

Success of puck tournaments pleasing to organizers

It appears the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association will have an annual house league tournament judging from the success it enjoyed in organizing and running the pair last week.

The GMHA held tournaments for both peewee and atom house league teams, and everything went so well it appears the events will become annual occurrences.

"Everyone is just tickled pink," said tournament chairman and GMHA vice-president of administration Jim Bray. "We were on time for both tournaments, and judging from the comments we've had, everyone enjoyed themselves."

Bray said it was the GMHA's intention to make the tournaments an annual thing, but added the workload was a little more than he anticipated.

"But I'm looking forward already to next year," he said. "I'm not sure if the format would be any different though."

Last Thursday the atom tournament was held at the Alcott Arena with eight teams taking part. Two of the teams, Halton Hills Firestone and Mr. Donut, were among the competing squads.

The Firestone team met up with Hespeler Hockey Moms in their first game but came out on the short end of a 4-1 decision. The lone Georgetown

goalscorer was not available.

The Mr. Donut crew dropped a 4-0 first round decision to Hespeler Sunderson Tire.

The two Georgetown teams met in the consolation round, with Firestone winning 6-3. Eric Bodin and Derek Ellard had two goals each for the winners while Curtis Hamilton and Mark Johnston had the others. Bernard Venditti had two goals for Mr. Donut while Robbie Copland had the other.

In the consolation final Georgetown met Oakville MOHAIR and lost 6-1. Ellard had the lone goal.

The atom tournament was won by Burlington Dukes, who defeated Hes-

peler Hockey Moms in the final.

Friday the peewees took to the ice, with London Life and Neil's Music representing Georgetown. However, both teams dropped their first games.

Neil's Music dropped a 4-2 decision to Oakville Place while Hespeler shut out London Life 2-0. The two local teams met in the consolation semi final, with the Music team winning 6-1. Goalscorers were not available.

The Music team met Burlington in the final, but dropped a decision.

The tournament was won by Oakville Office Machines, who defeated their Oakville Place rivals 6-3.

Bray said the idea of the house league teams playing in such a

tournament had some reasoning behind it.

"There are some kids who don't want to play rep hockey, and are satisfied with playing hockey once a week. But they really won't know if they can play without having a little bit of a challenge."

"There was some discussion about putting a major-minor format, but we went like this because a lot of the places do not have the luxury of a major-minor system."

The two tournaments were identical in their makeup, with games ranging one hour and 15 minutes in length. Bray said that was so maximum usage of ice could occur.

Georgetown resident and National Hockey League referee Brian Lewis was on hand for both tournaments, and officiated some games. One game in particular between Brampton and Brantford in the peewee tournament was ended in a shootout, and Bray said Lewis helped make the defeated Brampton team feel better about their loss.

"Brian came out because he loves the game, and that is really nice," Bray said. "He was introduced to some of the teams, and the players said, 'I've seen him on T.V.'"

"All in all everyone had a good time, and people went away thinking highly of Georgetown," he said.

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Gems lacking experience

Before a baby can walk, it must first learn to crawl. That same principle can be applied to the Georgetown Gems.

The Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League team is having a rough time of it so far this season. The Gems have an overall record of eight wins, 17 losses and three ties which is good enough for eighth spot in the nine team league.

The team's goal-for average is the second lowest in the league while its goals-against mark is second highest.

But that is not to say the hockey club is lacking in talent. The problem with the club is it has not established a sense of consistency in its play.

One night the Gems can set the world on fire, while being anything but the next evening. What is the reason for the inconsistency? Quite simply, experience.

This year's Gems roster is made up of young players who have not been exposed to junior "B" hockey either at all or for just one year. But the only way these players are going to learn though is to play every day and literally experience everything first hand.

"The problems we're having are youth problems," said general manager Bob Webster. "We correct one, and another comes."

"It looks like we might have to suffer a little like this now in order to get some training in there."

Still with the Gems, Webster said the team will have a new goaltender in camp soon. That is because the team has been using affiliate midget and juvenile goalies so far, and with the Jan. 10 cutdown date coming, Webster feels it is about time the team got a goalie for the rest of the year.

The newcomer will be Sudy Morag, who last year played for University of Wisconsin Badgers of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in the United States. He is currently playing intramural hockey at York University.

"I've talked to people at Wisconsin, and he comes highly recommended," Webster said.

After Jan. 10, league rules stipulate teams can only use affiliate goalies three more times the rest of the year.

By the way, Sudy is a nickname, but no one knows this goalie's first name.

The Jan. 10 cutdown date won't present any real problems for the Gems. They would have to cut down to 19 cards, but only have 17 carded players now, so they will not have to cut any players. In fact, the two cards Webster has are import cards, which allows him to sign two more players from outside the Georgetown area.

Visitors edge Raiders at Alcott Arena

Flamboro nets Christmas win

By DAN RALPH
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Flamboro left Georgetown Wednesday with a late, but welcomed Christmas gift.

