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North York takes title

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The grand finale was anything but climactic, but the 28th Annual Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament still lived up to its billing as a premier showcase for Bantam hockey teams.

The North York Civics claimed the tournament's grand championship with no questions asked, as they thumped the upstart Acton Firefighters 13-2 in the final, Saturday night.

Don't expect the Acton players to be moping about with long faces though. After winning the D Division, the Firefighters pulled the upset of the tournament, defeating B Division winners Waterloo 5-3 in the semifinal.

The Civics earned their break in the grand championship. Earlier Saturday, they needed overtime to take a 5-4 decision from Niagara Falls in the A Division final. Then they scored three times in the third period to edge Lorne Park, the C winners, 3-2 in the semifinal match-up.

Wally Bishop, coach of the Civics, was understandably pleased with his team's performance. "We had a really good tournament," he said following the championship. "It was the high point of our season. We played some tough teams."

Bishop's Civics qualified for the A Division final by downing Chinguacousy 1-0 Friday night. That put them in the final against Niagara Falls, a team they had beaten earlier 8-4.

"The problem was, we beat Niagara Falls by such a big score, the players took the game (Saturday) a little lightly," he said. "They played a lot better the second game, and took us to overtime. With a tournament, anyone can win. Acton proved that against Waterloo."

But Bishop maintains he was taking nothing for granted, going in against Acton.

"We learned from Niagara Falls not to take anyone lightly. We stuck to our plays, and made sure no one hogged the puck."

Acton coach Ray Jarbeau was in high spirits, despite what the scoreboard said after the grand championship.

"I'm very proud of the kids, they played super," he said. "They gave everything they had. The score maybe didn't show it, but the heart and spirit was there."

It's been over 20 years since Acton

went as far as they did in the Georgetown tournament.

One of the reasons for their appearance in the final was Acton's ability to frustrate Waterloo in their semifinal contest.

"They hit us hard, but they forgot about their plays," Jarbeau said of the Waterloo strategy. "We capitalized on the breaks. But with these guys (North York) we couldn't. They were on top of us all the time. They were a clean team, and they hit well."

Both coaches had high praise for the organization of the tournament.

"You can tell Georgetown's quite a town for tournaments," Jarbeau said. "Anything we wanted, the people went out of their way to help."

Bishop praised the tournament for being well-balanced, and excellently run.

Ken Guilford scored the first goal of the championship game at the 13-second mark, and there was no looking back for the Civics at that point.

Guilford and Derek Robinson finished the game with three goals each, while the rest were spread out among Vito Cortese, Mike Watson, Dimitri Spyropoulos, Scott Bayley, David McLean, Rob Bishop, and Jason Crane.

The high point of the game for Acton came when Mike Kinnon put one by Civics' goalie Paul Totino in the third period, after North York had stacked up a 10-0 lead. Sean Coleman and Sean VanKesteren drew assists on the play.

John McLean accounted for the other Acton marker.

Totino went the distance for the Civics, while Kevan Caswell replaced Paul Glass in the Acton net in the third, with the score 9-0.

In semifinal play, North York trailed 2-0 after the second period as Cory Ames pulled the trigger on both goals for Lorne Park.

But the Civics regrouped in the third and came back with goals by Guilford, McLean, and Don DeMonte to send them into the grand championship.

In the other semifinal, Acton led 1-0 after the opening frame on a goal by Mike Kopenlock, and went ahead 2-0 in the second on a Paul Westaway marker.

Waterloo came back to tie the match with a pair of goals by Kevin Lobinger late in the second.

But in the third, McLean put the Firefighters ahead for good with a pair of goals, Jason Marciniak added the final Waterloo marker.



The North York Civics were in good spirits Saturday night after they defeated the Acton Firefighters 13-2 to win the grand championship in the 28th Annual Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament. Here, players hoist the championship trophy for the traditional victory lap. (Herald photo)

Irvine pleased with fourth

Dean Irvine skied what he considers to be the best race he's ever had on the weekend, to take fourth in a 20-km event at the Ontario Cross Country Skiing Championships on the weekend.

Irvine was competing at the Lubriderm Cup held at Harwood Hills, near Barrie when he turned in his personal best performance.

