

GMHA International Bantam Hockey Tournament

Midnight strikes for Cinderella LePage team

The A.E. LePage "A" bantams attempt at a real Cinderella story came to an abrupt end Saturday.

The team had qualified for the "D" division final in the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association's bantam tournament, but dropped a 5-0 decision to Oshawa 2. The loss eliminated the locals from the overall championship hunt.

The "D" division was for OMHA "B" and "BB" teams.

Georgetown played Oshawa quite even through the first period, trailing 1-0 at that point. However, the visitors were able to score twice in each of the following two periods to record the win.

Georgetown appeared a little tired, especially in the final period of play. Coach Carson Mininch said his team was indeed fatigued.

"We've been tired since we started," he said. "We wanted to win, but we just didn't have the legs for it."

Georgetown won two of their three games in the preliminary round, losing 7-1 to the same Oshawa team in their opener and Newmarket (6-2) to make it into the playoffs.

Georgetown then shut out Acton Firefighter team 3-0 in the division semi final, and Mininch said playing Saturday was a little "anti-climatical" to Friday's playoff win.

"I think it was (anti-climatical)," he said. "We just didn't have the drive we had Friday."

Although his club did not capture their division title, Mininch said he is not that disappointed. His team went further than he thought it would.

"I never thought we would make it this far," he said. "I didn't think we would even make it to the cross-over (playoffs)."

"So I'm not overly disappointed. Don't get me wrong, I would like to have won, but we did a lot better than I thought we would."

Mininch, who just took over coaching the team last week after a coaching change, said hockey aside, the tournament was a good experience for his players.

"It was because the boys learned things like how to relate to other people, which is more than you can get out of just playing hockey."

Although all members of the team played well, the dominating figure for the locals had to be goaltender John Stefan. Stefan was particularly spec-

tacular in the playoff game against Acton when he shut the door on the Acton team time and time again.

"The shots on goal must have been three or four to one in our favor," said Acton coach Evan Hayter. "They just had the hot goaltender."

"John did play well, but the only reason why I played him was because he was our hot goalie at the time. Had Scott Compton been the hot goalie, John would have sat. It just happened John was hot at the time."

The team has finished their regular season, and will only have a tournament in Oshawa next month to work for. Mininch said his team has done well, considering the circumstances this year.

"It has been a rough year for the boys, but we put it all together for this tournament."



Members of the A.E. LePage "A" bantams bury goaltender John Stefan after shutting out Acton 3-0 in the "D" division semi final. The Georgetown team met Oshawa 2 in their division final, but was eliminated by virtue of a 5-0 loss. (Herald photo)

Firefighter bantams victim of intangible



Georgetown Minor Hockey Association Wayne Fries (left) is presented with a plaque of appreciation from Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association president Jim Grant. Mount Pearl is a suburb of St. John's, Newfoundland, and the team wanted to give the GMHA a token of its appreciation for being invited to play as well as the hospitality it received while here.

One of the intangibles associated with any type of tournament proved to be the nemesis for the Acton Firefighter bantam hockey team Friday.

The squad had piled up three straight wins (3-1 vs Beamsville, 2-1 vs Levack and 11-0 vs Hespeler) in the "D" division (OMHA B and BB teams) of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association bantam tournament. As a result Acton qualified for the semi final round against Georgetown's A.E. LePage team.

However spectacular goaltending from Georgetown's John Stefan resulted in the LePage team taking a 3-0 win, and advancing on to the division final.

"They had the hot goaltender who robbed us," Acton coach Evan Hayter said. "You've got to give them credit for coming up with a big game."

Georgetown only led 1-0 going into the third period, but the only reason the locals were ahead was because of Stefan. Acton could not solve Georgetown's goaltender, even on the breakaway attempts it had in the final period.

Penalties did not help the Acton cause either, especially the ones in the third period. Hayter said he was not happy with the officiating in the

game. "When you get behind and get penalties, you are in trouble," he said.

Hayter said he was happy with the play of his club in the tournament, and added he was confident Acton could have made it to the tournament Grand Championship.

"We weren't overconfident, but I felt we could get into the (tournament) semi finals, and maybe in tomorrow's (Saturday's) final."

"But we just didn't seem to have the second effort today," he said.

Acton goal scorers weren't available for the three wins.



A Brooklin-Whitby player is about to get knocked off the puck by a member of the Georgetown M and M Pro Sports bantam team. Georgetown and Brooklin-Whitby met in the "B" division semi final, with the locals dropping a 5-0 decision that eliminated them from the tournament. Brooklin lost in the final to Richmond Hill. (Herald photo)



A Georgetown M and M bantam player and a member of the Brooklin-Whitby team fight for position while going for the puck. The Georgetown and Whitby teams were playing in the "B" division semi final, won 5-0 by the Brooklin-Whitby squad. (Herald photo)

M and M team flat in semi final playoff

Georgetown M and M Pro Sports bantams picked a bad time to come up with subpar performance.

