

Minor Hockey Week

Hockey, a game for all seasons



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By SANDY CAMPBELL
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The romantic days of knights and Might For Right are not really trapped in history books and the pages of fantastic tales. Today's heroes, more than anywhere else, perform on the sports fields, and in Canada the arenas.

The magic of those olden times is not lost either. For young Canadian males the magic is to one day play in the NHL. And what of chivalry and contrariness? Well if you believe

team sports build character, then you will probably agree no sport in Canada strengthens character more than hockey.

All the more reason to take note of Minor Hockey Week, which is next week. For at the heart of the game which means so much to Canada are minor hockey players, parents, coaches, fans and volunteers. Each has a story of commitment.

Don Kershaw is the father of an Orangeville Midget. As a rep player Don's son plays as many as 65 games a year. Don will see 80 per cent of them and his wife won't miss one.

"We do it for the development of the boy," Kershaw said. The boy learns discipline and commitment. He can quit any year he wants, but if

he starts a season he must finish it, Kershaw said.

The Kershaw family is not unusual because they spend many of their weekends on the road with their boy at tournaments. "Most hockey parents are like us," Kershaw said. A benefit of these trips is it brings the family closer together, especially the parents and their son, he said.

Doug Scott coaches in Port Perry and has been coaching hockey for 13 years. He is still a young man "I'm heavy on relating hockey to life in general. Get along when you play hockey on a team and you will probably get along when you start working for a living," Scott said.

Seeing his players grow personally and watching their skills improve is the satisfaction Scott gets from

coaching. And he means all of his players. The odd one will make it big in hockey, most will not. "I'm in it for the long run, for the average player," Scott said.

Austrian born Fred Hammer never saw a hockey game until he was 17 years old and moved to Canada. He never played hockey but has been involved in minor hockey for about 10 years. He is a volunteer in Georgetown. Hammer's boys played hockey and in return for what they received from it, Hammer has volunteered.

His involvement in minor hockey is not an obligation, but something he enjoys. "It has probably made me a better person," Hammer said.

Linda Lee is a Georgetown Minor Hockey Association volunteer who has a son playing hockey. Her son

Ryan is 12 years old and plays Minor Pee-Wee.

To Mrs. Lee minor hockey means family participation. Like dinner, Ryan's games are one of the few times in a day the family spends time together, she said.

Hockey keeps the boys busy and out of trouble, Mrs. Lee said. Ryan has met many lasting friends through hockey, and as he is in his first year of contact hockey Ryan will have to learn tolerance and self-control, she said.

One thing which is hard to control in a young man is the dream of playing in the NHL. It's a magical part of the game. Some like Georgetown's Brian Hayward, will make it. But all will get something from their time on the ice, and it will be largely positive. Not all the magic is unattainable.

Casselman Fuels blank Burlington

By RON KERSLAKE
Herald Special

The Casselman Fuels AA Minor Novices got rolling with a 7-0 win over Burlington on the weekend.

Pete Mashinter and Nathan Milne got two goals each by finishing off plays started by their mates. Milne's goals were shots from rebounds. Robert Walsh and Curtis Carr had taken the original shot in the respective cases with an assist credited to Chris Corney. Gary McNiven assisted. Pete twice and Ryan Taylor set him up

once. Curt Carr scored the only second period goal into the top of the net as the goalie went down after Jamie Briggs and Aaron McLaughlin got the puck in close.

Ryan Taylor and Gary McNiven got unassisted goals in the third period when the Fuels sunk Burlington with four scores. George (the mascot lion) Casselman purred with delight after this game as this was one of the bigger wins by the Fuels since the Corney family brought him to the team

Showdown for Novices

By RITA DAVIDSON

The nine-year-old major novices hosted Oakville last Sunday and gave a fine, showing again as the young team is advancing towards a tri-county showdown in the playoffs. This game saw Steven Heinz earn a brilliant shutout as Georgetown won 2-0.

The first period was fast and ended but remained scoreless. In the second, Georgetown left no doubt who was to win as they took over and lallied two. The third period was again scoreless. This was again thanks to Steven Heinz's quick reflexes, and some great defensive plays.

Georgetown played solid team styled hockey with sound crisp passing. Monday the North Halton Sports travelled to Burlington's new Twin Pond Arena holding a split between these two clubs, each was looking to advance on the other. But this night it was David Pearson's turn to deliver an outstanding performance between the posts and come away with his third shutout of the season. Burlington tested this young man's abilities but could not find one weakness. With four strong defencemen to help and solid scoring from Kevin Lumb, Fraser Thom, and David Boere, Georgetown blanked them 3-0. Assists to Robbie Monckton and David Kalbarak (2).

Peeewe double victories

Shemin Nurseries Peeewe "A's" finished a busy week with two victories. In Milton last Monday, Georgetown had a bad start losing 4-1 with Mike Oldreive scoring the lone goal assisted by Steve Ciglen and Jake Poulstrup.

