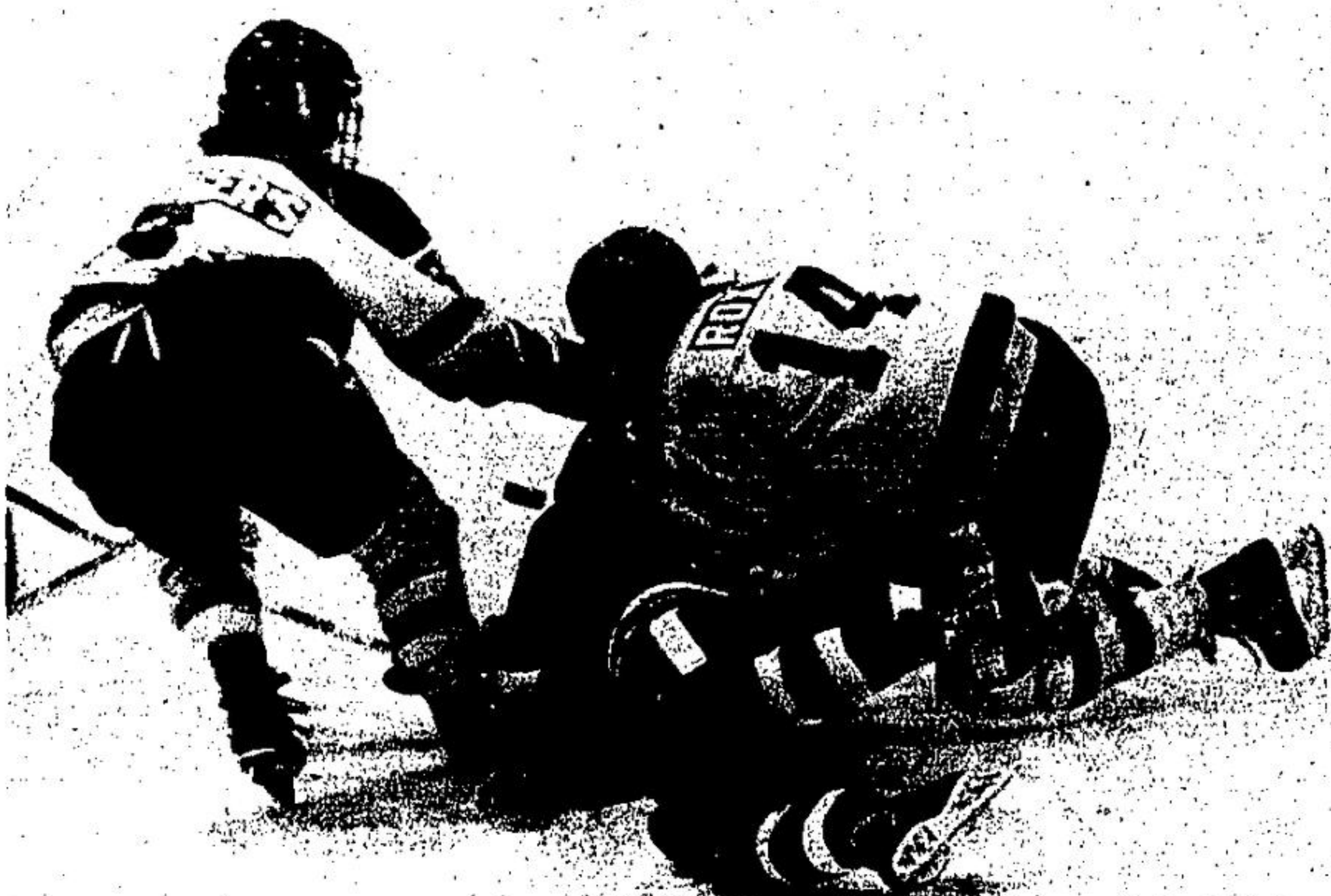
Candyemen win

The Georgetown Candy Production peewees put it all together for a 7-2 victory over arch-rival Milton in Tri-County 'A' hockey action Sunday night at Memorial Arena.

The Georgetown crew started fast, counting four times in the opening session. Marc Murnaghan, Greg Onoprijenko, John Wilson and Kevin Roe all found the mark for the Candyemen, with Daryl Sproule, John Brooker, Jeremy Felce, Jason Knight, Stu Vogt, Stephen Lee and Charlie Hancock all picking up assists.

Milton rallied back with a pair of unanswered goals in the second period, but the locals iced the victory with three goals of their own in the final frame.

