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Sunny Acre impressive as host midget rep team

Waterloo wins tourney

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After defeating a strong local team in the semi-finals, Waterloo went on to win the Annual Georgetown Midget Tournament Sunday.

Waterloo defeated Stratford 4-2 in the final game. "After we beat Georgetown we figured we had it made," said Don Laurence, coach of the Waterloo Midgets. The Georgetown Sunny Acre Farms lost to Waterloo 6-2 Saturday.

The good showing of the Georgetown team helped make the tournament a success. "It was the first time in a long time Georgetown made it to the semi-final round of their tournament," said Wayne Pries, president of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association.

"Any way you look at it, it was a most successful tournament," said Fred Hammer, chairman of the tournament. The crowds were good, the hockey of a high level, and as a fundraising project for minor hockey, the tournament made money, he said.

For coach Rick Hume and his Sunny Acre Farms Midgets, it was the



WE'RE NUMBER ONE: The Waterloo Chevys Midgets were crowned the champions at the 21st annual Georgetown midget tournament Sunday. They defeated Stratford 4-2 in a tightly-fought match-up. The Georgetown Sunny Acre Farms midgets had their chances to advance to the finals. They played well up to the semi-finals when they were stopped by the Waterloo squad 6-2. (Herald photo by Sandy Campbell)

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best tournament the club has played all year. The game against Waterloo could have gone either way, coach Hume said.

The chances for Georgetown to score were there, but the goals were not. The score was 2-2 after the first period in the semi-final game. Good goaltending by Joey Balson kept Georgetown in the game. He made six or seven big stops, Coach Hume said. But Georgetown just couldn't score at the other end.

To reach the semi-finals, Georgetown defeated Streetsville in their opener 8-0 and then Grimby 5-3. Throughout the tournament forward Barry Kennedy played his best hockey of the season, coach Hume said. Kennedy had six points. The

first line on the Sunny Acre Farms team (made up of Terry Dixon, Rob Cooper and Mike Ross) collected 22 points in the three games.

Georgetown's effort was not good enough to get them into the final game which saw two rivals from the Hub Hockey League play. Wellington had defeated Stratford five times before Sunday's final, most recently by 9-1.

The final game was not to be a walkover. Many picked the bedfed-up Stratford team to win the tournament, and, until 8:57 of the third period, Stratford looked like they

would win. A Waterloo goal to tie Stratford at 8:57 followed by another goal 20 seconds later put Waterloo in the lead to stay. An insurance goal came with four minutes to play. That goal completed a string of four unanswered goals for Waterloo. The winning goal was scored by Bob Plate.

Although not winning the tournament, Stratford did walk away with their share of awards. Stratford's Jim Grogan was named the tournament's Most Valuable Goaltender and Sean O'Reilly of Stratford was elected the tournament's Most

Valuable Player.

The consolation final for the 16 team tournament was won by Woodbridge, who defeated Chinguacousy 5-1.

Georgetown's coach believes his team will get another chance at Waterloo soon. In Tri-County Hockey League play the Georgetown Major Midgets are 20-3-4. Their last game of the season is Saturday in Milton and if they continue to win they will remain first in their league. The Tri-County champion will play the Hub champion which will probably be Waterloo. Waterloo is undefeated in league play.

Sports briefs

Get fit

It is not too late to sign up for one of the fitness classes being offered by the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department. Provided are a variety of programs including 60 Minute Workout, Fitness, Swim and Sauna, New Start, Pre/Post Natal Fitness and Something Different. Call 877-5185 ext. 260.

Broomball

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department, in conjunction with The Herald, will again be hosting the Annual Co-ed Broomball Tournament. This mixed tournament is purely for fun - don't worry about your abilities.

This year's tournament will be held Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. The entry fee is \$25 per team and the registration deadline is Jan. 16. Registration forms are available at the Recreation and Parks Department, The Herald and the Georgetown Memorial and Gordon Alcott Arena and Acton Arena. Call 877-5185 ext. 260.

Table tryouts

The West Central Region table tennis championships and Ontario Winter Games tryouts will be held Feb. 13 and 14 in Blenheim, Ont.

The West Central Region consists of Niagara, Hamilton, Wentworth, Halton, Brant and Wellington. Entry forms are available by calling (416) 622-4536.

Jr. C's crash

Charges are pending in a bus crash that took three people to the Orangeville Hospital Sunday evening.

The Caledon Junior C hockey team was on its way to a game in Bradford when a black van pulled out of an Adjala Township Line into the path of the team bus. The accident took place at 5:45 p.m. on Highway 9, just east of Highway 50. Snelgrove OPP said the black four-wheel-drive Chevrolet turned right to go westbound, but turned too far over, going into the eastbound lane and hitting the bus carrying the hockey team.

Two members of the team were injured as was the passenger in the van. The team members were treated and released from hospital, but Joe Prilop, 42, of Etobicoke, is still in Orangeville Hospital.

The Caledon Junior C team's game was cancelled and has been re-scheduled.