



Georgetown Gemini center Gord McArthur races after a flying puck, while Acton Sabres goaltender Rick Landry keeps a close eye on the rubber missile. McArthur had a goal and an assist for the Gems, as they dumped their crosstown rivals 6-3 Wednesday night in Acton. (Herald photo by Pam Douglas)

Central Ontario Junior 'B' Hockey action

Gemini slash crosstown rivals

By PAM DOUGLAS

Herald special

It all boiled down to desire as the Georgetown Gemini doubled the Acton Sabres, 6-3, in the two teams' final regular season Central Ontario Jr. 'B' Hockey meeting Wednesday night.

The Gems weren't "going that hot" last Saturday when the Sabres defeated them, 4-3, said Georgetown coach Jules Russiani.

"Tonight they came through and showed a little desire," Russiani said. "They showed a lot of heart and enthusiasm to win."

"They feel they don't have to work hard against Acton," said Russiani in explaining Saturday's loss, "but they (the Sabres) aren't a bad hockey club."

On the other hand, Sabre coach Steve Buchanan criticized his own team for being less than enthusiastic.

"They beat themselves tonight," he said. "They showed no guts, no desire. If you don't have the will to win you won't."

The Sabres were not skating poorly, or passing sloppily. They just demonstrated a lot of apathy on the ice, he said.

The tone of Wednesday's game in Acton was a complete reversal of Saturday's in Georgetown where the two teams clashed violently, staging a mid-game brawl which saw 10 players thrown out of the game.

Georgetown's Chris Peavoy and Acton's Randy Coverdale each picked up single-game suspensions, and Acton's Mark Symes was handed a three-game suspension following the bout.

All three sat out Wednesday's match in which their teammates wore kid gloves and put the emphasis on playing hockey.

The Sabres got some good goaltending from Rick Landry who faced a barrage of 52 shots. Steve Tellefer, an affiliated player from Acton's midget league has been Landry's temporary back-up after Fred Fess quit last January 13.

Wayne Cowley stopped 33 shots between the pipes for Georgetown. Bob Davey opened the scoring for Georgetown early in the game when he converted on a pass from Gord McArthur and Peter Haller.

The Sabres replied two minutes later with a power-play goal at the 3:12 mark. Ken Kavanagh won a face-off in the Georgetown end and ex-Gemini Roy Spears fired the puck past Cowley from the edge of the face-off circle.

Nine seconds later

Georgetown's Kevin Frank put the Gems ahead again with the help of Terry West and Dave Doucette.

Georgetown gained a two-goal margin at the 7:13 mark on a power-play goal from Gord McArthur who came up the left wing and beat Landry. Mike Doucette instigated the play. But Georgetown was up 3-1 for only one minute as the Sabres rallied to tie the game up with two goals in less than two minutes.

Rick Dodds took a pass from Mike Yalowica and shot the puck between Cowley's pads. Then Brian Demone scored on a Sabre power-play with Denis Kirton drawing an assist.

The Sabres had an unproductive second period and the less-than-pollitic Gems only managed to edge ahead with five minutes left in the period.

Bill Bathgate took a pass from Mike Doucette and evaded the Sabre defense, and went one-on-one with Landry. Bathgate slipped the puck under the netminder's right pad to put Georgetown up 4-3 going into the final period.

With eight minutes gone in the third period the Gems scored their fifth goal of the night. Dave Doucette was credited with the goal that came from Kevin

Frank and Mark Hamilton.

With only 2:23 left in the game, West went up Georgetown's scoring for the night. Peter Haller and Bob Morrow drew assists on the play.

Georgetown and Acton met five times during the season. Georgetown got the best of the match-up with three wins and two losses.

Acton stepped out of the basement and into seventh place with an 8-6 win over Burlington on Saturday. The Sabres now have 19 points with three games in hand over Thornhill who also have 19 points.

Acton meets Barrie this Friday in Acton.

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Chrysler novices lose final at Bracebridge tournament

By DOUG FULLER

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The Georgetown Chrysler novice "AA" squad travelled to Bracebridge last week-end to play in the South Muskoka Minor Hockey Tournament.

The Chryslerers' first game was against the Hamilton Huskies "AAA" team. Even though they came out on the short end of a 9-1 score it was the closest any of the "AA" towns came to the "AAA" Huskies as they won the rest of their mismatches on their way to the

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Optimist peewees undefeated

By McELROY and PEARCE

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The Georgetown minor peewee "AA" Optimists have completed an undefeated season in Tri-County League play after skating to a 2-2 tie against Chinguacousy and downing Burlington 4-3 this week.

Playing Chinguacousy in one of the best games this team has played since Christmas, neither team scored in the first frame of fast, end-to-end, hard-skating and close-checking hockey.

Bill MacDonald counted first for the locals at 6:38 of the second stanza on a well-placed wrist shot after a nice rush up the ice with Wes McCauley and Rod Pasma. Ching tied the game three minutes later.

