

M and M Bantams blast Burlington to advance in playdowns

As a result of their exciting win over Burlington on Feb. 20 the Georgetown Major Bantams have advanced to the all-Ontario semi finals.

The M and M's defeated Burlington in a tough series that saw our local majors take three out of the five wins with one game ending in a tie.

Coming off the Milton series on a high, the M and M's coasted to a 3-0 win in game one of the best-of-five series while game two saw the M and M's drop a 8-7 decision in overtime. Georgetown played well in this contest despite a shortage of players.

Not to be outdone, the M and M's, on a remarkable comeback late in the game, pulled out a 7-5 win, once more in overtime. With Georgetown seemingly in the driver's seat, the teams returned to Georgetown for game four. A win would have given the M and M's the series but it was not to be as they came out on the losing end of a 5-3 score.

The next day, with the teams tied with two wins each, they returned

to Burlington for game five. After three periods of regulation time and one period of overtime, the score remained tied at 5-5 and regulations forced a sixth game.

With everyone braced for another scorcher of a game, the teams returned to Georgetown the next night to determine the winner. To everyone's surprise it was no contest as the M and M's skated to an easy 8-2 victory and the series.

In game one at home, the M and M's skated to an easy 3-0 victory. With the first period going scoreless Adam Hiltz finally found the mark in the first minute of period two, unassisted. Period two yielded one more goal as Duane Lewis scored at the midway point with help from Brad Amato. Mitch Butt notched the third and final goal of the match with Adam Hiltz picking up the assist. Downs tolled in the nets and had a fine game.

In the 8-7 loss in game two, the M and M's jumped into a first period lead with three goals. Duane Lewis notched the first with help from Hagen and Lang while Trevor Elinesky netted the second from

Hiltz and Lang. Ken Kosziwka rounded out the scoring in frame one with an unassisted goal in the final minute. Burlington rallied for a pair of goals early in the second to tie the match but Hiltz and Elinesky each scored in the second to restore the lead. Assists went to Butt, with a pair, and Peter Lee with a single. Burlington once more fought back to tie the match to force the game into overtime.

The M and M's lone goal in the third came when Adam Hagen scored unassisted. In the 10-minute overtime period Burlington found the mark first but Adam Hiltz evened the score late in the period with help from Hagen and Lewis. Thirty seconds later Burlington notched the winner.

The M and M's returned to Burlington for game three and came away with a 7-5 overtime win.

The M and M's once more led off the scoring as Mark McIntyre notched a powerplay goal assisted by Guistini and Butt. Burlington bounced back with three unanswered goals before Adam Hiltz scored from Elinesky to get

within one but Burlington scored another to take 4-2 lead into the third. With six minutes remaining and down by three goals the M and M's engineered a remarkable comeback to tie the match and take it into overtime. The late third period goals came from Adam Hiltz with a pair and Mark McIntyre with a single. Assists went to Elinesky with two and singles to Lewis, Butt and McIntyre.

Overtime belonged to the M and M's as they notched two more. Duane Lewis netted the winner from Adam Hiltz while Sean Guistini checked in with an insurance goal with help from Lewis.

Georgetown returned home for game four and in good shape to take the series. But the M and M's could not pull it off as they dropped a 5-3 decision. Georgetown had a pair of first period goals by Hagen and Hiltz with assists going to Elinesky and Butt. From then on it was all Burlington. The M and M's managed a single goal in the third on a fine individual effort from Brad Amato as he blasted a shot past a surprised netminder.

With the series tied the teams returned to Burlington for the fifth and final game. Duane Lewis led the Georgetown scoring with a hat-trick and an assist. The M and M's

took a 3-2 lead in the first period on goals by Amato assisted by Lewis and Duane Lewis with a pair. Assists went to Elinesky, Lang, Hiltz and Hagen. The M and M's added another early in the second frame when Mark McIntyre scored from Guistini and Lang. Burlington rallied with a pair to tie the match in the third and take the game into overtime.

The teams traded goals in overtime to remain tied and OMHA regulations forced a sixth game. The M and M's goal came when Duane Lewis notched his third of the match assisted by Elinesky.

The teams returned to Georgetown for the sixth game with everyone set for another close one. This was not to be as the M and M's blasted their opposition 8-2.

Our local majors jumped into an unbelievable 7-0 lead by midway through the second frame before Burlington could find the mark.

Adam Hiltz led the M and M's with a hat-trick. Georgetown notched four goals in the first with markers from Elinesky, Kosziwka, Hagen and Hiltz with assists going to Amato with a pair and Lang, Curry, and Elinesky with singles.

The M and M's managed the rest of their scoring in the second.



Although the Georgetown M and M Pro Sports Bantams fired eight goals past this Burlington netminder in their big series-clinching 8-2 win on Feb. 20, the visiting backstop managed to thwart a local shooter on this play. Georgetown got a hat trick from Adam Hiltz to claim the best-of-five regional OMHA series 3-2, with one tie. The locals now await the winner of the Eastern Ontario round. (Herald photo)

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