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Central Jr. B hockey

Gems dumped by Derbys

There wasn't too much change of mistaking which team was in second place in the Central Junior B Hockey League's West Division, and which was in second last place, when the Streetsville Derbys and the Georgetown Gemini tangled at the Alcott Arena Saturday night.

The Gemini stayed with the Derbys for the first period but then faltered badly in the final two frames as they were whipped 2-4.

To make matters just a little bit worse, the Streetsville squad turned around Sunday and surrendered a game to the Milton Merchants, the team the Gems are trying to catch in the standings, by a 7-3 margin.

Georgetown remains mired in sixth place in the league's West Division and are 12th among the entire 14 teams, with a record of 7-23-3 leaving them nine points back of the Merchants, and two points up on the Mimico Monarchs.

The Derbys jumped out to a 2-0 lead Saturday night before the Gems fought back to even matters up.

Joe Washkurak scored at the nine-minute mark of the first period to make it 2-1, as Georgetown worked

the puck around in the Streetsville zone while enjoying the man advantage. Greg Brazeau and Kevin Dance worked the puck back to Washkurak who scored with a blast from the point.

Chuck Loreto tied the game at two with a picture goal a short time later. Loreto took a pass in full stride as he crossed centre and slipped between the Streetsville defence. He carried the puck in and when the Derby goalie went down, he flipped a shot up into the net. Mark Dunning and Washkurak drew assists.

But that was as close as the Gems would come, as the Derbys scored twice more in the first and opened up a 7-2 lead in the second.

Loreto and Shannon Storr accounted for the other Georgetown goals in the late going.

This weekend the Gems vacate the Alcott Arena to make way for the local midget tournament.

Friday, they travel to Milton for an 8 p.m. game with the Merchants, and Saturday they'll see action in Mimico when they take on the Monarchs in an 8 p.m. start.



The Georgetown Gemini started strong but couldn't keep up with the Streetsville Derbys in a Central Junior B hockey game Saturday night at the Alcott Arena. Scoring chances close in came much easier in the early going, but there weren't near as many later on as the Derbys rolled to a 2-4 victory. (Herald photo)

Sabres coast to win over Alliston Hornets in Junior C action

The Acton Sabres fought off a case of "post-Christmas blahs" last Wednesday, to take a 5-2 victory over the Alliston Hornets in a Mid-Ontario Junior C hockey game.

"It wasn't really much of a game," said Sabres' general manager Jules Russiani. "Too much turkey, I guess."

After a sluggish first period for both sides, the score was tied at one. But in the second, the Sabres went out front by a 3-1 margin.

Alliston took the lead at the 12:27 mark in the first, when Greg Martin scored while the Hornets enjoyed a man advantage.

Sabres' captain Chris Turner evened matters up when he scored at 18:27, assisted by Rod McClure and Todd Cull.

Tom Fisher put the Sabres in the lead with a pair of goals in the middle frame. The first, at the three-minute mark was set up by Peter Cargill and Steve Wagner, while the other came at 10:41 from Wagner and Rick Floto.

Jeff Edgar increased the Acton lead to 4-1 with a powerplay goal at the 5:19 mark of the third period, from Turner and Cull.

The Hornets responded with a

short handed goal, again by Martin, to make it 4-2, just over a minute later.

Turner rounded out the scoring at 15:11 when he tallied on the power play from Cull and Wayne Rivers.

Dan Halliburton was in net for the Sabres to earn his second consecutive game. Manny Legace took the loss for the Hornets.

The Sabres face a crucial test in the next week, which could well determine if they will be able to hang on to their current second-place spot in the standings, as they play five games in six nights.

There has been a change in the scheduling for this weekend's action in Acton.

The Sabres will still make a two-game home stand Friday and Saturday night, but Friday they will host the Caledon Flyers in an 8 p.m. contest, and Saturday they entertain the Orangeville Crushers for a 7:30 p.m. start. Originally, they had been slated to play Orangeville Friday, and Caledon Saturday.

Then on Sunday, the Sabres travel to Bradford for a game with the Bulls, while Tuesday they're in Caledon, and Wednesday they entertain Alliston for an 8 p.m. game.

Johnson squad in consolation

The Johnson and Associates Major "B" Atoms reached the consolation finals of a tournament hosted by Arthur on the weekend.

The one-day event provided a stiff test for the locals, as they were forced to play three games in a period of less than six hours.

In Georgetown's opening game, a couple of soft Midway goals in the first eight minutes got the locals off on the wrong foot, and they never recovered. Midway scored two more quick ones before the period

ended, and effectively put the game away, and added one in each of the last two periods, to make the final score 6-0.