The team was eliminated from the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association Bantam Tournament by dropping a 5-0 decision to Brooklin-Whitby. The game was a "B" division semi

final contest played at the Alcott Arena Friday afternoon.

This division was for OMHA "AA" hockey teams.

Friday's game was almost a complete reversal of the team's final preliminary game against Rayside Balfour. There Georgetown

completely dominated their opposition in a 6-1 win that was needed to qualify for the playoffs.

"The big difference was the boys came out flat," coach Doug Barnes said. "I did feel before the game they were a little down and we couldn't pick them up."

Georgetown only trailed 2-0 heading into the final period, and had a glorious opportunity to get back into the game when they had the man advantage. However, the locals couldn't put the puck in for their initial goal.

But the coach said he was satisfied with his club's play in the tournament. The locals opened with a 5-4 win over Niagara, then lost a 2-1 heartbreaker to Richmond Hill in a game Georgetown controlled. Then needing a win for the playoffs, the M and M team defeated Rayside Balfour.

"I thought the boys had a good year. We did quite well. We capped it off with a strong showing in the bantam tournament," he said.

Ken Langdon scored the lone goal in the loss to Richmond Hill. Dave Harris, Jeff Brady and Jason Arnold all had a pair of goals in the 6-1 win over Ray Balfour.

In the exhibition game with Mount Pearl Thursday night Arnold had two goals while Langdon, Brady and Danny Lane had singles in a 5-3 win. Lane also had three assists.

Liftech eliminated from series

Georgetown Liftech "A" atoms were eliminated this weekend from the Tri-County semi finals.

The team dropped a 3-1 decision Wednesday to Orangeville there. Steven Wright had the lone goal assisted by Gordie

Buchan. The locals couldn't beat a hot Orangeville goalie, and the series was now tied 2-2.

The deciding game was played Thursday night in Georgetown and the locals started the game on the fly. Jeff

Wright scored the opener on a Jeff Pettigrew rebound. Shaun Curry increased the margin to 2-0 in the first period on an unassisted tally. The Orangeville machine quickly retaliated with a goal less than a minute later. The visitors tied it

2-2 on a penalty shot before closing the period with another goal to lead 3-2.

The visitors increased their lead 4-2 with the only goal of the second. Georgetown began its comeback on a positive note by tying the game at 4-4 when Buchan and Steven Wright scored

assisted by the Wright brothers. Once again the Orangeville goaltender shut down the Black machine despite the local pressure. With less than two minutes remaining the visitors tallied two quick goals to win the game 6-4 and advance to the Tri-County final.

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Atoms consolation champs at tourney

Liftech "A" atoms took part in the Orangeville atom tournament recently and came home with the consolation title.

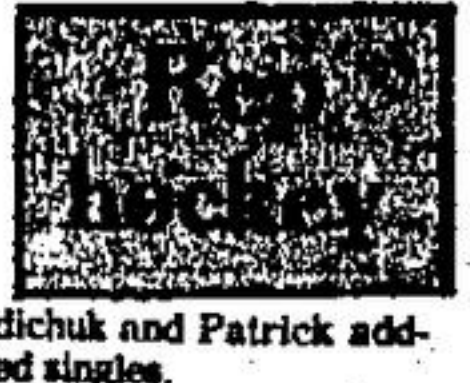
Georgetown dropped a close 4-3 decision to Streetsville in their first game. Stephen Leoni, Jeff Wright and Steven Wright had the goals. Shaun Curry, Wright, Greg Dawson and Tom Diardichuk assisted.

The locals came away with a 4-3 win in their second game versus Walkerton. Leoni had two goals with Jeff Wright and Ernie Pearce notching singles. Gordie Buchan had two assists while singles went to Steven Wright, Kevin Patrick, Diardichuk, Pearce and Jeff Wright.

Georgetown took on Caledon in the final where hatricks by Steven Wright and Leoni

paced the locals to a 6-2 win. Kevin McMurray and Steven Smith shared

goaltending duties. Buchan had four assists while Leoni and Steven Wright had two assists each. Jeff Wright, Diardichuk and Patrick added singles.



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Cedarvale Community Centre (Ages 18 & under as of May 1, 1985)
Sat. March 23rd
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$20.00 per player or \$35.00 per family (includes sweater & team photo) (\$5.00 extra person for late registration)



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Gordon Alcott Arena
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\$35 PER PLAYER TO THE MAX. OF \$95.

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