The visiting team edged the hometown Chrysler Raiders 3-2 for the win at the Alcott Arena. It was a win that came about only through the fine goaltending of Ken Ellacott.

Ellacott turned away 30 of 32 shots, but his biggest saves of the game came late in the third period. Ellacott robbed Ron Twiss of a sure goal that would have tied the game with

less than five minutes left. Minutes later, he made three different saves off of one Raider rush.

But the crushing blow against the Raiders came in the dying minutes of the game when they had a goal disallowed by the referee. The puck hit the post, and the Raiders thought it trickled in for a goal, but the official said it never did cross the line.

It was a decision that Raider coach-general manager Gil Eyre disagreed with, but he added it did not take away from his team's play in the game.

"I thought it was in," he said, "but I don't think it affected us. We were pressuring them, but couldn't put the puck in the net."

Had it not been for the heroics of the Flamboro goalie, Raiders' netminder Dave Tataryn would have been the talk of the game. The former Cambridge Hornet was impressive in goal and made a number of fine saves that kept his team in the game.

"I don't think I could have done much more on the goals they scored," Tataryn said.

Tataryn said it has taken him this long to get

front of me," he said. "Now I can start doing my job."

The Raiders were minus three players for the game. Defenceman Fred Boimistruk, forward Tim Ampleford and John McIntyre all missed the game.

Boimistruk had work commitments while Ampleford was visiting relatives in Dayton, Ohio. McIntyre was also visiting relatives in Arnprior, Ontario.

Tataryn said had the Raiders been able to have a full team, the outcome would have been different.

"People say Ample-

ford is a little slow of foot, but he has a knack of putting the puck in the net," he said. "Had we been able to score, we would not have been scrambling."

The loss drops the Raiders' record to 14 wins against 11 losses this year, and puts them in fourth spot behind Flamboro, Collingwood and front-running Cambridge. Cam Botting and Dave Hill had the goals for the Raiders.

Georgetown will send six players to Cambridge for the Ontario Senior "A" all-star game Saturday, and they will play Chatham Sunday night.

Wednesday night was Kids Night, and a number of prizes were donated at the game. Barry McLean won the top prize, a BMX bicycle donated by North Halton Sports.

NOTES - Defenceman John Gibson played in Wednesday's game and did not show any ill effects of a knee injury he had Oct. 26 against Collingwood.



Georgetown Chrysler Raider forward Cam Botting celebrates after scoring his team's second goal in their game Wednesday against Flamboro. The Raiders dropped a 3-2 decision to the visitors despite outplaying the Flamboro team.
 (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)



DAVE TATARYN
 to know the personnel playing in front of him. He said now that he knows what to expect, he can concentrate on stopping the puck.

Gil Eyre still looking for a goaltender

Dave Tataryn continues to be the only goaltender the Georgetown Raiders currently have, but team coach-general manager Gil Eyre said he is still looking for someone to fill the vacant position.

"One of the problems is that we can't get just anyone," Eyre said. "It has to be someone who can help the hockey club."

The position became available about six weeks ago when Rick Wilson was recalled to Flint of the International Hockey League before ever playing a Senior "A" game. Wilson was given his release from the club earlier, and came to the Raiders as a result.

Eyre will have to make some pretty difficult decisions in the next week or so. He will have to cut two or three players from his roster in order to comply with the league rule that all clubs cut down to 21 cards by Jan. 10. Right now Eyre has 22 players in the Raider camp on cards. He would like to have 18 or 19 players signed and keep the extra cards for the Feb. 10 final deadline when each team must finalize its players roster.

The Raiders are playing a waiting game in their pursuit of Sean Simpson. Simpson is currently playing hockey in Europe, and Eyre is waiting to find out what Simpson's team's schedule is. If he is finished playing hockey before the Feb. 10 deadline then he's eligible to play Senior hockey. But if Simpson is playing hockey

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after that point, he will be ineligible to play.

Georgetown goaltender Dave Tataryn has set a couple of club records for goaltenders this season.

The former Cambridge Hornet has played more minutes (1,381) and allowed more goals (94) than any goalie has in Senior "A" competition. The records Tataryn broke used to belong to Brad Miller (977 and 74), who now plays for Hillsburgh Royals of the Intermediate "C" circuit.

Tataryn is also closing in on another record, this time it is for most assists recorded by a goaltender in a regular season. Tataryn currently has four this year, which is two short of the league record set by Woodstock's Ken Kitching in 1976-77.

Raiders' assistant captain Tim Ampleford is only one of three players who has yet to record any penalty minutes. The other two are Doug Kerr of Collingwood and Vytas Urbas of Dundas-Hamilton.

Racquet Club holds tournament

The Georgetown Racquet Club recently held its first junior squash tournament of the season. The tourney was a mixed event with four levels of competition.

Bobby Sun won the Advanced class with David Schandemeier being the runner-up. In the consolation title game, Lianne Monchamp claimed top honors with Kenny Sun coming in second.

