



Sports Outlook

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SUNNY ACRE FARMS goaltender Paul St. Pierre, snags another Milton scoring try out of the air with his snake-like glove during the major midget "AA" OMHA playdowns game staged Tuesday at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. The contest ended in a 4-4

stalemate as poor officiating marred the game. This Sunday (tomorrow) 4 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena the final game in the best-of-five series will be played. (Herald photo)

Officials ruin game

Sunny Acres tie Milton, 4-4

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What should have been an exciting and entertaining hockey



Sunny Acre Farms
MIDGETS

Novice House

Jesse Ward leads the way

Jesse Ward took on the role of gunslinger Jesse James to lead Lions Club to a 10-0 drubbing of M and M Pro Sports in a Georgetown Minor Hockey Association Novice House League game played last Saturday.

Ward scored four goals and added two assists in the one-sided affair.

Tom Allen, in nets for the Lions Club, made several excellent saves to record the shutout.

Brian Normore had three goals and an assist for the winners, Tristan Temple contributed two goals and three assists, while Nathan Martin rounded out the Lions Club scoring.

Roddy Heinz and Jason Douville each had a pair of assists in the winning cause with Cory Constant and Derrick Elliott adding single helpers.

In another GMHA Novice House League clash, Chad Gemill potted a hat trick to lead A and S Engraving to a 4-1 triumph over A and F Johnson. Ryan Booth counted a single marker for the winners.

Scott Schlegel collected two assists for A and S Engraving with single assists going to Geoff Quinn, Sean Currie, Michael Gaston and Glenn Wood.

Peter Veltman converted a pass from Simon Saulnier for the lone A and F Johnson goal.

Kris Noonan shouldered the brunt of the Young's Pharmacy attack by scoring two goals and adding an assist in his team's 4-1 win over Kinsmen Club in the final GMHA Novice House game of the day.

Brendan Alexa had a goal and two assists for Young's while Jon Howell chipped in with a single counter.

Jason Watt scored the goal for Kinsmen Club connecting off passes from Errol Smith and Ryan Gleason.

game was scheduled for last Tuesday at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, with Georgetown's Sunny Acre Farms major midgets taking on Milton in the third game of a best-of-five (first to six points) OMHA "AA" playdowns series.

The series was tied at 1-1, so the Tuesday clash was expected to be of the barn-burning variety.

Unfortunately, three interlopers dressed as hockey officials were also invited to take part in the contest and their performance proved a bane on both teams who skated to a 4-4 overtime stalemate.

If there had been an organist at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena and a rendition of "Three Blind Mice" had been offered, any self-respecting blind mouse in the place would have packed up his whiskers and headed elsewhere rather than be associated with this trio.

The game was taken away from the players by the horrendous officiating that had both players and fans shaking their heads in amazement and disbelief.

Blatant offsides and icings were missed and at one point, one of the linesmen waved off an icing and the other linesman blew his whistle, stopping play.

Minor infractions were called while more obvious penalties were ignored by the referee.

As one fan wryly commented, "These clowns should have their stripes removed - one by one."

A furious Sunny Acre Farm coach, Charlie Hanman, called the officiating "a disgrace to minor hockey."

Between periods Milton coach Peter McDuffe was overheard saying, "They must have sent in the second team" in reference to the officials, but he refused further comment in a post-game conversation.

The fourth game in the best-of-five series was played Thursday evening in Milton, at press time, no score was available.

The fifth game, which will now be necessary, will be played tomorrow (Sunday) 4 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

The poor officiating prevented either team from getting a flow going to their game and both teams dominated in spurts, throughout the contest.

Milton counted the game's first two goals but two Sunny Acre Farms markers near the end of the period tied the game at 2-2 heading into the second.

The teams traded single counters in the second period to head into the final frame tied at 3-3.

For some reason, the referee put away his whistle for most of the third period and the best hockey of the game was displayed.

Neither team was able to score in the third period as both Sunny Acre Farms netminder Paul St. Pierre and his counterpart in the Milton goal Ryan Peddie, made a number of brilliant saves.

St. Pierre's snake-like glove hand lashed out time and again to foil a number of Milton scoring chances.

Sunny Acre Farms drew first blood just 41 seconds into the 10 minute overtime period when, with his team harassing Milton in their own end, Craig Cooper deposited a nifty wrist shot into the top right hand corner of the Milton net.