That put the locals in the Consolation Round, where they met Acton. At 4:19 of the first period, Stephen Yurichuk banged in a goal from a scramble in front of the Acton net. Matt Lush was credited with the assist. And at 2:37, Scott Wilson won a faceoff in the Acton zone and fed Jim Katsileris, who wristed a waist-high shot to the stick side that clean-

ly beat the Acton goaltender. The period ended with the locals ahead by a score of 2-0.

The second period saw Georgetown increase its lead to 4-0. In the first minute, Shannon Morris pinched in at the blue line and knocked the puck in the corner to Yurichuk, who proceeded to walk out in front of the net and put the puck between the goalie's legs. And less than two minutes later, Jamie Bottomley centered the puck, and Wesley Burke managed to put the

puck into the net from a goalmouth scramble.

The locals continued their strong play into the third period. At 3:55, another faceoff in the Acton zone led to the fifth Georgetown tally. As with the second goal, Wilson won the faceoff to Katsileris, who put the puck in the net. The final score was 5-0 and Johnson and Associates were in the finals. Seth Homer earned the shutout.

The locals met the hometown Arthur team in the Consolation Final. The bigger, faster Arthur Optimist scored two goals in each period to win the final by a score of 6-0. The Georgetown team tried hard, but couldn't do it. Even lady luck was against them, as Wilson put the puck in the net from a goalmouth rebound, only to have the referee blow his whistle because he lost sight of the puck.

Sean Mills was named MVP for Georgetown in this game.

Three-way tie for first

A log jam has materialized atop the Halton Hills Hockey League standings, as no less than three teams hold a share of first place.

In Action Sunday, LePage's ran their record to nine wins and four losses, as they blanked Arnie's Body Shop 6-0. The LePage's squad, with 18 points, is in the three-way tie for top spot.

Exchange House managed to keep pace as they dumped the Hawks 7-1, to run their record to 8-3-2, and grab a share of first.

McGibbon Hotel also has an 8-3-2 record, after battling North Halton Sports to a 1-1 draw Sunday.

The other league match-up, which could be termed "the battle of the realtors", saw Mal Dodge ReMax

blank Genoe ReMax of Acton 4-0.

The rest of the league standings show Genoe ReMax in fourth place with 14 points, followed by North Halton Sports with 13, Mal Dodge ReMax with nine, and Arnie's Body Shop and the Hawks, with seven points apiece.

This Sunday's slate of games has North Halton Sports taking on Genoe ReMax at 8:30 a.m., at the Alcott Arena, followed by a match between Mal Dodge ReMax and McGibbon Hotel at 9:35 a.m.

The other games feature Arnie's Body Shop tangling with Exchange House at 10:40 a.m., and the Hawks playing LePage's at 11:45 a.m.

GOALTENDING

Player	GP	GA	SO	Avg
Shayne Hillcock (RH)	13	21	1	1.58
Paul McCracken (NHIS)	13	26	1	2.00
Glenn Tust (L)	13	21	3	2.38

Competition tight in HHHL

Midget tournament gets under way

The 22nd Annual Georgetown Midget Hockey Tournament got underway Tuesday, and play continues throughout the week to determine finalists for the championship and consolation games this Sunday.

A total of 16 teams are taking part in the event, with first round action continuing tonight (Wednesday) and Friday evening.

The Georgetown Sunny Acres Midgets were slated to play Hamilton in the opening game of the tournament Tuesday night.

Other teams taking part include defending champion Waterloo, last year's finalists Stratford, Niagara Falls, Burlington, Thornhill, Brampton, Markham, Richmond

Hill, London, Port Perry, Owen Sound, Chatham, Brooklin-Whitby and the Metro Toronto Aeros.

Georgetown's second game of the tournament is Thursday at 7 p.m. If they lost their opening round match, or at 8:30 p.m. if they beat Hamilton.

The consolation final for the tournament has been set for 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, while the championship game is at 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Georgetown Hockey Moms will be on hand to provide refreshments and food for Saturday's slate of games, and the auditorium at the Gordon Alcott Arena will be licensed for the day.

All games in the tournament will be played at the Alcott Arena.

Fitting resolution

Now that all those New Year's resolutions have been made to trim down and get into better shape in 1988, this is the time to consider signing up for the Department of Recreation and Parks' exciting Fitness, Swim and Sauna program. An expert instructor combines a light fitness workout with a friendly dip in the pool and a short stint in the saunas to help participants feel refreshed and maybe even burn off some of those excess Christmas calories.

