

M and M Bantams beat by Brampton in OMHA quarterfinal playoff series

The M and M Pro Sports Bantam hockey team's quest for an Ontario Minor Hockey Association title was halted recently, as they were swept three games straight in a best-of-five quarterfinal playoff series with Brampton.

The M and M squad advanced to the showdown with Brampton by first eliminating Burlington in a best-of-three match-up, with a 4-2 victory in the deciding game of the set.

Burlington took advantage of a two-man advantage to score the first goal of the game late in the opening period.

But in the second, it was all Georgetown as Jim English triggered the attack, scoring twice in a nine-second span. Chad Bailey and Dale McNiven drew assists on both tallies.

Georgetown was all over Burlington throughout the period, but were unable to add to their 2-1 lead until late in the third, when McNiven scored from Craig Cooper and English.

With just over a minute remaining in regulation time, Burlington pulled their goalie in favor of an extra attacker, and the move paid off as they scored to close the Georgetown lead to 3-2.

Burlington continued to press with their man advantage, in hopes of tying the game. But Mark Mininch picked up the puck in the Georgetown end, and slipped it across to Rod Pasma, who head-

manned it to Wade Serjeantson at centre ice. Serjeantson broke in on the empty net and scored with just six seconds left, despite having a Burlington player's stick tossed across the ice to hinder him.

Moving into the quarterfinals, Georgetown was awarded the home ice advantage, due to their superior standing in league play over Brampton, by one point.

Brampton held a distinct edge in play between the two teams during the season, as M and M could only manage one win in their meetings.

With just over five minutes remaining in the opening game's first period, Bill McDonald put the locals on the scoreboard with a goal from Rich Bond and Pasma. However, Brampton replied to tie the game with a minute and a half left in the period.

Georgetown regained the lead in the second with a goal by Serjeantson from McDonald and Mininch, and another by Dave Watts from Pasma, just 16 seconds apart to make it 3-1.

But Brampton fought back to tie it again with a pair of goals in the final four minutes of the period.

The only scoring play of the third belonged to Brampton, and they held on for the 4-3 victory to take the one-game lead in the series.

Only 10 minutes in penalties were called in the contest, six against Georgetown.

Game 2 in the series was played Feb. 14 in Brampton.

Things looked bright for the M and M crew as they got rolling early, with a goal by Pasma from Serjeantson.

Matters quickly grew dim, however, as Brampton exploded for six goals before the end of the second period.

Georgetown tried to get back in the game in the third, when Pasma scored his second of the night from Watts, and then English scored from Bailey to make it 6-3 with just over five minutes remaining.

But Brampton added another marker to round out the 7-3 final.

A further blow was struck against M and M later, when they learned that player Trent Cull had broken his collarbone, and would be lost to the team for the rest of the season.

Brampton returned to the Alcott Arena with their two-game lead on Feb. 16, and wasted no time, as they scored at the 1:11 mark to make it 1-0.

English scored to tie it up with six minutes left in the period from Bailey, but Brampton replied before the end of the first to take a 2-1 lead.

Pasma scored an unassisted effort in the second to tie the game at two, and Georgetown thought they had taken the lead a short time later with another goal. But the referee ruled the net had come off its moorings before the puck had gone in.

Brampton regained their one-goal lead with a marker late in the period.

Craig Cooper once again evened matters up with a slapshot from the

blueline that made it 3-3, but Brampton responded with two more goals to take a 5-3 lead.

With just over a minute remaining, English scored for M and M from McNiven to bring them to within one.

With less than a minute to go, Georgetown pulled their goalie, and with the extra attacker on the ice, scored what appeared to be the tying goal.

But the play was called back, when a linesman ruled there had been an illegal substitution. Due to the noise in the arena, no one except those near him could hear the whistle.

From there, Brampton held on for the 5-4 win, and a 3-0 victory in the series.

The M and M Pro Sports squad wishes the Brampton crew nothing but luck in the OMHA semifinals, and for good reason. Should Brampton go on to take the OMHA title, they will be back in Georgetown for the provincial finals, being held here in April, and the locals would like nothing better than to get another crack at them.

The team's staff members, Bennett, Lefebvre, Green, and Gervais have nothing but praise for their team's showing this season, as they have tremendous improvements in their hockey abilities and attitudes, both on and off the ice.

M and M now looks ahead to their Tri-County playoffs, which will be drawn up this week.

Herbert posts

Player of the Week
Joey Goodhew
(Tim Hortons)

Goalie of the Week
Scott Herbert
(Kinsmen)

Scores
Kinsmen 4
Young's Pharmacy 0

Tim Hortons 3
M and M Pro Sports 2

Hortons led 3-0 on goals from Darin Flinlayson, Trevor Crane, and Goodhew.

The third period was exciting as the Selects fought back to within one. But even with goalie Joey Barber on the bench to provide an extra attacker, they ran out of time as Hortons' goalie Michael Kitchen was superb in the final few minutes.

Robert McLeod and Robert Larose scored for the Selects.

Both teams are now one and one in the playoffs.

Scott Herbert continues to control opposing shooters in the Novice League, as he stonewalled Young's Pharmacy 4-0, and helped his Kinsmen squad move into first overall in the playoff standings.

Kyle Hancock, Jason Brownridge, Robbie Pilgrim, and Sam Southworth provided the goals for the Kinsmen.

