



DEPCO METALS

Depco Metals, a team of seven-year-old selects playing in the GMHA minor atom house league, is this week's Herald feature team. Team members include Jeff Whorley, Brent Wilkinson, Daryl Stansfield, David Bouskill, Darcy Boudreau, Brad Socha, Mark Aldridge, Cory Evans, and Stephen Osojirjeko. Absent were Mike Kelson, Andy Telford, Michael Brown and Joe Stephens. Ron LeFebvre is the coach.

(Herald photo)

Thornhill Thunderbird tourney

Minor peewees in finals

The Georgetown Optimist minor peewees participated in the annual Thornhill Thunderbird Hockey Tournament between Christmas and New Years, meeting the North York Civics in the first of four games played. North York counted first before Mark Lorito evened the match from Chad Bailey and Rod Pasma. At 1:22 Andy Pearce scored a beautiful goal on a pass from Pasma. No goals were scored by either team in the second period. Lorito counted again for Georgetown from Wade Serjeantson. The Civics scored their second goal with 1:03 remaining of the frame but the locals prevailed to take the first game 3-2. Wes McCauley led the Georgetown scoring blitz with a hattrick against the Hillcrest Summits in Game 2 of the tourney. The final tally was 8-3 for Georgetown. Goals were scored by Wes McCauley (3), Mike Barnes, Wade Serjeantson (2), Mark Lorito (2) with assists credited to McCauley (2), Lorito, Mike McElroy (2), Bill MacDonald (4) and Mike Melville (2). The semi-final match against the Mississauga Braves turned into a real cliff-hanger for players and fans alike. Trailing 4-0 five minutes into the final frame, Georgetown exploded to tie the match and force sudden death overtime. Mark Lorito earned the hattrick in this game, counting the first Georgetown goal at the 5:38 mark of the final period on a great unassisted effort. Bill MacDonald made it 4-2 on a nice pass from Mike McElroy. At the 4:43 mark Lorito scored his second from Rod Pasma and Mike Melville. With 27 seconds remaining Wes McCauley tied the game 4-4 on a nice play from Lorito. The first period of overtime remained scoreless forcing the second period with no goaltenders allowed in net for either team. At the 3:58 mark of this period Mark Lorito counted the game winner from linemate Wes McCauley to advance Georgetown to the championship round. Meeting the Brampton "AAA" L.A. Kings in the championship round, Georgetown fell to a 4-2 defeat. Brampton drew first blood in the first frame before Mike McElroy counted Georgetown's first marker with a hard, rising slap shot from the point from Andy Pearce and Mike Melville. Brampton counted three more in the second period. Georgetown's Bill MacDonald scored the final goal with only one minute remaining on the clock in the final stanza. Good competition was enjoyed by all teams participating in this tourney.



SQUASH CHAMP

Ray Ollier (left) demonstrated to Georgetown squash fans why he is the top-ranked player in Canada on the weekend, winning the professional tournament at the Georgetown Racquet Club. Ollier beat Norm Platt (right) of Toronto in the final to win the \$200 first-prize purse money; Platt took home \$150. Ollier disposed of Georgetown pro Rob Lecro in his first match Friday night, before about 100 spectators.

(Herald photo)

Play .500 hockey on the road
Gems keep fourth spot in sight

The Georgetown Gemini kept fourth place in the Central Ontario Junior 'B' Hockey League standings in sight this week with a good road show. The Gems rebounded from a narrow 5-3 loss to the league leading Streetsville Derbys Tuesday night to tie the third-place Barrie Colts, 3-3, two nights later. Saturday night in Mississauga, the Gems edged the Mimico Monarchs, 3-2.

The win over Mimico snapped a four-game winless streak for the Gems, and moved them to within four points of fourth-place Burlington Cougars. The Gems enjoy a game in hand on Burlington. The victory also lifted the Gems to an 8-6-1 mark in their last 15 games, quite a turnaround considering they won just four of their first 15 starts. Center Rv Kennedy was the hero Saturday night, scoring on a power play 30 seconds into the third period to give the Gems a 3-1 margin.

Mimico's Darren Stevens opened the scoring, when he beat Gem goalie Wayne Cowley 12 minutes into the opening session. Georgetown's Dave Doucette notched the equalizer moments later, from Bill Bathgate and Chris Peavoy. Mike Doucette counted from Kennedy to give the Gems a 3-1 margin after 40 minutes. Thursday night in Barrie, the Gems rallied from a 2-1 deficit with a pair of third-period tallies to take the lead. Captain Bob Davey connected from Gord McArthur and newcomer Pat Bates as the Gems pulled even two minutes into the period. Five minutes later, Kent Falby scored, from John Hodgson and Peter Haller, to give the locals the lead. The Colts managed to tie the game with a late power play goal. McArthur had scored the first Georgetown goal of the night, from Davey and Bates. The Gems pushed the powerful Derbys to the brink Tuesday night, when Dave Doucette clicked on a third-period power play to close the gap to 4-3. The Gems had trailed 4-2, with McArthur and Peavoy counting goals in the first 40 minutes. Scott Sanders single-handedly killed Georgetown on this night, firing three goals for Streetsville. Saturday night, the Gems host the much-improved Acton Sabres at Gordon Alcott Arena.

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Raiders avoid late collapse
whipping Dundas Tigers 8-1

By GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor
The Georgetown Raiders served notice Friday night in Dundas that they have recovered from their December slump, whipping the second-place Tigers, 8-1. The Raiders were a very mediocre four wins, five losses through nine Ontario Senior 'A' Hockey League starts last month, plagued mostly by poor player turnout to practices and games. They had a full bench Friday night, though, and there was no hint of what was becoming the usual Raider third-period letdown. In fact, the locals counted three unanswered goals in the final session.

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Juveniles bomb
Oakville 10-3

The Georgetown Shaw Trophies-DRG Stationery juveniles pushed their Tri-County Hockey league-leading mark to 20-3-1 this week, bombing Oakville 10-3. Greg Robertson paced the Georgetown attack with a pair of goals and four assists, Danny Curtis and Mark Snow both chipped in with two goals and an assist. Glen Baker, Brian Stone, Howie Oram and Mark Webster all counted singles for Georgetown, who led 7-0 before Oakville got on the board. The juvenies will host Burlington at Gordon Alcott Arena, tomorrow (Thursday) night at 9 p.m.

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