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PLAYING THE FIELD

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Biking down Memory Lane

Let's take a ride down 'Memory Lane'. On a motorcycle.

It's 1951, and you can buy an electric washer at Richardson's Hardware for \$129.50. A carton of cigarettes would set you back 90 cents, and a Gray Coach Lines round trip to Washington, D.C., leaving the Rose Bar Restaurant on Main Street cost \$25.10.

Harold Cleave is the mayor of Georgetown. Nat King Cole's 'Too Young' and Vaughn Monroe's 'On Top of Old Smokey' are the big hits of the day. Perry Como and Jack Benny are emerging as early television stars, and the New York Yankees are defending World Series champions.

Your tour guide is Jim Buck. Today, at age 48, Buck owns the Country Clean coin laundromat and Buck's Fine Foods on Mill Street. But this is the summer of 1951, Buck is a strapping 16-years-old, and a new member in the 'Yellow Jackets' motorcycle group.

As you cruise by Hutchinson's Barber Shop on Main Street (where Sears is now) you can see the Yellow Jackets assembling for their weekly meeting. It's a Sunday afternoon, and the shop is closed.

If it were Mother's Day, the entire 40 members would have paraded down Guelph Street to the St. John's United Church for a special service, prior to meeting on the Limehouse Sideroad for an afternoon full of fun and games, motorcycle style.

That might include 'slow races', and obstacle course run, some grass drags, and other various skill-testing riding events. A sort of company picnic, on wheels.



JIM BUCK

"We kept our good image with those good uniforms. We had regulations, regarding safe driving and reasonable conduct while you were on your bike - especially while you were in the towns in this area."

You've probably guessed by now that Buck and the rest of the Yellow Jackets were far from an affiliate to Hell's Angels. They were, in fact, quite the opposite. The very design of the Yellow Jackets, as Buck tells it, was to "promote the sport of motorcycling in a publicly acceptable way. To show it as a good, clean sport."

This group even looked good. No denim or black leather jackets. No swastikas, or skull-and-crossbones. No air.

They looked more like policemen than public enemies, in their shining yellow satin jackets, and trim black slacks. They paraded through town in a proud fashion, not like a bunch of hoodlums on a careless rampage. They rode in formation, displaying safe driving skills and road courtesy to onlookers.

"We kept our good image with those good uniforms," Buck, who served much of his 11 years with the group as president or road captain, recalls today. "We had regulations, regarding safe driving and reasonable conduct while you were on your bike - especially while you were in the towns in this area."

Sometimes the Yellow Jackets were called upon to perform civic duties, such as the time they volunteered their services to hang posters promoting the Lions Club fund-raising drive towards the construction of the swimming pool. Mostly, though, the club hosted and attended fun competitions and field meets.

As Buck tells it, "the club was basically for the enjoyment of the members."

"I enjoyed riding motorcycles and I enjoyed those competitions. I made a lot of good friends in that club. My spare time was involved around the club, and the friends I made there."

That's why Buck turned the basement in his Ostrander Boulevard home into a Yellow Jackets Clubhouse, where the group would hold weekly sessions for some 12 years. They continued to meet there long after Buck left the group, in 1963.

"By then, I had three kids," Buck smiles today. "I really didn't have time to ride, and I had too many responsibilities to be taking chances."

All that's left now of Buck's Yellow-Jacket-days are the memories. Even in its best light, Buck realized that motorcycling could never be compatible with a growing business and a young family.

"It's something that's in your blood," Buck admits with a grin. "It was hard to get out, and I knew I couldn't hang around. I had to cut the ties." Except for the rides down Memory Lane.

Trojans and Caps B-ball winners

The Trojans defeated the Mustangs, 69-40, Wednesday night at Centennial School to remain unbeaten in Georgetown Ladies Basketball League action.