"I expected to be fifth or sixth, judging by who I was racing against," Irvine says. "I was really happy. I beat the fifth place skier by nine seconds, and he skis on the Ontario team."



Dean Irvine

Player shortage hurts team

M and M runs out of steam

The Waterloo Falcons sank any hopes the M and M Pro Sports Bantams had of keeping the championship title of the International Bantam Hockey Tournament in Georgetown.

Saturday morning, in the B Division final, the Falcons registered a 6-2 win over the M and M squad, eliminating them from the running for the title.

It was a long and tiresome road for Georgetown, as the Waterloo contest was their third game in less than 24 hours. Friday afternoon they had beaten Scarborough 3-2 in overtime, to earn a berth in the Division final, and Friday night they took on Burlington in the deciding game of their Tri County playoffs. They lost that one 3-1.

For coach Keith Bennett, it was simply a matter of running out of bodies.

"We weren't flat," Bennett said following the loss to Waterloo. "Everyone was keen. But a lot of the players couldn't sleep (Friday). We lost to Burlington with tired legs. Every game we had was crucial and how long can 15 and 16-year-olds keep up that intensity. I thought we could have taken Waterloo if we'd had a full bench."

Bennett wasn't too impressed with Waterloo's type of game, particularly the stickwork that included a few but ends missed by the officials.

But in the end, it came down to a matter of a short bench.

Trent Cull was ailing from a bruised shoulder he suffered earlier in the tournament, and Dale McNiven and Chad Bailey, though they played, were nursing throat and ear infections.

Earlier in the week, Bennett could rely on a few minor Bantams called up for the tournament. But later in the week, they left with their team for a tournament in North Bay.

To add to their woes, Mark Minich was in Florida and Wade Serjeantson was on a ski trip for the March break - something Bennett couldn't understand.

"There are kids in this town dying to play in this tournament," Bennett said. "I can't understand why anyone wouldn't want to play in it."

The successes of the M and M team this season have been built on a devotion to the club. At a team meeting Saturday, the consensus of the players was that those absent without just cause, shouldn't be allowed to play in the OMHA finals, being hosted by Georgetown next month. As host team, M and M will be competing.

Bennett said Saturday he was prepared to stick by the decision of the players, despite the risk of action being taken against him if he sits the players.

"If the executive wants to take any action, they'll have to do it shortly," he said. "I don't want to be standing around with an axe over my head for the next month."

M and M team captain Dale McNiven agreed with Bennett.

He had a chance to go to Hawaii for the March break, and turned it down. Winger Jim English had the chance to spend the week in Florida, and Rich Bond, another winger, passed on a ski trip to Banff.

"There's three guys right there," McNiven said. "Florida will always be there, but the Bantam tournament won't be."

McNiven said he was happy the team went as far as it did, but the results could have been better, with a stronger bench. "It was our third game in 24 hours, and everyone was double-shifted," he said. "We were losing our legs. It wouldn't have been a 6-2 game if we'd had more players."

Against Scarborough Friday, Georgetown had to fight back from deficits twice, just as they had throughout the tournament.

Curtis Jones gave Scarborough a 1-0 lead in the opening frame, but Eric Long replied for Georgetown early in the second, from Rich Bond and Rod Pasma to tie it at one.

Scott Logan put Scarborough ahead 2-1 in the third, but again Georgetown responded. Pasma moved in from the blueline and took a shot that was stopped. But Dale McNiven was there to put it upstairs and tie the game again.

Scarborough came close to taking the lead again in the final few minutes of regulation time, but the score remained tied sending the teams to overtime.

The winner came just 28 seconds into the extra period. With a face-off in the Scarborough end, McNiven won the draw and fed the puck back to the point. Craig Cooper had time to tee it up, and he let go a blast that caught the goalpost and deflected in.

Chris Cambouris took the win in net for Georgetown.

Lead series 2-1

Juveniles split weekend games

After splitting a pair of games on the weekend, the Georgetown Gemini Juveniles are one win away from earning a berth in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship.

Saturday in Kingston, the locals scored four times in the third period to claim a 5-3 victory, and go up 2-0 in their best-of-five semifinal series.

Georgetown had a chance to wrap up the series Sunday, but the home side prevailed as Kingston took a 5-2 decision.