Hancock, Onoprijenko and Knight counted for the home side, with Brad Burnett, Sproule and Knight all picking up assists.



Georgetown Gemini forward John Hodgson (14) executes a perfect tackle on an Oakville Blade during Saturday night's Central Ontario Junior 'B' contest at Gordon Alcott Arena. That's Gemini defender Blake Harrison making sure the Blade forward doesn't escape Hodgson's submission hold. The Gems fell to Oakville, 10-2.

(Herald photo by Gerry Timbers)

Chargers best in Halton

Repeat as public school volleyball champs

For the third year in a row the Centennial girls' volleyball team, coached by Jim Atkinson, have won the Halton County volleyball crown.

The girls travelled to E.C. Drury High School last Friday night to defend the title they have held since 1981. There to challenge for the title were the Oakville champions from Falgarwood School, the Burlington representatives from Frontenac School and the Halton Separate School champion from Georgetown, Holy Cross School.

The Centennial girls started slowly in the round-robin tournament

by splitting games with Holy Cross (11-15 and 15-11) and Frontenac (15-4 and 12-15). The girls played more consistently against Falgarwood and defeated them in both games by scores of 15-2 and 15-6.

The two Georgetown schools then met in a best of three match for the championship. The Centennial girls saved their best volleyball of the year for the final. Although the Holy Cross girls played extremely well defensively, they were overpowered by scores of 15-8 and 15-4. Led by team captain Tara Burroughs, spiking, the Centennial attacked relentlessly

during both games. A key to the play of the team in the final was the setting of Jill Lusby and Shanna Long.

The victory brings to a close a fine season in which the team competed in tournaments in Milton, Oakville, and Mississauga. The girls also competed in the Provincial Cup Tournament in Barrie losing in the play-offs to the eventual champion, St. Dennis from Toronto.

Team members include Shanna Long, Kim Weldon, Jody Axford, Sheri Mann, Sharon Clifford, Tara Burroughs, Jill Lusby, Karen Smith, Sue Rodgers and team mascot Jeff Atkinson.

Raiders lose to Petrolia in overtime

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The Georgetown Raiders split a pair of Ontario Senior 'A' Hockey League games on the weekend, dropping a 4-3, overtime decision to the Petrolia Squires Friday night at Gordon Alcott Arena prior to trouncing the hapless Woodstock Gems, 9-2, in Woodstock on Sunday.

Friday night's loss to Petrolia was a thriller for the fans, but it ended on a sour note for the Raider players. Bob Marr scored the winner for Petrolia at the 3:03 mark of overtime, on the tail end of a controversial play centering around referee Bill Devorski.

Devorski raised his arm after a Raider defender had been tripped up in the Georgetown zone. As the play went up the ice, Raider goaltender Brad Miller raced to the player's bench anticipating a delayed penalty call against Petrolia. Devorski dropped his arm, to Miller's amazement, as the Squires recovered possession of the puck

and went to the attack.

Miller made a beeline for his crease, but he never really regained his position as Marr lofted an easy backhand into the empty mesh.

The goal prompted a melee first around the timekeeper's box, and then at the west end of the rink, as angry Raiders argued with referee Devorski to no avail.

Raider coach Gerry Inglis was one man who managed to smile about the entire incident after the game.

"When a referee puts his hand up like that, it usually means a penalty, and he had his arm up all the way down the ice," Inglis noted. "Then again, we should have frozen the play behind the net in our own end in the first place."

For goaltender Miller, the freakish goal was the nightcap to a nightmare of an evening. On the tying goal at the 8:57 mark of the third period, he was caught chasing a loose puck behind the Raider net.

Doug Fry had opened the scoring for George-

town in the first period, when the Raiders took a 2-0 lead. Paul Gallagher and Tim Turner drew assists on the play.

Brent Meeke drifted a shot from the point that eluded Petrolia goaltender Gerry Fink, who showed an assortment of acrobatic moves in blocking 41 of 44 Raider shots, many of which appeared labelled.

After Ray Tilley had halved the Raider margin to 2-1, Georgetown goal-scoring leader Gallagher banged home a Turner rebound to restore the two-goal pad.

Ron Twiss was a one-man wrecking crew in the 9-2 win in Woodstock, as he connected for four goals and two assists. Tim Ampleford was good for a pair of goals, while helping out on two others.

Gallagher notched two more, to give him 21 for the season. Turner added the ninth Raider tally, to go with four assists.

The Raiders have now won 10 of 15 Senior 'A' outings in their inaugural season, against four losses and a tie.



