

Mayflower goes down at Silver Stick

The Georgetown Thompson Mayflower Peewee "B" team travelled to Pelham for the first round of the Silver Stick Hockey Tournament, but unfortunately, they didn't get too far.

In their first game against Merriton, the team took a two-goal lead, as Adam Poulstra scored from Derek Ellard and David Osborne, and then Ellard scored, assisted by Greg Dobbin.

But Merriton eventually found their skating legs, and went on to win the game by a 4-2 margin.

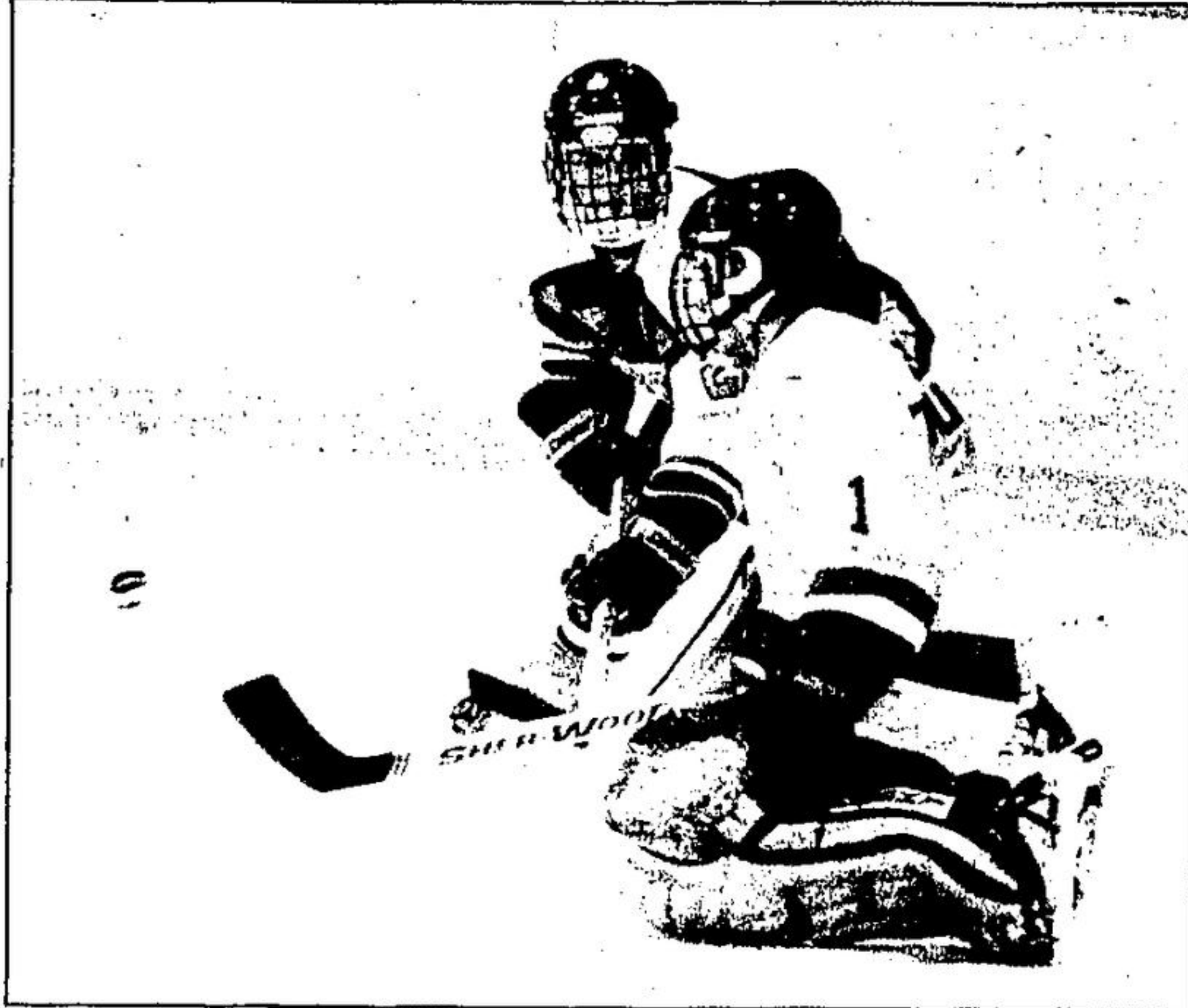
The same day, Georgetown suffered a 3-1 setback to Smithville, as they found themselves up against an exceptionally large goalie, who covered a lot of net.