Young's was unable to mount much of an offence, and when they did rally, Herbert was there to turn them away.

Tim Horton's Joey Goodhew scored the winning goal as his team held on to edge the seven-year-old Selects 3-2 in Week 2 of Novice playoff action.



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Bandits, Snowjacks in spotlight

There are no standings this week as there is a need to check out the true situation following a couple of differences with the chart on the Legion board.

There is nothing substantially incorrect, the leaders are the leaders - Hustlers and Golden Flights in the First Division and Snowjacks and High Rollers in the Second Division. Bottom dogs are Firemen and Eliminators respectively.

Pride of place this week in the reporting section is divided between Bandits and Snowjacks of the Second Division. Bandits defeated third place Inter County and Snowjacks, under pressure, defeated Aces.

In the end I go for my own squad for a change. Snowjacks were faced with their nearest challengers having a default win by 9-0, as they faced Aces. Answering the challenge with a 7-2 win over Aces was a fairly good response.

Over the past few weeks the Snows have struggled through and this time came through when required. Yours truly had a good week after the rubbish of the previous week. Four starts and three finishes is not bad. Joe Cairns' four starts is also a fair showing. Bryan Turner closed one game and shot 112, as Gerry Wallace closed the other game. As Hal Hills of Aces said, "You guys only let us at a finish twice and we had to take them."

Meanwhile Bandits won the first game and lost the next three and looked to be out before coming back with the next two. Paul Kirby started three and George Powell finished two, with Ian Lee knocking 140. Bruce Hope started four and finished three, one start being 112. Art Cosens shot 113 and Terry Hancock 115.

Bulldogs kept in contention with their win over Taxmen, as Don Robinson and Jay Bishop hit 140s and Don Eady a 121. Dave Beaumont and Joe Polter also hitting 140s. Paul Karolits set the Second Division high start with 148 for Taxmen in the match.

Hustlers continued on their merry way in the first, running up 8-1 over luckless Independents. Gord Bottoms opened with 71 and Jim Franks, Jim Nicholson and Peter Buckley shot tons. However, 'Beau' Beaumont had four starts, two finishes and a 142 start; Ged Williams had two finishes and two 140s; Ray Inglis had two closes. That did it.

Panthers and Ensigns had a real set to before Ensigns came out on top. No details, I'm sorry to say, but it must have been a scorcher. I do know that Ensigns were shorthanded and won two of their games playing a 'dummy' player. Write about some folk and their game seems to improve, like George Powell and Jim Fisher. Fisher fooled us all with a 120 finish this week after last week's mention. John Mills shot 140 and Dennis Thorogood hit 116. Al Murphy had three starts and a finish. Mike Pepper had two starts and three finishes. Laurie Hopkins highed on 111, Tim Field on 125 and Grant Richardson shot a ton.

Exports were another shorthanded.

Darts

By Alex Dugh
Herald special



ed out and came through against Firemen to win the odd game in nine.

This week's match-ups are a potential hot game between Ensigns and Hustlers, and another with Exports and Flights in opposition. Westenders should not have much trouble with Firemen, and a low team clash with Panthers and Independents rounds off the First Division.

Second Division Snowjacks face near challengers Bulldogs, Taxmen play Aces, Bandits could surprise High Rollers on recent form and Inter County have a free night with a nine game default win.

Surprise!

What can I say? Who would have thought it possible?

A team from Georgetown Legion Branch 120 qualifying for the district championships from the zone championships? Yes, indeed a team did qualify.

However, not the one which most observers would expect.

Brian Beaumont, Tim Field, Al Telford and yours truly upset all the odds by reaching the last four in the tournament of local branch entries. Brampton, Bramalea, Cooksville (the hosting, and winning, branch), Acton, Oakville and Erin are among the zone branches and some of the top darts players in the province are in those branches.

Whilst crowing about our performance, I must congratulate Rod Leech and his team from Acton who also qualified and, in fact, took second place and almost first, in the end.

Our team of hopefuls, put together at the last minute, kept coming back from the dead to win playoff after playoff along the way. We all started, all scored and all finished and it was a treat for the young bloods of the industrial league's First Division Hustlers and Golden Flights to be led by this old hand from the Second Division's Snowjacks.

I must describe one finish - that of Tim Field. Faced with 68 he clobbered treble 12 (for 36) leaving double 16. He promptly hit double eight, leaving the same double, and he struck it beautifully, to win the match at that time.

Everytime the pundits thought we were out of it we pulled something from our reserves and made it through. We never gave up. This is the first team from the branch to have made it this far in many years, around 17 or so, I understand. Singles and doubles entries have made it through more recently, proving we have it, now and again. In the semifinals we had nothing much left to offer and lost to the eventual winners from Cooksville, led by Nigel Hyde, who also won the doubles and came second in the singles.

Here's wishing Rod Leech and I, and our teams every success next weekend back in Cooksville for the next round of the Legion Branch Members' national tourney.

RESULTS

First Division	Golden Flights 6	Hustlers 9	Panthers 4	Firemen 4	Westenders 3	Independents 1	Ensigns 4	Exports 1
Second Division	Inter County 4	Taxmen 3	High Rollers 9	Snowjacks 7	Bandits 3	Bulldogs 4	Eliminators 0	Aces 2

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WHAT STAYS THE SAME
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