Kevin Schandemeier was the Intermediate class winner with Marcus Wittich being the runner-up. Michelle Smith took top honors in the consolation side with Kerry Lewis coming in second.

In the Beginner II category, Neil Spiller was the winner with Julie Tanas finishing in second spot. Sarah Hughes was the top player in the consolation side while Kristy Lewis came in second.

Stacy Sinclair was the winner in the Beginner I class with Jennifer Crocker finishing in second. Ryan Norman took the consolation title.

Two wins

M and M Pro Sports "AA" bantams scored a pair of wins last week.

Georgetown defeated Chingwacousy 8-1 then returned home for a 4-1 win over Streetsville.

Dave Harris had three goals for the winners in their first win while Jason Arnold had a pair of tallies. Singles went to Terry Murphy, Don Cruise and Jeff Brady. Trevor Harkley, Dan Lane and Frank Katsilieris all had two assists while singles went to Harris, Dave Chatten, Cruise and Alain Thibault.

Goaltender Steve Eastwood played a strong game between the pipes for Georgetown, and lost out in his shutout bid with only 1:55 remaining in the contest.

In the win against Streetsville, Cruise had a pair of goals for the Georgetown team. Thibault and Harkley had the others. Murphy, Harris, Arnold and Lane added assists.

Geminis showing signs of breaking slump

Despite losing two games last week, Georgetown Geminis general manager Bob Webster is optimistic his club can get back on the winning track.

Georgetown was trailing Nobleton 7-1 in the

second period, but outscored the home team 4-1 from that point on in dropping a 8-5 decision last Sunday. Earlier Georgetown lost a 10-4 game at the Alcott Arena with Milton.

The losses give

Georgetown a record of eight wins, 17 losses and three ties. The Gems are eighth in the nine-team league ahead of Nobleton.

Nobleton scored the first two goals of the hockey game, when

Georgetown appeared to get on the board. However, referee Tom Lundy disallowed a Gemini goal that would have made the score 2-1 with

Georgetown gaining momentum. Webster

Chateau bantams score pair of hockey wins

The Chateau Restaurant Minor Bantam "AA" opened the scoring when they played Burlington. Bill Tuit carried the puck deep in the opposition's end and slid it over to Greg Onoprijenko who drove it home. Stu Vogt put the second goal past the goalie when Travis Gardiner dug the puck out of the corner over to Doug McDermott who

threw it to Vogt. Georgetown's third goal was an easy one by Doug Kent on a pass from Doug McDermott. Burlington scored twice but couldn't catch Georgetown who won 3-2.

The Chateau Restaurant and Milton squared off in Milton for a pre-Christmas game. Milton opened the scoring but Brent Presswood answered with one for Georgetown when Greg Onoprijenko threw a long pass up the ice. Chris McCarthy banged one home on a nice passing play by Cam Herman and Steve Southerland. Greg Onoprijenko came up with a goal when Brent Presswood put a pass in front of the Milton net. Bill Tuit got two big goals with the help of Travis Gardiner, Stu Vogt, Brent Presswood and



BRIAN DEMONE
 said that play was crucial in the game.

town's last goal making it an 8-1 victory was off the stick of Cam Herman who blasted it in the net. Bill Tuit and Stu Vogt assisted on this goal.

GFSC draw

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club would like to thank all the ticket sellers and supporters of our recent successful draw. The winners were: Trina Wasylenko and Tracy Rehberg.

Seventh win in a row

The Georgetown Firefighters-McNally Construction Atom AA's won their seventh straight game last Saturday night, downing Orangeville 3-1.

Georgetown grabbed the lead three minutes into the first when Greg Dobbin broke out and blasted a shot past Orangeville's goalie. Two minutes later Scott McGuigan counted for Georgetown's second goal on a setup by Dobbin and Shawn

Otto Jelinek explains charges to Parliament

Herald Staff

Two Soviet athletes who arrived in Canada early in December to take part in an international weightlifting competition have been charged with bringing illegal drugs into the country.

Last week, the Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sport Otto Jelinek made the charges known in the House of Commons.

Sport Canada wants to eradicate the use of drugs which artificially enhance performance, Mr. Jelinek said.

These drugs are harmful to health, ethically wrong and ultimately a threat to high performance sport, he said.

However, the two Soviet athletes weren't prohibited from competing as the competition was held by the International Weightlifting Federation which doesn't have in its regulations sanctions or penalties for the possession of such drugs.

Mr. Jelinek said he was told by the president and general secretary of the Federation that a one year suspension against the two weightlifters will be recommended and that penalties for the possession and use of banned doping substances will be considered.

"Once again, I must state that this government is unequivocally opposed to drug use in sport. To this end, our policy mandates every national sport organization to develop a plan to eradicate improper drug use, as well as suspensions for any athlete who uses, possesses or has been convicted of a drug offence in this country or elsewhere," Mr. Jelinek said.