Heading into Kingston for the weekend's action, Georgetown coach Charlie Hanman was hoping for a split, after his team took the series opener 4-2 in Georgetown.

"I never expected to beat them three straight," Hanman said following the weekend action. "We'd won six straight games (heading into Sunday's contest) but we haven't seen a team this good in a while."

The difference in Kingston's win Sunday, according to Hanman, was the penalties. Kingston took 15 minors, while Georgetown was assessed 14 minors, a five-minute high sticking major and a game misconduct.

"We didn't capitalize on our opportunities, and they seemed to play better in the three-on-three situations," Hanman said.

Kingston showed a few new twists

on home ice, with the addition of a few players who hadn't made the trip to Georgetown.

Most notable among them, Hanman said, was speedster Derrick March who accounted for three goals and one assist in the two games.

Kingston employed a quick breakout system, on their wider ice surface. They had tried to play the same type of game in Georgetown a week earlier, but didn't have the room, or the effective manpower they had on the weekend.

Hanman said Monday he was hoping to speak with hockey guru Gerry Inglis, and get some advice on stymieing Kingston's breakout attack.

Georgetown played its best period of hockey in the series Saturday when they stormed back from a 3-1 deficit with four unanswered third period goals to take the win.

Gene Jansen scored the only goal of the opening period to give Kingston a 1-0 lead, but Terry Dixon replied for Georgetown early in the second, assisted by Steve Turner.

Jim Kish and March scored to give Kingston a 3-1 lead heading into the third, but Georgetown was far from finished.

Dixon scored twice to round out his hat trick, and pull the Gemini Juveniles even. Rory Kennedy

assisted on both markers, while Dean Morgan helped out on the tying goal, as well.

Tim Bennett scored what proved to be the winner, as he was set up by Dixon with 7:30 left in regulation time. Chris Marling added an insurance marker for good measure in the final minute to round out the 5-3 final.

John Lantz was in net for Georgetown while Tim Lalonde minded goal for Kingston.

In Sunday's outing, Kingston was up 3-1 after the opening frame on goals by Jerome Veenendaal, Rich Gallagher, and March. Georgetown's lone reply came from Rob Cooper, assisted by Dixon and Kennedy.

In the second, Don Hutton and March scored to extend Kingston's lead to 5-1.

Bill Herman, from Dixon and Pat McCarthy, accounted for Georgetown's final goal with 31 seconds left on the clock.

The fourth game in the series is slated for 8 p.m. this Saturday at the Alcott Arena. A fifth game, if necessary, will go Sunday at 2:30 p.m., again at Alcott.

The winner in this series will advance to the OMHA final against a western representative. Grimsby was reportedly ahead in the other semifinal series with Waterloo.



The Red and Jean Asseltine Trophy for the Most Sportsmanlike Player in the tournament was awarded to Dale McNiven of

Georgetown. He is seen here receiving his award from Mr. and Mrs. Asseltine.

Civics' Cortese named most valuable player

Vito Cortese of the North York Civics was named the Most Valuable Player of the 28th Annual Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament, which wrapped up Saturday night after a week of hockey action.

The Civics won the grand championship by drubbing the Acton Firefighters 13-2 in the final game.

Cortese had a goal and two assists in the championship game, and in the Civics' six previous games at the tournament, he collected five goals and five assists.

The best goaltender of the tournament, and the recipient of the Georgetown Referees Association Award, was Kevan Caswell of Acton. Caswell backstopped wins of 3-2 over Erin and 4-1 over Riverside in round robin play, and was in net when Acton upset Waterloo 5-3 in the tournament semifinal.

Caswell also made an ap-

pearance in the grand championship game, replacing Paul Glass with the score 9-0.

Red Asseltine, the original organizer of the tournament, and his wife, Jean, were on hand to present the trophy for Most Sportsmanlike Player to Dale McNiven, captain of the Georgetown M and M Pro Sports Bantams.

The GMHA Award for Coach of the Tournament went to Fred Alexander and John Gouin of Riverside.

Several other presentations were also made in conjunction with the tournament's closing ceremonies.

Ross Sproule was named the recipient of the Paul Fendley Memorial Trophy, as Referee of the Year, and the Broken Skate Award, presented to the referee with the most "pratfalls" during the tournament went to Shawn Jenkins.

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