From here, Sunny Acre Farms were guilty of wrong strategy. Instead of slowing down the pace of the game, Georgetown picked it up and with 3:40 left in the game, Milton's Ian Ellis took full advantage when four Sunny Acre Farms players were trapped in the Milton zone.

Ellis outraced Sunny Acre Farms defenceman Rob Lang to the puck in the Georgetown end, then slid it under St. Pierre for the unassisted game-tying marker.

Mark Lorito, Ken Kosziwka and Trevor Elinesky were the other Sunny Acre Farms goal scorers.

Brad Amato had a pair of assists, while single helpers went to Elinesky, Lorito, Rob Lang and Rob Boyle.

Sunny Acre Farms were assessed 15 minor penalties while Milton was dug with eight minor penalties.

Raider coach fuming

Excess baggage sinks Georgetown

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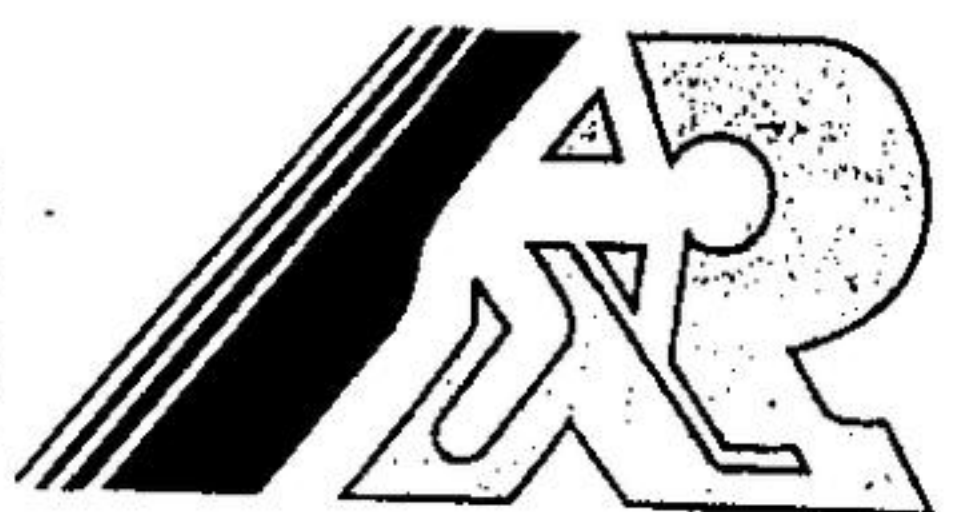
"To much excess baggage!" In a nutshell, that was how coach Peter Sturgeon explained the Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders 10-0 loss to Streetsville Derbys in the opening game of the Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League, West Division, best-of-seven first round playoff series, played Tuesday in Streetsville.

An exasperated and disappointed Sturgeon vowed that changes will be made. "We were still in the game in the third period, then some guys gave up and Streetsville ran away with the game. There will be at least six changes made. I want character players," fumed Sturgeon. "Guys that show up to play the whole 60 minutes."

The Raiders played host to the Derbys Thursday and Friday evening at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena - at press time, the results were not available.

The fourth game in the best-of-seven series is scheduled for Streetsville tomorrow (Sunday).

If the series is extended past four games, the fifth game will be



played in Streetsville this Tuesday; the sixth game this Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena and the seventh game Feb. 25 in Streetsville.

Despite the 10-0 shellacking, Sturgeon had praise for Raider goaltender Curtis Green. "He kept us in the game," said the coach.

The game was scoreless through the first period, with Streetsville enjoying a 3-0 advantage heading into the final period of play.

The Streetsville fourth goal was a shorthanded effort and it heralded the Raider collapse.

To add injury to insult, three Raider stalwarts suffered injuries and will be sidelined for the balance of the Streetsville series.

Des Brown suffered a recurrence of the groin injury that has plagued him all season, Davin Ciglen injured his wrist and Andy Hockeing is nursing a leg injury.



SUNNY ACRE FARMS player Rob Boyle hammers Milton's Rob Del Papa into the boards during play in the major midget "AA" OMHA playdowns game played Tuesday evening at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. The teams were forced to settle for a 4-4 tie as terrible officiating spoiled the game. (Herald photo)