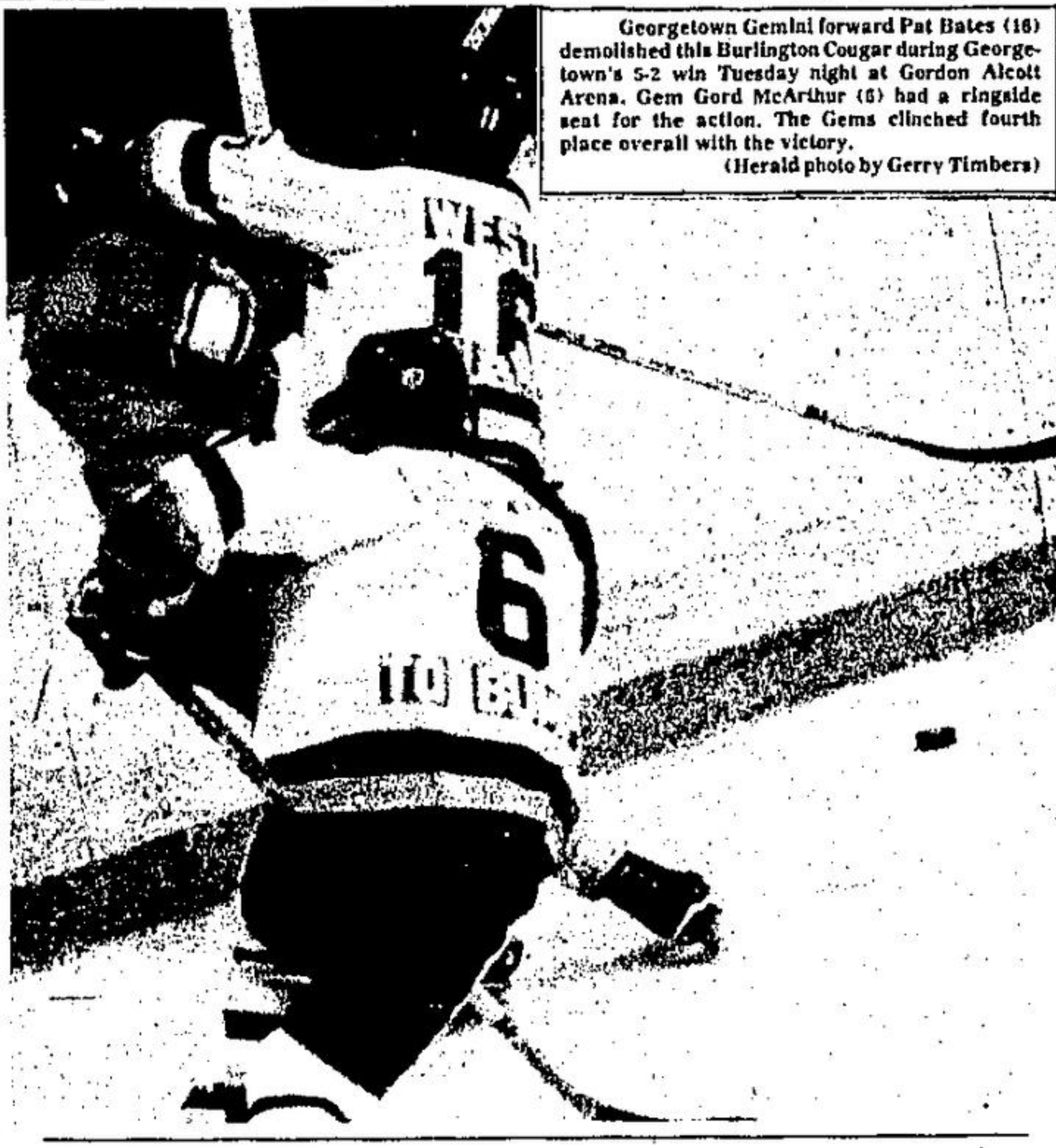
Anita Stankus paced the Trojan attack with 20 points while Lorraine Brown chipped in with 18 points.

Corinne Bulsman downed 11 points for the Mustangs, and Lynn Cartwright connected for 10 points.

In other action, the Capricorns disposed of the Cougars, 55-40.

Barbara Curry had 18 points to pace the winners. Sylvia Oprica and Dorothy Kroezer each contributed eight points to the Capricorn tally.

Sjanna Young led all Cougar scorers with 12 points. Leslie Durhan hit for 10 points in a losing cause.



Georgetown Gemini forward Pat Bates (18) demolished this Burlington Cougar during Georgetown's 5-2 win Tuesday night at Gordon Alcott Arena. Gem Gord McArthur (6) had a ringside seat for the action. The Gems clinched fourth place overall with the victory. (Herald photo by Gerry Timbers)

Top Burlington, Barrie Gems in top half

By GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor
The Georgetown Gemini finished with a flurry this year, taking decisions from Barrie and Burlington (this week to finish fourth in the Central Ontario Junior 'B' Hockey League standings.

After a miserable start in which the Gems won just four of their first 15 games, last year's league finalists compiled an 14-9-2 won-lost-tied mark over the last 25 games. They will enjoy the home game advantage in the opening round of the playoffs.

The Gems clinched fourth spot with a 5-2 decision over the Burlington Cougars at Gordon Alcott Arena Tuesday night, breaking open a 1-1 tie after 40 minutes with four third-period goals.