Dobbin managed to squeeze the only Georgetown goal by the opposing netminder on an unassisted effort.

Georgetown finally found their way to the win column in their game, as they slipped by the host team 3-1, in what proved to be an excellent game for both squads.

Ellard scored twice and added an assist on the other marker, which was scored by Dobbin. Dobbin also assisted on both of Ellard's markers.

David Frost and Thomas Spencer shared the goal tending duties for the Georgetown win.



On The Doorstep

The Streetsville Derbys showed why they're one of the top teams in Central Junior B Hockey League when they whipped the Georgetown Gemini 12-4 Saturday night at the Alcott Arena. Here, a Streetsville player makes life miserable for the Gemini goalie in front of the Georgetown net. (Herald photo)

Safer hockey the goal of program

More than 300,000 amateur hockey players across Ontario will be encouraged to play safer hockey and win prizes in a new program supported by the private sector and the provincial government. In addition, all major hockey organizations in the province have approved the program and endorsed it to run in their areas.

Esso Penalty Free Sweepstakes is a contest created by the Hockey Development Centre for Ontario to promote skills, safety and good sportsmanship in amateur hockey. Sponsored by Esso Petroleum Canada and supported by the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, and Paul Henderson, former National Hockey League player, the event will run from January 9 to 23, 1988, with the final seven days coinciding with Minor Hockey Week.

"Esso is pleased to support this very important initiative by the members of the Hockey Development Centre for Ontario. We think the emphasis on skills, safety and good sportsmanship is timely and appropriate and can only enhance the enjoyment of the game by all



IT MUST HAVE BEEN A GOOD GAME... WE TOOK ALL THE GOOD PENALTIES AND THEY SCORED ALL THE GOOD GOALS

participants from players to coaches to parents and fans," said Tom Hansen of Esso Petroleum Canada.

"This initiative is a good example of how the Government of Ontario

and the private sector can work in co-operation towards the goal of safety in amateur hockey," said Hugh O'Neil, Minister of Tourism and Recreation. "My Ministry is

committed to ensuring safety in all amateur sports in the province."

Under the contest rules, teams playing penalty-free games during the Sweepstakes period will be eligible to win any of a wide range of prizes and every player on every team submitting an eligible entry will receive a Certificate of Achievement and an Esso Penalty Free Sweepstakes winner's crest. Having completed a penalty-free game the team just submits a Sweepstakes entry form supported by a copy of the game sheet to the contest headquarters at the H.D.C.O. office. Entry forms are available from minor hockey associations, arena managers and Ministry field offices across the province.

Draws from the eligible entries submitted will be held Saturday, February 6, 1988 at the H.D.C.O. offices to determine the winners.

In Ontario there are 70,000 players and 4,000 teams registered with the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, and well over 200,000 affiliated players on 12,000 teams all eligible for the Esso Penalty Free Sweepstakes.

HDCO strives to improve the game

The Hockey Development Centre for Ontario was established in 1984 to respond to the safety, education and development needs of amateur hockey in Ontario.

A joint project by the Government of Ontario and hockey associations throughout the province, the HDCO receives financial support from the Sports and Fitness Branch of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation. The HDCO Board of Directors in-

cludes volunteer representation from nine hockey associations and one independent volunteer from the private sector.

To promote safety awareness, the centre offers the Hockey Trainers Certification Program - a series of clinics teaching basic injury prevention and first aid to coaches, managers and trainers. The goal is to have at least one HTCP certified trainer present at all amateur

games. The HDCO also supports the National Coaching Certification Program and the National Referees Certification Program to improve the skills of coaches and officials.

As well, the organization offers educational films and video tapes from the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association featuring NHL players and officials.