Tanya Hill returns a shot for the Holy Cross team during their championship match against crosstown rivals St. Francis of Assisi Thursday night at Assumption High School in Burlington. Holy Cross lost the first game, but stormed back to win three in a row and take the Separate School title.

(Herald photo by Gerry Timbers)

Blades blast Gems, 10-2

In the words of Georgetown general manager Bob Webster, the Gemini took a "big step backwards" when they lost 10-2 to the Oakville Blades in Central Ontario Junior 'B' Hockey League action Saturday night at Gordon Alcott Arena.

The Gems were coming off a big win over the fourth-place Burlington Cougars one week earlier, and looking to put together a winning streak and move up a notch or two in the standings prior to Christmas.

Now they will have to try and kick off that winning streak, against three middle-of-the-pack teams they are fighting tooth and nail with. Last night the Gems hosted Mimico at Alcott, and they travel to Milton for a bout with the Steamers Friday night. Back home the following night, the

Gems host Thornhill.

The only bright spots in the loss to the Blades were the play of goaltender Wayne Cowley, and the return of Kevin Franks.

Cowley was bombarded by 50 Oakville shots, most of which were solid, legitimate scoring chances. Franks scored the second Georgetown goal, long after the game had gotten out of hand, on a breakaway.

Franks stole the puck from an Oakville defender at the Gem blue-line, and raced in alone to tuck the puck behind the Blade netminder with a nifty move to his backhand.

Team scoring leader Bill Bathgate scored the first Georgetown goal in the second period, with the Gems already trailing 4-0, on a fine backhand shot from the slot. Chris Peavoy and Riv Kennedy drew assists on the play.

Volleyball titles

Two Georgetown teams captured Halton Separate School volleyball titles this week.

The boys from St. Francis of Assisi and the girls from Holy Cross proved to be the best in the region in the separate school playdowns this week, held at Assumption High School in Burlington.

The St. Francis boys locked up their title in the Thursday finals, defeating Oakville's Holy Family 16-14, 11-15, 15-7. The victory was especially pleasing for coach Rudy Lipp because his troops had fallen behind, 0-10 in the opening match of the final.

"That comeback definitely set the tone for the boys," Lipp said. "That really made it for us."

The St. Francis boys had advanced to the Halton finals by winning four of five matches at a qualifying tournament earlier in the week.

The Holy Cross girls had to overcome crosstown rivals St. Francis to win their Halton title.

Holy Cross had won all five of their matches in the qualifying tourney while St. Francis suffered their only defeat to the eventual champs.

The two teams met at Assumption Thursday, and Holy Cross rebounded from a 6-15 setback in the opener to sweep to the title, 15-13, 15-8, 15-7.

Sports in brief

Egg Nog Jog

The Georgetown Track Club will be holding their 'Egg Nog Jog' Sunday, December 18 at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area.

The fun run, which will cover a hilly 11-kilometer course, is scheduled to get underway at 10 a.m. The entry fee is \$3 for those who register prior to race day, and \$5 for post entries. Entry forms can be picked up at Gordon Alcott Arena and the Cedarvale Community Center.

The run is open to anyone, and egg nog will be served in the pavilion to finishers. Runners should bring a dry set of clothes for after the run, which will go on in any weather conditions.

Premier Canadian miller John Craig is expected out for the run, an unexpected treat for local track enthusiasts. He may challenge the course record, of 33:44.

Christmas dance

The Georgetown Gemini Junior 'B' hockey club will hold their annual Christmas dance Saturday, December 17, at the Elk's Hall on Mountainview Road.

Tickets can be purchased for \$4 from any member of the Gemini executive. They will cost \$5 at the door.

Music will be provided by a disc jockey, and refreshments will be available. There will be a buffet.

The doors open at 8 p.m.

Midgets lucky

The Georgetown Labelmasters minor midgets were fortunate they did not lose ground in the Tri-County Hockey standings last week.

In games with Oakville and Flamboro, teams beneath them in the standings, they managed to blow a two goal first-period lead against Oakville, losing 3-2, and then wrestle a 3-1 win from last place Flamboro. The squad is now 8-6-2 on the season.

The boys turned in performances reminiscent of pre-season exhibition hockey. With only a few exceptions, playmaking was sloppy or non-existent and the opposition was allowed to move the puck almost at will. It was boring to watch and certainly not indicative of the team effort and hustle which has produced exciting wins earlier in the season.

Georgetown stars in the Oakville game were Dave Bertrand, Tim Wilson and Mark Pries. Against Flamboro, Chris Marling, Mike Hunter and Dan Kent turned in the best performances.