Dave Doucette, Kent Falby, Pat Bates, Bill Bathgate and Gord McArthur all scored for Georgetown.

Clinching fourth place was difficult for Georgetown mostly due to a depleted roster. Four first stringers missed the weekend action.

Suspended players Mark Hamilton and Bob Davey will be back in uniform when the Gems open the playoffs at home Saturday night. Chris Peavoy, the team's most consistent performer all year, is likely through for the season with torn knee ligaments. Bob Morrow is out due to illness.

Saturday night at home, the Gems looked impressive in downing the third-place Barrie Colts, 6-3.

Kevin Franks piled up two goals and a pair of assists as the home side pulled out in front, 4-0, through the first 30 minutes. Terry West, Mike Monahan, Riv Kennedy and Bates counted single markers for the winners.

Coach Jules Russiani told The Herald Monday he is looking forward to the playoffs.

Russiani is known as a 'playoff coach', who uses the regular schedule to the fullest for teaching skills and evaluating players.

"This team is a little more qualified than last year's team," Russiani said, comparing his current squad to last season's league finalists. "They are slowly doing the things I want. And they have a little more finesse."

T day night, the

Gems lost a close one in Oakville, 5-4. They led the Blades, 4-3, after 40 minutes, but fell in the third frame. All-star goaltender Wayne Cowley was superb for Georgetown, stopping 32 Oakville shots.

Kennedy paced the Gems with a pair of goals, while Falby and West contributed one goal each.

The Gems' first home playoff appearance will be Saturday night

Playoffs!

It's official. The Georgetown Gemini will open the Central Ontario Junior 'B' Hockey League playoffs tonight in Mimico against the expansion Monarchs.

Gemini general manager Bob Webster conceded the Monarchs, who finished eight points and two spots below the Gems over the 40-game schedule, home ice for the opener of the best-of-seven quarter-final round.

Game two will be at Gordon Alcott Arena Saturday night. The third game is set for Alcott Arena Tuesday night, while the fourth game is back in Mimico a week from tonight.

Webster was informed of the opening round match-ups during a meeting at the OHA offices in Toronto on Monday. The first-place Streetsville Derbys surprised the league by selecting the fifth-place Burlington Cougars as their first-round opponent.

The Oakville Blades then selected the Acton Sabres. The Barrie Colts picked Milton, leaving Georgetown, matched against Mimico.

Webster told The Herald he felt the other clubs avoided the Monarchs because they like to play physical hockey. The Gems won

four of five outings against Mimico this season, and the fifth game was a tie.

"No more than five," Webster prophesied Monday night.

Georgetown coach Jules Russiani, a playoff master, described the Monarchs as a "hard-nosed team that doesn't mind the contact. They are very tough to play against."

"They can't push us around, though," he assured.

The winner of the Georgetown-Mimico series will face the winner of the Streetsville-Burlington match-up in semi-final action.

Raiders sweep two

By GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor
The Georgetown Raiders swept a pair of weekend games from the Collingwood Shipbuilders to stay in the hunt for first place in the Ontario Senior 'A' Hockey League.

It was a high-scoring affair Friday night at Gordon Alcott Arena, as the Raiders out-gunned their guests for a 7-5 decision. Sunday afternoon in Collingwood, the Raiders took a 4-2 count for their 20th win of the season.

Seven different players got in on the Georgetown goal-scoring act, as the Raiders tested out new goaltender Rod Chyppha. John Saunders showed he liked his temporary assignment on right wing by scoring once, and assisting on two others.

Dave Hill, Tim Ampleford and Juri Kudrasova all had a goal and an assist on the night, while Brent Mecke, Dave Robson and Ron Twiss all fired single markers.

Raider GM Dave Kentner told The Herald it was imperative for his club to take the weekend series from Collingwood, to snap a two-game tailspin that started last weekend.

"We've had Collingwood's number all year

long," Kentner said, noting that the Raiders have taken three wins and a tie in four outings against the Shipbuilders. "We could have made things a lot easier on ourselves by winning last weekend, but now we know we have to take two games from Cambridge to finish first."

Sunday in Collingwood, the Raiders got third-period goals from Ron Twiss and Ray Tonelli to snap a 2-2 deadlock and gain two points. Paul Gallagher and Gary Landry scored the other Georgetown goals.

The upcoming weekend will be a tough one for the Raiders, featuring a pair of physically tough opponents. Friday night the Flamboro Real McCoys, who are currently trailing Georgetown in the standings by just two points bring their brand of rough and tumble hockey to Gordon Alcott Arena. Sunday, the Raiders will travel to Chatham to face another tough opponent.