Tuesday hosting league leading Ancaster, the locals enjoyed a hard checking, fast paced game with Ancaster winning 3-1 with an empty net goal at the 20 second mark on Georgetown's attempt to tie it up. Chris Burns scored on passes from Claude Johnston and Brad Tutt.

Saturday, in Orangeville, Shemin Peeewe's matched a 4-3 victory in a game filled with penalties and fist action. Poulstrup and Chad Hartman each netted two goals assisted by Tutt with 2, Oldreive, Jeff Pettigrew, and Peter Lee.

Hosting Burlington Sunday, the game was evenly matched as Georgetown scored the winning goal with less than two minutes to play to win 5-4. Goal-getters were Craig Juby with a hattrick, and Jeff Timmons with two. Assists were credited to Hartman with four, Oldreive, Ciglen, Burns and Greg Dawson. Peter Downs attended net superbly in all four games.

Hillsburgh Royals tie and slip into second

By JAMES ROBILLARD
The Hillsburgh Royal, and Exeter Mohawks battled to a 5-5 tie Friday night at the Hillsburgh Community Centre in Ontario Hockey Association Southern Senior "B" Hockey.

The tie enables the Mohawks to maintain their six point lead over the Royals and first place in the league standings, but allowed Hillsburgh to slip past Elora into third place in the tight league.

Hillsburgh jumped into a 2-0 first period lead as Glen Murray and Brian MacKenzie connected to goals before Exeter's Jeff Rowe narrowed the margin to 2-1 before the period ended.

In the second MacKenzie with his second of the night and Karl Meyer just 13 seconds later gave Hillsburgh a 4-1 lead before the period was ten minutes old. But Exeter's Cam Doig fired a goal with just 4:28 remaining and Hillsburgh led 4-2 as the teams

went to the dressing room.

In the third Exeter rebounded with a goal as Bill Glover connected before the Royals' Steve Bronizewski restored Hillsburgh's two goal lead with 12 minutes remaining.

Al Gates on the power play for the Mohawks and Pete Turkey with just two minutes left tied the score at five. Both Hillsburgh's Brad Miller and the Mohawks' Louis Aris made

a number of good saves as they had a busy night in goal.

ROYALTIES George Osborne has resumed skating with Hillsburgh after breaking his wrist late November and expects to begin playing shortly. Also anyone wishing to travel to road games with the club may do so on the bus leaving Hillsburgh before all road games. For times of departure contact any Royals executive.

Herald Angels soar

By RITA DAVIDSON

Saturday in league hockey the seven-year-old select team met Timbits. Opening the scoring for the sevens was Ryan Bell from Shane Thompson. Timbits rallied for one but Shane Thompson was fired up as he ignited for three (the hattrick). Assists went to Cameron Hunter, Mike Crawford (2), Ryan Bell. Also tallying for The Herald team was Brad Davidson from Ryan Bell and Wesley Blight. The final goal went unassisted to Curtis Hoogendam. The score ended Herald Angels 6 Timbits 1.

Later that same day, with snow falling heavily, the team trekked down to Oakville for an exhibition match against some 8-year-old

selects. Oakville scored late in the first, but with only a minute remaining in the first, Ryan Bell set up Wesley Blight for a terrific goal to tie the score. The second period saw some excellent chances for Brad Davidson who had two breakaways but failed to net them.

Oakville didn't have this kind of trouble, as they placed three quick goals behind young netminder Kevin Humeniski. Georgetown held their own though and never gave up, continually blasting the Oakville goalie but lady luck refused to budge. The third period was held scoreless for both sides and the final ended with Oakville 4 Georgetown 1.

Atom "A" learn lesson

The Mal Dodge ReMax Minor Atom "A" hockey team met Oakville twice at Memorial Arena this week and hopefully learned a valuable lesson that will serve them well in the upcoming playoffs.

On Monday night the Georgetown team skated to a relatively easy 6-1 victory over the visitors. Doug Sheppard and Duane Erler led the offence with two goals and one assist each. Jamie Stephenson added a goal and an assist. Matt Brain counted the other Mal Dodge ReMax goal. Brent Wilkinson earned two assists and Mike Kotsos one.

Thursday night saw the locals assume another victory. Oakville

however had different ideas and skated to a 5-4 victory over the Georgetown team. Although the Mal Dodge ReMax squad had the better chances throughout the game, they were outworked by the visitors and, therefore, had no excuses as Oakville recorded the winning goal with one second left in the game. For the Mal Dodge ReMax team Sheppard scored three goals while Erler added a goal and an assist. Gavin Glaser and Mark Aldridge each earned one assist.

The coaches can undoubtedly use this week's experience to their benefit as they prepare the team for the playoffs.