With 20 seconds left in the period Wade Serjeantson dug into the crease to feed the puck to Andy Pearce, who put it home to give Georgetown a 2-1 edge.

Midway through the final frame Chinguacousy retaliated with a power play marker to secure the tie. Coaches Paul Morrow and Nick

Kotson were happy with the team's excellent penalty killing, solid skating, back-checking and the excellent goal tending of Richard Rivard.

Playing Burlington in the last scheduled league game of the season, Andy Pearce put the locals ahead 1-0 at the 6:06 mark of the first frame from Mike McElroy and Mark Minich on a break through the defence. Burlington tied the game before Wes McCauley connected on a series of rebounds from Bill MacDonald and Chad Bailey to take a 2-1 edge at the end of the first frame.

Burlington came back in the second period with two quick goals to pull ahead 3-2. With one minute remaining Chad Bailey picked up a perfect pass from McCauley and MacDonald and fired in the equalizer. The go-ahead goal came at 3:56 of the final stanza from Mike Melville who handily beat the Burlington netminder with a high shot from the slot. Defenceman David Hodgson set up this goal to cement the victory for Georgetown.

Burlington pulled their goalie with 1:06 seconds remaining in the game to go with a six-man attack but to no avail.

Sunny Acres midgets face heavy schedule

The Georgetown Sunny Acres Farms major midgets won three of five starts in a very busy week of Tri-County hockey action.

Three recent tournaments have left the locals with a heavy make-up league schedule. Georgetown took a pair from Orangeville this week, 4-3 and 4-2, and hammered out a lop-sided 9-4 decision over Flamboro.

They dropped a 5-4 count to Milton, and came out on the short end of a 5-4 tally against Chinguacousy.

Sunday at Gordon Alcott Arena, the locals gave up two first-period

goals to Flamboro before roaring back with five consecutive markers of their own.

Flamboro got one back, but three more Georgetown goals in the space of five minutes put the game away for the home side.

Wayne Morrow and Brent Smith paced the Georgetown attack with two goals apiece, while singles came from Todd Cull, Stephen Turner, Marc Bertrand, Jon Hammer and Mark Puzlak.

Saturday at Gordon Alcott Arena, Keith Rieger popped a pair of goals to pace the locals over Orangeville, 4-2.

Morrow and Bertrand added singles.

Thursday night at home, the locals rallied back from 3-0 and 5-2 deficits, but still fell short to Chinguacousy.

Smith and Bertrand scored less than a minute apart in the middle frame as Georgetown fought back from 3-0. John Barclay and Todd Cull found the mark in the third period, after the visitors had rebuilt their three-goal margin to 5-2.

In their only road appearance of the week, Rieger, Glen Leslie, Smith and Jay Anderson all scored in a 4-3 win over Orangeville.

Minor bants lose 4-3

Perhaps the most exciting game of the whole Tri-County hockey season was played recently in Burlington by the Georgetown Le Chateau minor bantam AA team. Unfortunately the Georgetown squad came up losers in that game but it took a goal in the last 36 seconds of the game to give Burlington the victory by a score of 4-3.

The hockey was exciting throughout the whole game with fast, end-to-end volleys and superb passing and playmaking by both teams. Brian McIlravey had to be sharp in net and came up with a solid performance.

Goal scorers were Alain Thibault, Danny Lane on a breakaway and Ken Langdon, all three goals being unassisted.

The next game against Chinguacousy four days later proved to be a much more bruising game for Georgetown, who had to fend off a much more physical Chinguacousy attack. Fortunately this time, the Le Chateau minor bantams came up on the winning side by a score of 3-2.

Goals were earned by Davin Ciglen, Alain Thibault and Ken Langdon, with assists to Ken Langdon (2), Don Cruise, Jason Arnold and Alain Thibault.

It was a physically rough game, with David Harris finally getting thoroughly frustrated and drawing a one game suspension for fighting.

However, the Georgetown squad generally kept its cool and went on to win the game with goalie Stephen Eastwood coming through with an excellent performance, making numerous spectacular saves which undoubtedly made a big difference in the game's outcome.

Caps nip Mustangs in GBLB action

Barbara Curry downed a team-high 25 points to lead the Capricorns to a narrow 58-54 victory over the Mustangs in Georgetown Ladies Basketball League action last Wednesday night at Centennial School.

Irene McCauley contributed 10 points to the Capricorn attack.

Corinne Bulman was the top Mustang shooter, with 18 points. Hermiana Henderson connected for 11 more points in a losing effort.

In other action, the Trojans easily disposed of the Cougars, 58-35.

Anita Stankus hit the hoop for 13 points to lead the winners. Lorraine Brown and Janice Gagne both downed 10 points.

Jane Nicholson and Dalga Zelek were good for eight points each for the Cougars.

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