The HDCO provides assistance to groups and leagues in the province represented by the respective hockey associations, as well as to all independent leagues, associations and clubs. There are some 70,000 players on 4,000 teams in Ontario registered with the CAHA. In addition, there are approximately 200,000 players on 12,000 teams who are affiliated through the members of HDCO.

Disabled can share in Olympic ideal

Sharing in the Olympic ideal to be "faster, higher and stronger," the world's top seeded disabled athletes will compete in two exhibition events at the 1988 Calgary Winter Games.

On February 17, at Canmore Nordic Centre, the 5 km cross country ski event will feature totally blind athletes (B1 class) who use sighted guides to provide voice direction. On February 21, at Canada Olympic Park, Calgary, athletes with leg amputation above the knee (LW2 class) will compete in a giant slalom event.

Disabled athletes are grouped by disability for competitions.

Thirteen men and five women will compete in the cross country ski event and 18 in the giant slalom. These elite disabled athletes will represent: Canada, America, Finland, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Great Britain, Switzerland, West Germany and France, pending the results of each national team at the IV World Winter Games for the disabled (ParaOlympics) in Innsbruck in January, 1988.

Tentatively slated to compete at the Olympics on the Canadian teams are: Tricia Lovegrove of Vancouver, B.C. and Ross Watson of Seebe, Alta., in cross country ski;



and Phil Chew of Burnaby, B.C., Lynda Chyzik of Surrey, B.C., and Michelle Duranceau, Montreal, Que. in the giant slalom event.

According to Jerry Johnston, Executive Director of the Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing (CADS), disabled athletes find competing improves their outlook on winter life as a whole.

"On the slopes and in the lodges, these athletes are accepted as skiers. And like any skier, they must be in good physical condition, perform dryland training and follow daily exercise programs," adds Mr. Johnston.

To help the national disabled team prepare for their Olympic performance, sponsorship is essential. In October, 1987, Molson Breweries added the disabled ski team to its "Making the Dream Happen" sponsorship program of national teams and World Cup events.

Molson's sponsorship will be used to help defray the costs of training, travel and equipment and be administered by CADS.

CADS has more than 1,200 registered members and amateur athletes whose disabilities include: single or double, leg or arm amputations; post polio; cerebral palsy; blind or partial sight.

"Our major objective is to draw disabled people back into society through the sport of skiing," says Mr. Johnston. "It is one of the few

activities that provides disabled people the experience of smooth fluid movement and speed, without great physical effort or difficulty.

Canada's disabled teams have competed internationally since 1974. At the III World Winter Games for the disabled in Salen, Sweden, in 1986, our athletes brought home 22 alpine medals and 10 cross country medals. The two cross country gold medals were the first ever won by any Canadian skier.

The Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing is a national association that fosters recreational and competitive skiing among disabled Canadians. CADS has been instrumental in assisting with the formation of provincial organizations in eight provinces plus the Northwest Territories.

McGuire paces firefighters

By Ron Kerlake
Herald special
The Firefighters had the heat on in Memorial Arena on Sunday night - that's the Major Novice McNally Construction Firefighters in their league game against Streetsville. Even though the boys carried the play throughout the game, their 3-1 lead going into the third melted as Streetsville came back for a 3-3 tie.

Once again, the team was playing with more intensity and everyone was working hard to keep the play in the other teams end of the rink.

Quarrie McGuire scored twice to

lead the Fighters scoring both goals on shots from the wing. Geoff Beauriant was in on the first goal while McGuire's second was unassisted.

Peter Mashinter shot the third one after he and Ryan Taylor had teamed up to carry the play into the Streetsville end.

The boys are on a roll at the right time of the season and could have a few surprises for their opposition during playoffs or upcoming tournaments. Manager Star McGuire has the arrangements in place for a team weekend in Kingston later this month and with a little luck and continuing the hard work, some rewards will come along.

Fitness program

It is not too late to sign up for one of the fitness classes being offered this winter by the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department. A variety of programs including 60 Minute Workout, Fitness, Swim and Sauna, Pre/Post Natal Fitness and Something Different, are provided. Call 877-5185 ext. 260 for more information. Classes start the week of Jan. 11, so don't delay.

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