The Raiders (20-10-1) currently stand third in the nine-team loop, with 42 points. They trail Cambridge (23-9-0) and Petrolia (22-11-0) in the race for league honors.

Georgetown still have an upcoming home-and-home meeting with the defending Allan Cup champion Cambridge Hornets. They also close out their regular season schedule in Petrolia.



There were lots of winners as the Georgetown Figure Skating Club hosted the Peel-Halton Inter-Club competition Sunday at Gordon Alcott Arena. Two GFSC gold medalists who will go on to represent the district at the Central Zone championships next month were (top) Leah Smeaton and Jennifer Hoddinott, who shared their success with skating star Darren Kemp. Georgetown juniors Kelly Grummett and Melanie Piers (bottom left) were happy to take silver medals in the similar dance competition, while teammate Kara Lynn Palmer (right) was another second-place finisher. In the senior bronze solo dance competition. (Herald photos by Gerry Timbers)

Six local skaters take gold medals

By GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor
Six Georgetown figure skaters have qualified for the Peel-Halton team that will compete at the Central Ontario Inter-Club Championship in March.

The six Peel-Halton qualifiers were gold medal winners at the district Inter Club finals, hosted by the Georgetown Figure Skating Club Sunday at Gordon Alcott Arena.

Fourteen Georgetown skaters turned in medal-winning performances during Sunday's competition, in front of an estimated 1,000 people.

GFSC skaters accumulated 90 team points, good enough for second-place overall among the seven competing clubs. Chinguacousy captured first-place honors, with 101 points.

Trina Wasylenko, Andrew Hoddinott, Debra Doug, Carolyn Caruso, Jennifer Hoddinott and Leah Smeaton all qualified to represent Georgetown on the Peel-Halton team.

Acton skater Kent Petty, and the dance team of Kari Cripps and Ron Barker, also qualified for the zone team.

One hundred skaters from seven Peel-Halton clubs were on hand for the day-long competition, beginning with compulsory figures at 8 a.m., and closing with the awards presentations at 8 p.m. Competing clubs included Acton, Streetsville, Brampton, Chinguacousy, Port Credit, Milton and host Georgetown.

There were 15 skaters representing Georgetown in 20 events. The local competitors earned six

gold, three silvers, and four bronzes.

"It was a tough competition," GFSC publicist Pauline Miller told The Herald following the presentations. "The quality of the skating was good. The winning performances were almost flawless."

"I think it shows we have a very healthy club right now. It was a very good day."

Dayna Mary Cammick, Kara Lynn

Palmer and the similar dance duo of Kelly Grummett and Melanie Piers were the second-place finishers for Georgetown.

Nancy Beaven, Catherine Tutt, Susan Giray and Tammy Morrow all earned bronze medals for third-place performances.

Jennifer Pearce of the Acton club won a second-place medal in the juvenile ladies competition.

Novices win

The Georgetown Concrete Pipe novices displayed one of their best efforts of the season in downing Chinguacousy 3-1 on Sunday.

Georgetown goals, one per period, were by Keith Montgomery, Troy Schirk and Andy Jones, the last one scored into an empty net. Assistants were shared one apiece by the same players.

The defensive core, consisting of Ryan Hay, Jamie Stephenson, Gavin Glaeser and led by Jeremy Hamps limited the opposition to a mere six shots on net. Goalie Andy Ashenhurst was there when needed, stopping a breakaway late in the game.

It appears coach Bob White has the team in top form, ready for the playoffs.

Exchange House takes sponge hockey tourney

The Exchange House defeated the Shooter Specials, 5-1, to capture the weekly Riviera Sponge Hockey Tournament Sunday.

Five teams faced-off this week at the Riviera outdoor rink, including the Newfoundland Club, the Rivieras and the Brampton Brew-ins.

Kevin Frank scored a pair of goals to pace the Exchange House in the championship game. Jamie Frank, Bob Davey and Dave Norton all counted single markers for the winners.

Frank Robertson beat Exchange House goalie Shayne Hillock for the lone Shooter Special goal. Hillock was named the MVP for his solid play.

The M and M Pro sports won the previous week's tourney, defeating the Exchange House 3-2 on the strength of a Tim Turner overtime goal in the final.

Jills gym meet

Sunday, Feb. 13 the Halton Hills Jills will be hosting an inter-club meet at Georgetown District High School, starting at 1 p.m.

The gymnastic club members will be competing and displaying their skills in a variety of different age categories. Everyone is welcome to attend.