The program begins Jan. 12 and runs for 10 weeks. Choose between once or twice a week. Call 877-5185 ext. 260 for more information.

Still openings

There are still openings in the swimming lessons that begin this week at both the Acton and Georgetown Indoor Pools. For more information call the Recreation and Parks Department 877-5185 ext. 260.

Skating competition

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club will hold its annual club competition on Wednesday, Jan. 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Arena.

Presentations of medals will be made following the competition, which is expected to last until about 10 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend the competition, and admission is free.

Steppin' out

Enjoy an evening of fun and social activity with instruction in Ballroom and Latin Dancing. Learn the basics of the cha-cha, waltz, jive, foxtrot, disco hustle and other from our experienced teacher, Dorri Bland. There are basic lessons for Beginners as well as an Advanced class for the more experienced dancers. Lessons will be held at the Cedarvale Community Centre on Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 12 and running for 12 weeks. This program is a must

Learn to skate

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is now offering an eight week Adult Learn-to-Skate program on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 7:50 p.m. beginning Jan. 6. Instructors will work closely with you in a small group setting to help you learn and develop all the basic skills to enjoy the art of ice skating. Don't pass up this great opportunity to finally master those basic skills of skating. Register today at the Recreation and Parks Office, 25 James Street or call 877-5185 ext. 260 for more information.

Deadline

There are only four weeks left before the deadline for summer applications is here for Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department Summer Programs. Anyone interested in working with children and in having an enjoyable summer is asked to complete an application form before Friday, Feb. 5. These forms are available at your Student Guidance Office or at any Recreation Department facility. The following programs require staff: Day Camp, Sports Camp, Summer Activity Centres, Tot Lot, Children's Theatre Camp, Make a Movie, Studio Art Camp, Hiking, Tennis and more. Call 877-5185 ext. 260 for more information.

Ski outing

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is organizing two ski trips to the Hockley Valley. Fee includes transportation and all lift tickets. Rentals are extra and can be purchased at the ski area. Bus pick-up locations are at McKenzie Smith Middle School in

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Royals bomb Palmers

By JAMES ROBILARD
Herald Special

The Hillsburgh Royals kicked off 1988 with a bang, dumping the Palmerston 81's, 11-2 in Ontario Hockey Association Southern Senior 'B' action Saturday night at the Hillsburgh Community Centre.

The victory gives Hillsburgh a record of five wins and ten defeats for a share of fifth place in the seven team loop with Tavistock. The Royals, who have two games in hand over Tavistock, play them in a home and home series this Friday at 8:30 p.m. in Hillsburgh and Monday night in Tavistock at 9 p.m.

On Saturday, it was Glenn Murray who opened the scoring for Hillsburgh as they dominated the contest. After just 18 seconds of play, he intercepted a poor clearing pass and beat 81's goalie, Rob Shantz, with a nifty move. Palmerston responded quickly

however, and before three minutes of playing time had elapsed they had taken a 2-1 lead on goals by Jeff Duce and Rob Drost. But that was all of the 81's scoring, as the Royals took command outshooting Palmerston 51-19 on the night.

In the second, Hillsburgh scored four goals as Lance Doucette netted a pair, and Bill Homer and Kent McArthur added singles.

McArthur contributed another marker in the third, and Brian Demone scored twice. Karl Meyer, George Osborne, and Andy Broadbent also chipped in with a goal each to pace the Royals to victory.

Broadbent picked up four assists in the contest, while George Murray added three helpers.

ROYAL-TIES-McArthur signed on with the Royals again last week, and his addition should help steady a shaky defence, which has given up close to seven goals a game, on

average... Exeter continues to lead the league, with an undefeated record of 18 wins and a tie...

ONTARIO CENTRAL SENIOR B HOCKEY
Standings (as of Jan. 3)

Team	GP	W	L	T	PTR
Exeter	19	18	0	1	37
Durham	18	11	6	1	23
Harrison	15	9	6	0	18
Elera	17	6	9	2	14
HILLSBURGH	15	5	10	0	10
Tavistock	17	5	13	0	10
Palmerston	19	5	14	0	8

RECENT SCORES

Exeter 9	Durham 3
Harrison 6	Palmerston 3
Harrison 6	Elera 5
Hillsburgh 11	Palmerston 3
Durham 5	Elera 2
Exeter 4	Palmerston 4

FUTURE GAMES

Friday
Tavistock at Hillsburgh 8:30 p.m.

Monday
Hillsburgh at Tavistock 9:00 p.m.

Friday (Jan. 15)
Hillsburgh at Harrison 8:30 p.m.

Durham at Elera 8:30 p.m.