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ROY WARD was named as the recipient of the 1990 Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council Award. Mr. Ward will be honored at a reception and dinner, March 12 at Holy Cross auditorium. (Herald photo)

Ward is honored by hockey peers

By COLIN GIBSON
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The mantle of honor was accepted reluctantly, but with a quiet sense of pride, as befits a man whose devotion to and love of the game of hockey through seven decades was never clouded by any misperception of his own self-worth.

Roy Ward, a lifelong resident of Georgetown, has been named the 1990 recipient of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council Award.

"I'm pleased with the award," said Mr. Ward. "Don't get me wrong. It's just that I've never been comfortable in the limelight. The game of hockey has always been a part of my life and my involvement always seemed natural. I didn't expect to be rewarded for it."

In fact, his grown children, David, Paul and Mary Jane Murray, convinced Mr. Ward that he was a worthy recipient of the 1990 award and should accept the honor as part of his own hockey heritage.

"I wasn't going to accept the award at first," pointed out Mr. Ward, "but the family got onto me and I realized it (the award) meant a lot to all of us."

A widower of three years, the 77-year-old Ward can't remember a winter when hockey wasn't an integral part of his life.

His playing career spanned nearly 40 years and included the natural initiation into the game by way of minor hockey, through intermediate hockey ranks and concluding in 1952 in the Georgetown Industrial Hockey League.

He gravitated naturally to other aspects of the game including refereeing and coaching.

"I gave up refereeing," he chuckled, "when my oldest boy, David, complained that the kids he played with would think I was favoring him."

His involvement with the game continued as he took on other roles.

He became involved in volunteer work for hockey and in the 1970s and '80s was an executive member for the highly successful Intermediate "A" Raiders, Hardy Cup champions in 1982.

Roy Ward, along with Joe Hall, Dave Kentner, Ted King, Garfield McGilvray and Ken McMillan comprised the "Original 6" who formed the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council in 1978.

Roy Ward is still a part of that council, one of the reasons he was

reluctant to accept this year's award.

Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council Chairman, Dave Kentner, spoke highly of Mr. Ward.

"The hockey community of Georgetown and all those who have enjoyed the benefit of Roy's efforts, join with the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council in saluting a worthy recipient - Mr. Roy Ward."

Not surprisingly, Mr. Ward could not come up with any individual highlights that stood out in his involvement with hockey over the years. Rather, it was the experience and enjoyment of the game as a whole that he cherishes most.

"I remember running home from school to get the skates on. Even when I was older, I would still run home from work to get the skates on and get in some hockey with my friends."

The rivalry with teams from Acton does, however, stand out in Roy's memory.

"I used to love those games against Acton," he recalled with a laugh. "They could get pretty rough at times, but to me, that was what hockey was all about. Playing and the friendship of your teammates sure helped to ease the soreness. Hockey is a great game."

Basketball tourney scheduled

Georgetown District High School will be the scene Friday and Saturday of an eight-team invitational junior basketball tournament.

The host GDHS Rebels will be challenged by teams from Chinguacousy, Lester Pearson (Burlington), Brampton Centennial, Queen Elizabeth Park (Oakville), Aldershot (Burlington), Hill Park (Hamilton) and Mayfield (Peel Region).

Championship and Consolation crowns will be up for grabs and each team is guaranteed two games.

Georgetown opens tournament play 4 p.m., Friday and games are expected to run through 9 p.m. Friday evening.

Curtis Green superb

Raiders slide continues

By COLIN GIBSON
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The 1989 portion of the Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League, West Division season, could not exactly be characterized as vintage. Sour grapes might be more appropriate.

The new year is not starting out much better for the struggling team as the Raiders dropped a pair of games last weekend to remain winless in three 1990 starts.

Friday night in Oakville the Raiders suffered a 4-1 setback at the hands of the hometown Blades and Sunday evening in Brampton, Raiders bowed 3-2 to the Capitals.

The losses dropped the Raiders season record mark to 4-25-1, last in the West Division standings and 10 points behind sixth place Brampton.

Raiders didn't disgrace themselves, by any means, in the

losses but as the cliché goes, "Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades."

Oakville sits comfortably atop the West Division standings and except for a second period letdown, Raiders battled the division-leaders on even terms Friday evening.

The game was tied 1-1 after the first period but Oakville surged for three unanswered second period counters and that was the difference in the game. The third period was scoreless.

Marty Savoy, unassisted, scored the lone Raider goal.

Curtis Green, in the Raider nets, was superb. He made 44 saves - 21 in both the first and third periods - while the Raiders could only manage 19 shots at Oakville net-minder Antony Hill.

Brampton was lucky to escape with the 3-2 win over the Raiders but a Capitals second period short-

handed goal proved to be the difference in the game.

The first period ended scoreless and Brampton enjoyed the slim 1-0 lead heading into the third frame.

The teams matched a pair of third period markers but Brampton was able to make the second period goal stand up for the win.

Bill McDonald converted a pass from John Williamson for the first Raider goal, while Rob Doucette, off feeds from Brent Presswood and Chris Lazarowf rounded out the Raider scoring.

Raiders have a pair of home games on tap this weekend.

Friday night, 8 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, Raiders host Brampton Capitals.

Saturday evening, 8:30 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena Raiders entertain arch-division rival Milton Merchants.

