

Work ethic of "Mad Dog" Madill highlights strong effort

McNally's reach for top at Silver Stick

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Coach Brian Markham went for the top and chose to enter the McNally Minor Novices into the Newmarket Silver Stick tournament.

It was a tough task as Silver Stick tournament draws mainly tournament winners from both the States and Canada. Our strategy was to play our stronger players and go for the win.

Our boys first met Brooklin, Whitby tournament winners earlier this year. Brooklin took the early lead in the game and we, hot on our heels, looking for their first win. Just when you figured they had us, Chris Hall came up with some fantastic goaltending, saving shots that would make even NHL coaches take a second look. Robert Larose came through as he does many times to fire one by the strong Brooklin goalie to tie the score. Defensesmen Jeff Barr, Jeff Telford, Judd Richardson and Joey Goodhew were on their toes and kept Brooklin's scoring chances to a minimum. With 21 seconds left in the game, Brooklin created a scramble in front of the net reflecting one by to make it a 2-1 game. All players played well and certainly made Brooklin fight for the win.

The second game of the day, Georgetown met North London, certainly another strong team.

With even our strongest players out there London took the lead in the first five minutes of play and never looked back. Joey Barber was in net and found it a frustrating job, having that puck fired at him from every direction and often. Joey showed outstanding team sportsmanship for an eight-year old, after a bad start, Joey pulled himself putting the team first ahead of himself. This is a rare quality of such a young age. But coach Bob McLeod sent Joey back to his net to finish the game, where Joey immediately put his team first again and shook off his frustrations making some great saves. Trevor Rich, Ryan Smith, Dan Cabra, Robert Larose and Robert McLeod made some nice tries only to find London all over them. Defenseman Judd Richardson was moved up to offense hoping his ability to go end to end would spark Georgetown and provide some goals.

With only three defensesmen and a lot of ice time to cover defense, Jeff Barr, Jeff Telford and Joey Goodhew showed what they were made of, playing long hard shifts and still managing some dazzling moves.

The boys don't call Mike Madill Mad Dog for nothing, although he saw little ice time, when played he gave 110 percent. Digging along the boards is his specialty. David Markham, Jeff Quinn and Mike Krouser also saw little action but you can be sure London remembers them on the ice, digging and passing, making some nice plays. Georgetown fought til the end of this 7-0 game.

Georgetown returned Saturday to face yet another big centre, Meadowvale, only to discover after losing two games and no chance of staying in the tournament, coach Brian Markham could not be there, leaving the team to assistant coach Bob McLeod and Paul Larose.

McLeod and Larose did their best to fire up our boys and keep spirits high to go for a win just for the record. Again we played our strongest players and three defensesmen. Again our boys faced a strong team who took an early lead. Robert McLeod had a nice shot on net only to be stopped by Meadowvale's hot goalie. Ryan Smith, Robert Larose and Dan Cabral just missed on a number of occasions. Judd Richardson made some nice breakaways but just couldn't get it by the goalie. Just when it looked like it would be another scoreless game for Georgetown, forward Trevor Rich banged one in.

Once again, "Mad Dog" Madill and David Markham have their all to dig the puck out to their teammates. Joey Goodhew hung tough, seeing almost 10 minutes straight ice time and Jeff Barr and Jeff Telford kept us in the game on a number of occasions. Special mention must go to Jeff Quinn who travelled to Newmarket but saw no ice time for his great show of sportsmanship in keeping a positive attitude. Also Joey Barber who also saw no ice time was right there with Jeff cheering his team on. The final score was 3-1.

The next day, Georgetown shook off their bad luck when they met Brampton in town, winning 6-1. Joey Barber was in net, showing he was no quitter and can shake off a

bad game, making some tough saves.

"Mad Dog" Madill and Jeff Quinn were back in action almost

scoring on a few plays. Mike Krause showed he deserved ice time when he fired one by Brampton's goalie to open the score.

David Markham dazzled the crowd playing a great game scoring once and assisting on two.

Chiefs eliminate Oakville

The Georgetown Domtar Packaging Minor Peeewe "AA" Chiefs eliminated Oakville from the Ontario play-downs as they swept the best of the three series in two straight.

At Memorial Arena on Jan. 24, Oakville startled the Domtar Packaging squad by taking a 2-0 lead. After the second goal by the visitors, Guane Eler with an assist from Mark Aldridge, broke free from the centre ice face-off, skated around the Oakville defence to score the important first goal and get the Georgetown team on track.

Gavin Glaser evened the score for the Minor Peeeweas on a goal assisted by Jamie Stephenson and Stephen Onoprizenko. The relentless Chiefs were rewarded as Aldridge converted the rebound of

a Glaser shot to finally give Georgetown the lead. Scott Wilson knocked the puck free from an Oakville defenceman at centre ice and Eler picked up the loose puck to score a breakaway goal to ensure the 4-2 victory. Chad Hughes was nothing short of sensational as he made many outstanding saves in the Domtar Packaging net, to allow his team the opportunity to capture the comeback win.

