

Best of the Gems honored at banquet



Individual awards were distributed to deserving players Friday night when the Georgetown Gemini held their annual awards banquet. Front row, from left, Ray Desouza (Most Improved); Craig Chantler (McMillan Scholastic Award recipient). Back row, Jason Rogers

(Most Defensive Player); Wayne Morrow (Most Valuable); Tom Purcell (Rookie of the Year); and Wally Petrie (Miller High Life Player of the Year). (Herald photo)

For the Georgetown Gemini, it was a night of "puttin' on the ritz," as the club held its annual awards banquet and dance at Sacre-Coeur Hall Friday.

The team's top players were recognized for their efforts on the ice, while several members of the Gemini executive were also acknowledged for their work behind the scenes.

Wayne Morrow, captain of the Gemini was awarded the Most Valuable Player award. Morrow was honored earlier this season as the recipient of the Central Junior B league's Most Sportsmanlike Player award, and was also runner-up in the league MVP balloting this season after copping the award last year.

Two defencemen were recipients of the Most Improved Player and Rookie of the Year awards. Ray Desouza was recognized for the marked improvement he has shown on the ice, while Tom Purcell, who was a regular on the Gemini's special teams, was named top rookie.

The Most Defensive Player with the Gemini this season was Jason Rogers, who came to Georgetown this season after playing with the Acton Junior C Sabres the previous year.

Wally Petrie was awarded the Carling O'Keefe Miller High Life Player of the Year Award after he accumulated the most points in star-of-the-game balloting during the season.

Several new player awards were unveiled at this year's banquet.

Craig Chantler was named to receive the McMillan Scholastic Award, which was put up by the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council. The award, which was put up by the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council. The award is to be given each year to the player who best

combines skills on the ice with academic achievement at Georgetown District High School. The award is voted on by teachers at the school, and Chantler was this year's unanimous selection.

Another new award is the Pizza Hut Captain's Plaque, presented to Morrow. The plaque will be a perpetual history of all the players who wear the 'G' for the Gemini in the years to come, and the team's record in each season will also be included in the inscriptions.

Club President Dave Kentner called several members of the Gemini executive to be recognized for their efforts during the season, and presented each with a letter of appreciation.

Those honored at the banquet included directors Al Walker and Bill Hawkins, and the wife-husband combination of director Kay Barnes and vice-president Jack Barnes.

Letters of appreciation will also be presented to executive director Bill Spence and Assistant General Manager Jules Ruzsiani, who were unable to attend the banquet.

The Jim Mackie Memorial Trophy to recognize outstanding contributions by a member of the executive was shared this year. The award is voted on by members of the executive, and this year's joint recipients were club treasurer Joan Anderson and vice-president in charge of the Booster Club, Gerry Osborne.

The Georgetown Gemini hockey club will hold their general meeting Thursday evening at Sacre-Coeur Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. The election of a slate of executive officers for the upcoming season will also be conducted at the meeting.

The Gemini Golf Tournament has been slated for Aug. 24 at the Georgetown Golf and Country Club.

Firefighters finish season with good showing at Mildmay

The Georgetown McNally Construction Firefighters AA Major Atom hockey team rounded out their season last weekend, as they competed at the 28th annual Mildmay Atom Hockey Tournament.

Playing in a tough division with AAA and AA teams, along with Don Mills Flyers, London Jets, Waterloo Cubs, Cambridge Hawks, and Owen Sound Ziebart, the McNally squad tured in two solid efforts, but lost 4-0 to Waterloo and 7-4 to Owen Sound.

Against defending champions Waterloo, Georgetown actually carried much of the lay to their opponents, however some poor shooting and good goaltending proved to be the difference.

Waterloo notched two of their goals while they were short handed, both coming on breakaways, as the Georgetown players became trapped in the offensive zone. Shots on goal favored Georgetown by a 25-12 margin.

Centre Blaine McCauley who created many scoring chances, was voted MVP for the Firefighters.

Later in the day, Georgetown faced the defending consolation champions, Owen Sound in a wide open, exciting game. Again the team made a good showing, holding their own against their fast-skating opponents.

Jimmy Kavanagh, who was

chosen MVP in the game had a pair of goals with singles going to Randy Bond and David Rivard.


The people of Mildmay can be complimented for the hospitality they extended to the teams participating in the tournament. All the players were treated to complimentary roast beef dinners after their first game, and also viewed movies, and had the chance at draw prizes.

The AA Major Atoms played in 53 games this year including regular season, exhibition, playoff, and tournament matchups.

The players and parents extend their thanks to coach Jim Pirie, assistant coaches Bill Boyle and Ken

Bond, as well as managers Darlene and John Knight for the many hours they put in, working with the boys during the last six months.

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