Midget tourney applauded

By COLIN GIBSON
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According to 1990 Georgetown Midget Hockey Tournament director, Rick Hume, this year's affair, the 24th annual edition of the tournament was, "the best in years. Attendance was excellent throughout the tournament, I felt the games were top-notch and we received nothing but complimentary remarks from out-of-town teams about all aspects of the tournament. Even our officials received compliments and that's always good to hear."

Sixteen teams, including entries from Georgetown and Acton, competed in the six-day event that saw a Halton Region team, Milton, skate away with tournament championship honors after defeating Sudbury 3-1 in the Championship Final.

Hume pointed out that the tournament could not have gone off so smoothly without the dedication of a number of behind-the-scenes workers.

Working hand-in-hand with Hume on the tournament committee were Tony Chiovitti, Finn Poulstrup, Dave Martin, Karen Hume, Lorraine and Rick Buick, Vicki and George Ballentine, Judy and Wayne Pries, Roger Gervais, Bob Dezeuw, Scott Vandervalk, Jeff Hannah, Charlie Hanman, Harvey Green, Wayne Dixon, Keith Bennett, Norm Lockhurst and Tom Lush.

As proof of the increasing regard with which the tournament is held by knowledgeable hockey people, the players are attracting more and more attention from Ontario Hockey League scouts.

Three OHL scouts were spotted lurking behind the pillars at this year's tournament.

Scott Ferguson of the OHL's Central Scouting Bureau was in attendance, as was Tim Lenko of Niagara Falls Thunder and Norm Bryan representing Peterborough Petes.

"I'm not here to scout any one particular player," pointed out Lenko, "but quality teams do participate, some from smaller centres and we like to get looks at as many midget-aged players as possible."

All in all, an excellent week of midget hockey at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena and kudos are due all those who helped to make the tournament such a success.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND MILTON 6 MISSISSAUGA 4

Following on the heels of a relatively easy 5-0 win over Acton in Preliminary Round play, Milton rallied for a hard-fought, gut check time 6-4 win over Mississauga to advance to Third Round championship-side play.

Milton enjoyed a 2-1 first period lead but then felt the wrath of Mississauga in the second frame to fall behind 4-3 heading into the final period of play.

The second period Mississauga onslaught served to waken up the Milton team as three unanswered Milton goals in the final stanza allowed them to skate off with the 6-4 win.

It was share the wealth time for the Milton offence as Mike Cox, Kevin Davidson, Rob Crowe, Sean Williams, Gio Piazza, and Trevor Brandt shared in the scoring.

Jason Ieraci and Steven Rye each scored twice for Mississauga which bowed out from further tournament play with the loss.

AJAX 6 GUELPH 5

Guelph appeared well in control of this game and heading further along the championship path until the roof fell in on top of them in the third period.

The game was tied 1-1 after the first period and Guelph enjoyed a 5-3 lead heading into third period play.

Just over six minutes into the third period Ajax tied the game and counted what proved to be the eventual game-winning goal with less than three minutes remaining in the game.

Bill Munroe and Chris McIntosh each scored twice for Ajax with Sean Kilgannon and Dave Stockton counting single markers.

Rich Cuarrer, Darren Chappel, Danny Piluk and Jason Curran scored for Guelph.

MARKHAM 9 ELORA 2

Elora had just speaked into the championship round of tournament play by virtue of a 4-3 overtime win over Newmarket.

Markham was in the same boat, slipping past Orangeville, 3-2 in overtime in their tourney opener.

Against Elora, however, Markham trundled out the artillery and the issue was decided early on.

Markham led 2-0 after the first period and 5-1 after the second period en route to the 9-2 laughter.

Kevin Green collected the hat trick for the winners with Kevin Sponagle, Steve Searle, Mike House, Mike Nucci, Chris Stover and Derek Candolini rounding out the scoring.

Matt Tucker and Craig Chartrand replied for Elora.

MILTON 2 AJAX 1

Eventual tournament champion Milton proved they could also play tight defensively, when this was required, in the win over Ajax.

The first period ended in a scoreless draw and Milton counted two second period goals to move in front 2-0 heading into the final period of play.

Backed by the sterling goaltending of Richard Saliba, Milton held off a number of Ajax attacks until, with less than three minutes remaining to play, Ajax hit the scoresheet.

This was as close as Ajax came, however, as Milton held on for the win to advance to the championship final.

Rob DelPapa and Chris Check scored the Milton markers.

Peter Young counted the lone Ajax goal.

SUDBURY 5 MARKHAM 2

In perhaps the most entertaining game of the tournament, Sudbury downed Markham to advance to the championship final against Milton.

The first period ended scoreless and Markham edged ahead 1-0 heading into the final period of play.

Sudbury tied the game at 1-1 less than three minutes into the final frame but Markham pulled ahead 2-1 with slightly less than 10 minutes to play.

At this point, the speed of the Sudbury team proved just too much for Markham to control - or keep pace with - and the visitors from up north scored four unanswered goals to breeze to the win.

Brad Lavallee scored twice for Sudbury - including the game winner - with singles going to Dustin Sudlmayer, Yves Laframboise and Steve Hong.

Chris Stover and Chris Maybury scored for the game but slower Markham team.