

# Fuelers get gassed

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Georgetown's Star Fuels Minor Atoms played in the Milton Beaver Tournament last week and were up against stiff competition in their division. All of the competition was good in this one as Novice to Minor Bantam levels were playing at the same time over four days.

The Fuelers played Flam-borough, Waterloo, Mississauga, and Humber Valley. They managed a scoreless tie in their game with Mississauga. The other three games were losses although there were some highlights in the play of the Fuelers.

The outstanding goaltending of Andrew Craig was a key factor in the scoreless tie game. On several occasions in the other games Andrew came up big when he had to deal with a breakaway play or a pair of rushers from the opposition.

Some of the boys who were working and hustling to go both ways were Keith Hunt, Kyle Hancock, Stephen Markham and Robbie Pilgrim.

Darin Finlayson got a goal and an assist for his hard work to get into the right place at the right time. Andy Kerslake picked up a single assist and made key contributions on other plays and killing penalties.

Jamie Briggs was everywhere in all the games rushing the puck and then racing to get back into

his defensive position. He made some outstanding plays to stop three man rushes and break up opposition attacks.

Three goals for Curt Carr and a shower as a going away reminder. The team is going to miss the buzzing attacks Curt makes and his speedy pursuit in shorthanded situations. Good luck in Hillsburgh, Curt.

Chris Goodhew scored and assisted as a result of his aggressive play around the opponents' nets. Pete Mashinter was guarded closely in most of the games but he did get loose for an unassisted goal and he helped out on three other goals.

Defenceman Ken Armstrong contributed an assist and general crease cleanup duties. Also on the blue line was Chris Corney. Chris blocked some shots and cleared the zone regularly over the four game series.

Rushing awards go to Gary McNiven. Although he didn't get on the scoresheet for points, Gary started several plays that ended up in goals scored for the Fuelers.

Coaches Bob Craig and John Andrews have managed to keep their troops happy through the series as the boys seem to be enjoying the games despite the limited successes. Credit also to trainer Don Mashinter who must have had a special stretching formula for that early morning game when the boys played so well.



## Out of the picture

Georgetown winger Don Cruise waits by the lip of the effort on Dec. 27 as linemate Chuck Loreto popped crease for a rebound but the puck never came on this three goals in the Raiders' 9-4 comeback win over the play as Milton goaltender Jeff Clark and Cruise watch Merchants. (Herald photo) developments in the far corner. Cruise turned in a solid

# M and M's continue torrid pace

In recent tri-county play, the Georgetown M and M Major Bantams are sporting a winning record with three wins, a tie and a loss in their last five games.

In game one of the set our local lads travelled to Milton and carted off a single point as the teams skated to a 0-0 tie.

In game two, Georgetown hosted the Burlington squad and after dropping two previous decisions to the visitors, the M and M's finally found the winning formula in taking a 4-2 decision.

After a days rest Ching came to town and although the visitors were badly outplayed they managed to steal a 4-3 win.

Twenty-four hours later the local pucksters visited Orangeville and surprised the hometowners with an 8-1 trouncing.

The final game of the set resulted in a 6-4 victory for the M and M's as Flam-boro came to town to close out the schedule for the Christmas break.

Scoreless ties are a rarity in the game of hockey, but that was the case as the Georgetown-Milton rivalry continued when the M and M's visited Milton for their third encounter of the season. This contest proved to be a goaltenders duel with Peter Downs handling the net duties for Georgetown. Peter was spectacular between the pipes in shutting down his former teammates and allowing the M and M's to salvage a single point.

Georgetown carried the positive results of the Milton game over into the Burlington game which enabled them to defeat the opposition for the first time this season.

With the first frame going scoreless, Trevor Elinesky finally put the M and M's on the board at the 5:38 mark of the second with help from Rob Lang. Georgetown netted three more in the third period on goals from Steve Wright, Mitch Butt and Trevor Elinesky with his second of the match. Assists went to Ken Kosziwka, Sean Guistini, Duane Lewis and Brad Amato.

Burlington added two goals to round out the scoring at 4-2 for the local majors. John Katsilieris minded the nets for the M and M's in the match and did a fine job in leading the team to the win.

The next game saw the Ching squad come to town. The local gendarme should have been on hand for this match as the visitors literally stole the two points from our local pucksters. The M and M's

outshot their opponents 46-16, but came out on the short end of a 4-3 decision. The Ching goaltender was unconscious in making fabulous saves time-and-time again. He also had a lot of assistance from his metal framework as the locals his three posts and one crossbar.

Ching had the only goal of the first period, scoring with only five seconds remaining on the clock.

The teams traded goals in the second with the Georgetown marker coming from Mitch Butt assisted by Sean Guistini. The third period saw the teams again exchange a pair of goals each to round out the scoring at 4-3 for the visiting Ching squad. The M and M's first goal came on a goal mouth scramble as Adam Hilts scored with help from Trevor Elinesky. Trailing by two goals late in the period and with a man advantage, Coach James went with the power play and came up with a goal with just under a minute remaining as Trevor Elinesky scored from Guistini and Hilts. The M and M's stormed the Ching goal in a final attempt to pull out the tie, but could not beat the Ching netminder.

Frustrated by a lack of goal production against Ching, the M and M's travelled to Orangeville the next day, determined to up their production. Armed with only 10 skaters they knocked-off the league leading Orangemen in easy fashion with an 8-1 victory.

The first period yielded three goals for the M and M squad as Butt, Hilts and Lewis scored with assists going to Crawford with two, while singles went to Guistini and Kosziwka. Georgetown notched

four more in the second as Hilts scored a pair to complete his hat-trick while Butt picked up his second of the match with a single going to Kosziwka.

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