

T-Birds take top title with 4-1 win over Ching

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named Georgetown's outstanding player of the game.

On Saturday, despite being bolstered by the addition of junior "B" starters Rod Pasma and Trent Cull on defence, the Georgetowners looked scrappy in a 2-1 loss to eventual consolation finalists Chatham Maroons.

The visitors built up a 2-0 lead before Georgetown pressure late in the game gave Darren Lang a chance to score. But that was as close as the Sunny Acres crew would get with Chatham weathering a last-minute storm and six Georgetown attackers to earn a trip to the semi-finals.

Robbie Boyle was Georgetown's player of the game.

MIDGET MEMOS: Thornhill coach Rossi was impressed with the strong opposition provided by Chinguacousy in Sunday's final. "They're the best double-A team I've seen this season," said Rossi, whose own Thunderbirds carry a

triple-A ranking. "We wanted to put them away early and I thought we controlled the first period. When we got on the right track we just wanted to play up and down for the next two periods." Rossi's reasons for the above strategy were influenced by the fact his Birds left Georgetown immediately after the final game presentations for a scheduled match at 9 p.m. in Burlington.

While team captain Amodeo skated off with the prestigious MVP award, he was joined by two teammates on the tournament all-star team. Amodeo was named to the centre position with left winger Mike Cundari and defenceman Greg Buckler also making it from the Birds lineup. Hillcrest right winger Shawn Lepp, Chatham defenceman Rob Cudmore and Chinguacousy netminder John Graham rounded out the dream team.

Graham also grabbed the tournament's most valuable

goaltender honors while Mississauga's Mike Callam took the most gentlemanly player award. Chatham bench boss Dennis Babcock was named all-star coach.

1989 GMHA MIDGET TOURNAMENT GAME RESULTS
Preliminary round:
 Guelph 5, Mississauga 2; Chinguacousy 5, Newmarket 1; Markham 4, Hillcrest 2; Woodbridge 7, Burlington 0; Waterloo 7, Simcoe 0; Thornhill 5, Tillsonburg 3; Port Perry 7, Georgetown 4; Belleville 5, Chatham 3.
Second Round (A):
 Chinguacousy 4, Guelph 2; Woodbridge 5, Markham 4; Thornhill 4, Waterloo 2; Belleville 13, Port Perry 4.
Second Round (B):
 Mississauga 4, Newmarket 2; Burlington 6, Hillcrest 5; Simcoe 5, Tillsonburg 2; Chatham 2, Georgetown 1.
Semi-finals (A):
 Chinguacousy 8, Woodbridge 1;

Thornhill 5, Belleville 1.
Semi-finals (B):
 Mississauga 4, Burlington 1;
 Chatham 4, Simcoe 1.

Championship final:
 Thornhill 4, Chinguacousy 1.
Consolation final:
 Mississauga 5, Chatham 1.



Ruling the roost

Thornhill Thunderbirds captain Chris Amodeo accepts the Town of Halton Hills championship trophy after leading his club to the annual GMHA midget tournament title last Sunday with a 4-1 win over Chinguacousy. Tournament chairman Rick Hume presented Amodeo with the hardware. (Herald photo)

Flamboro star haunts Novices

By DAVE BEAVAN
 Herald Special

On Jan. 8 Georgetown Major Novices travelled to Milton to take on the first place team with Milton claiming a 6-3 win.

Georgetown's rookie goalie Scott Herbert was home with the flu and veteran netminder Kevin Humeniski was playing although he was under the weather as well. Kevin showed no ill effects however, and was one of the game stars stopping 28 tough Milton shots.

Georgetown opened the scoring in the first minute of play when Curtis Hoogendam won a faceoff and passed back to Steven Smith. Steve shot the puck to the blueline where Wesley Blight beat the Milton point man for it. Wesley turned on the jets and left the two Milton defencemen behind before scoring on a hard wrist shot low to the stick side.

Less than a minute later, Fraser Brown intercepted a pass out and carried the puck from in front of his net to the redline. He then fed a beautiful pass through the defenceman's legs to Blight, who was already at top speed and carrying a hot stick. Wesley bulged the twine again and for the first time since these boys got together nearly three years ago they had Milton down 2-0.

For the rest of the first period and part of the second, Milton swarmed around our net a good part of the time but Humeniski made excellent use of his new blocker and trapper and continued to hold a hot hand.

Four minutes into the second period Ryan Bell intercepted a clearing pass at the blueline and fired a quick pass to Allan Rasmussen in the slot. Allan relayed the puck to Brad Davidson in front of the net and when the goalie went down Brad went around him to give Georgetown a 3-0 lead.

Right around this time two things started to happen. Our boys, some of whom are just getting over the flu, started to tire, and Milton started double shifting their stars. We escaped the second period up 3-2 but the third frame was all Milton and they were victorious 6-3.

The game got very physical and Shane Thompson, Brad Davidson, Ricky Clark, Curtis Hoogendam and Kevin Humeniski all suffered injuries of varying degrees and will be carrying assorted bruises to Oakville on Jan. 12.

Back in October, Flamboro Major Novices defeated Georgetown mainly on the strength of three goals by one player. On Jan. 3, the same player scored four times to

lead his team to a 5-2 win. Georgetown hasn't yet recaptured the spark that gave them three wins in 10 days before Christmas but the game was not without some highlights for the local supporters.

Steven Smith and Wesley Blight continued their recent fine play as they combined to set up Curtis Hoogendam for the opening goal of the game. Allan Rasmussen, who is really coming into his own this season went end to end before splitting the defence and deking the goalie for a memorable goal.

Defenceman Shane Thompson broke up rush after rush and only a hot goaltender kept him off the scoresheet. Rookie Fraser Brown played his strongest game of the season as he was around the puck all night and when his shooting skills catch up with his skating ability the goals will surely come. Our two Brads, Davidson and Kouyoumjian passed the puck around all night and were just unlucky not to put one in the net.

Raiders trim Milton

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week. Brazeau had left the Raiders last month to return to school in Sault Ste. Marie but came back to Georgetown last week when he was unable to gain immediate entrance into Lake Superior State University.

Raiders were never behind in Milton, maintaining a 1-0 first period lead and ahead 2-1 going in to the third. Georgetown led 3-1 before Milton scored to make it close.

Curtis Green made his third straight start in the Raider net.

RAIDER RAMBLINGS: Raiders host Mimico Monarchs on Friday before facing off against first-place Etobicoke Capitals at Alcott Arena on Saturday.

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