In Oakville on Jan. 26, the hosts proved stubborn before finally losing in overtime to Georgetown by a score of 5-3. Captain Doug Sheppard spearheaded the Georgetown attack with two goals and two assists.

Oakville took a 1-0 lead only to see Sheppard tie the score on a goal assisted by Duke Bouskill and Aldridge. Trailing 2-1, Sheppard

fed Eler in the shot and he wasted little time in snapping a shot past the Oakville goaltender to even the score. Sheppard put the Domtar Packaging side ahead 3-2 with Glaser drawing an assist on the

goal. A late third period goal by the hosts sent the game into a ten minute overtime period. Aldridge on a determined effort knocked in a rebound off a Bouskill shot to give the Minor Peeeweas the lead.

With the Oakville net empty, Jim Katsilleris passed to Sheppard who fed Onoprizenko for an important insurance goal. In this game, it was John Waller's turn to excel in

the Georgetown net and that is exactly what he did in making a host of point blank saves.

Coaches Chris Milne, Dan Curtis and Wally Petrie will now point the Domtar Packaging squad to the winner of the Milton/Brampton series which at press time was tied at a game apiece.

Fuelers get doused out

The Georgetown Star Fuels Minor Atoms were swept aside in their round at the OMHA playoff level by Chinguacousy. The sweeping wasn't easy for Ching because the Fuelers put up a pretty good fight in the first game and most of the second one.

One of the things that the Fuelers did differently in the first game against Ching was to hustle offensively. The first goal was started in their own end as Kyle Hancock dug it out of the corner to Pete Mashinter. Pete made a quick lead pass to a breaking Gary McNiven, and Gary made sure of his breakaway chance to get the first goal. Ching got on the board and then Jamie Briggs jammed on in after taking a pass from Gary McNiven and rounding behind the goal. Ching came back and ran the score to a 3-2 final.

In the second game the Fuelers started out fine but when Ching

got out in front by a 3-0 score after two periods, the gas went low octane. Even then, the boys scored twice.

Gary McNiven took a hard shot on goal that went off the goalies shoulder and over the line. Then Gary and Pete were in a goalmouth scramble that Pete scored on. Final score was 6-2 for Ching to advance from the best of three series.

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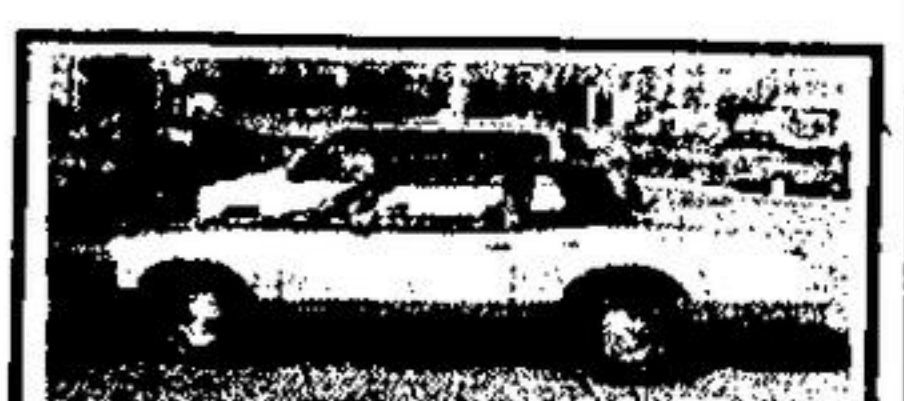
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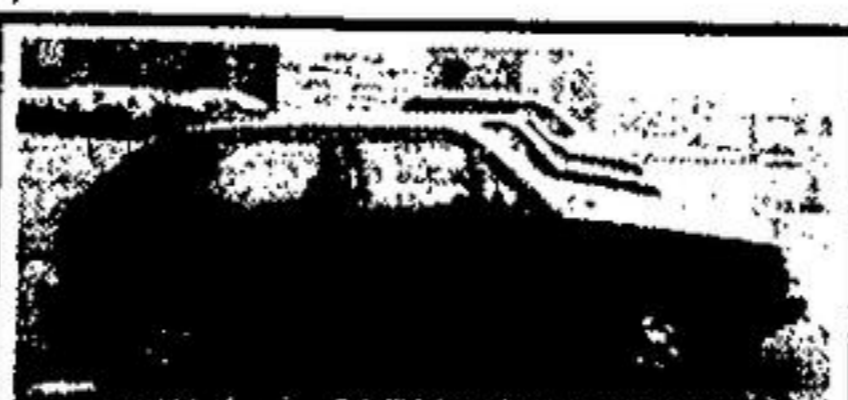
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