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Upstaging sisters

Whenever the "Four Steps to Stardom" National Championship competition heightens, the Weeks sisters begin their friendly bowling wars.

As Sandy moved out of bantam and Junior divisions as Georgetown's top average singles bowler, the younger Tracy stepped in.

And now, as top junior bowler, Tracy intends to out-do her past accomplishments of her sister.

Even last Saturday, Tracy rolled up an 802 triple with a 20th game of 302. On Sunday, Sandy came back with a 826 triple but only a 280 single.

This friendly competition is peaking the bowling of the sisters in time for the Zone Finals in the next two weeks.

Tickets available

Tickets are still available for the annual Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council award dinner, scheduled for March 2.

Hockey Heritage president Dave Kentner said Monday about 300 tickets have been sold for the dinner to honor the 10th recipient of the award, Del Benumoit. Approximately 75 tickets remain to be purchased, at a cost of \$30 each.

There are also about 50 tickets still available for the NHL Oldtimers hockey game between former professional stars of the Detroit Red Wings and the Toronto Maple Leafs. The contest is scheduled for Sunday, March 1 at the Gordon Alcott Arena at 3 p.m.

Any tickets to the game that have been reserved must be picked up by Feb. 23, or they will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

The \$6 admission ticket also entitles holders to a free souvenir program and puck.

For more ticket information on both events, contact Dave Kentner at 877-1113.

By MIKE TURNER
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A battle for third place in the Central Junior B hockey league between the Georgetown Gemini and the Burlington Cougars didn't materialize at the Gordon Alcott Arena Saturday night.

The final playoff positions were determined the previous evening, when the Gemini lost to the Oakville Blades 6-3, while the Cougars were busy running up a 12-0 score against the Nobleton Devils.

Going into weekend action the Gems still had an outside chance at taking over third. But the issue was settled Friday by the Cougars' victory.

Instead, the Gemini and Cougars merely went through the motions Saturday, as both teams took the opportunity to rest their big guns and provided their reserves with a little skating time. Burlington eventually won the match-up 8-3.

The Gems will face the Vaughan Raiders in the opening round of the playoffs, which will start this Saturday night in Georgetown.

Other quarter-final series have Barrie taking on Milton, Oakville facing Milton, and the Cougars facing off against Nobleton. All four series are best-of-seven affairs.

Jules Russiani, assistant General Manager for the Gemini has been devoting some of his time to keeping an eye on the Raiders recently, as the countdown to playoff time started.

One of the prime concerns Georgetown will have to address when they face the Raiders is containing high-scoring forward Joe Scala, according to Russiani.

"We'll key on him," Russiani says. "They have a couple of others who can score too, but he's their big goal scorer."

In six regular season match-ups, the Gems won three, lost two, and tied one with the Raiders. Russiani says the losses came earlier in the schedule, when the Georgetown lineup was somewhat unsettled.

But that's not to say the Gems are taking anything for granted.

"We have to play, to beat them," Russiani says. "There's nothing fancy about their club, they just have a sound hockey team. We have to play good positional hockey, and tie up guys like Scala."



Mike McNiven of the Georgetown Gemini attempts to control a loose puck in his goal mouth during Junior B hockey action at the Alcott Arena Saturday night, while his defence clears out a Burlington player. The Gems lost the contest 8-3 to the visiting Cougars, but its outcome had no bearing on the final standings. (Herald photo)

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In the game Friday against Oakville, the Gems trailed 2-0 after the first period and 4-2 after the second.

Travis Cole, Don Cruise and Jason Rogers scored for Georgetown.

Saturday, several members of the Georgetown squad received what Russiani termed "a well-deserved rest", since the outcome of the game had no bearing on the final standings.

Pressed into service to fill the gaps were five players from Georgetown minor squads.

Burlington led 1-0 after the opening frame and 4-3 after the second. But four unanswered goals in the final 20 minutes put the game out of reach.

Warren Hart scored a pair of goals for Georgetown, while Mark Butcher added a single.

For the Cougars, Lowell Crane, Marc West, and Al Brenner had two goals each, while singles went to Cam Cooke and Todd Awender.

For the most part, the Gemini will be healthy as they head into the series with Vaughan this weekend.

Todd Humphrey will be forced to sit out the first two games of the series, as he completes a four-game suspension picked up in Nobleton Feb. 8.

The first game of the series is Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Arena, with the second game scheduled for Vaughan Sunday at 8 p.m.

Bound for Atlantic City

Paul Fendley, of 316 Meadowbrook Drive, is the winner of the Georgetown Gemini Atlantic City Getaway contest.

The draw was made during the Junior B hockey game between the Gemini and the Burlington Cougars Saturday night, as part of the Georgetown club's Fan Appreciation Night.

Fendley wins a trip for two to Atlantic City, courtesy of Ross Travel. The package includes limousine service to and from the airport, a champagne breakfast, courtesy of the Kentners, and spending money donated by a number of banking institutions in Georgetown.

Gem-Raider series

CENTRAL JUNIOR B QUARTER-FINAL
PLAYOFF GEORGETOWN VS. VAUGHAN
Sat., Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. at Georgetown
Sun., Feb. 22, 8 p.m. at Vaughan
Tues., Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. at Georgetown
Thurs., Feb. 26, 8 p.m. at Vaughan
Sat., Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m. at Georgetown
Sun., March 1, 8 p.m. at Vaughan
Tues., March 3, 7:30 p.m. at Georgetown
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