

# North York Canadiens win Bantam tournament

North York Canadiens took home the grand championship trophy from Georgetown's 31st Annual Bantam Tournament on Saturday after defeating Ajax 5-1.

The road to the final game wasn't an easy one for either team, with Canadiens needing triple overtime to defeat Halton Hurricanes 3-2 in the 'A' division final. Ajax also required triple overtime for their 'B' division final to win by the same score.

Of the three local teams in the tournament (Georgetown, Acton and Halton), Hurricanes advanced the furthest, defeating Hamilton 5-3 in their divisional

semi-final before losing to the eventual grand champions in the next game.

Acton qualified for the playoffs with a 1-1-1 round robin record, but lost 5-2 in the 'D' division semi-final round to Salt Fleet. Georgetown tied Acton in round robin play, but lost its two other games and failed to qualify for the playoffs.

**D Division**  
Salt Fleet, which eliminated Acton from the semi-final round, was in turn dropped 3-0 by Kincardine, which had advanced by beating Oshawa 4-2.

**C Division**  
Owen Sound advanced as far as

the grand championship semi-finals by defeating all of its divisional rivals. They first took out Guelph 7-2 and then narrowly defeated Woolwich 6-5.

**B Division**  
Ajax qualified for the tournament's runner-up trophy by winning its division with a 6-0 win over York and a 3-2 triple overtime win against Hillcrest.

**A Division**  
The pull-out by Buffalo after going undefeated in round robin play allowed Brampton to qualify for the semi-finals, but they fell prey to North York Canadiens 4-0

in the divisional semi-final. Halton defeated Hamilton 5-3 before losing 3-2 in triple overtime to Canadiens.

**Grand Championships**  
North York blanked Owen Sound 3-0 and Ajax echoed that with a 3-0 victory of their own over Kincardine in the grand championship semi-finals to set the stage for the final game. North York didn't have much trouble as they emerged with a 5-1 win.

**Award Winners**  
Congratulatory letter from the Swedish Ice Hockey Federation to referee Gerry Perkins for

receiving this year's Hockey Heritage Award; Red and Jean Asseltine Trophy for most sportsmanlike player of the tournament to Halton Hurricane player Mike Rusk; Most Outstanding Goalie Trophy to Ajax Village player Mark Kennedy; Most Congenial Referee Award to Brian Peavoy; Rusty Skate Award (most graceful and ungraceful falls during tournament) to David Frost; Coach of the tournament award to Ajax Village coach Eric Barnes; Grand Championship Runner-Up Trophy to Ajax Village; Grand Championship Trophy to North York Canadiens.

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## Tournament chairman applauds organizers

After months of preparation and weeks of worry, Dave Curry, Georgetown Minor Hockey Association's Bantam Tournament chairman, said he especially enjoyed seeing each day of the event play itself out.

Curry said this was the 31st year of the tournament, which has become a focal point of the association's. As a result, he said his goal as chairman was to get 32 teams signed up to play (he got 30) and make the week-long affair run as smoothly as possible.

"I think we were very successful this year. We had a lot of people watching most of the games and many of the coaches and parents of the other teams told me they were impressed with how things were organized."

Curry said one of the things he did to help attract teams was provide the easiest possible playing schedule for them, especially for those coming from a greater distance away.

"I spent a lot of time on the schedule, with some teams not playing their first game until the third day of the tournament. This allowed a few to get their round robin games out of the way faster and be able to know if they would be continuing or not."

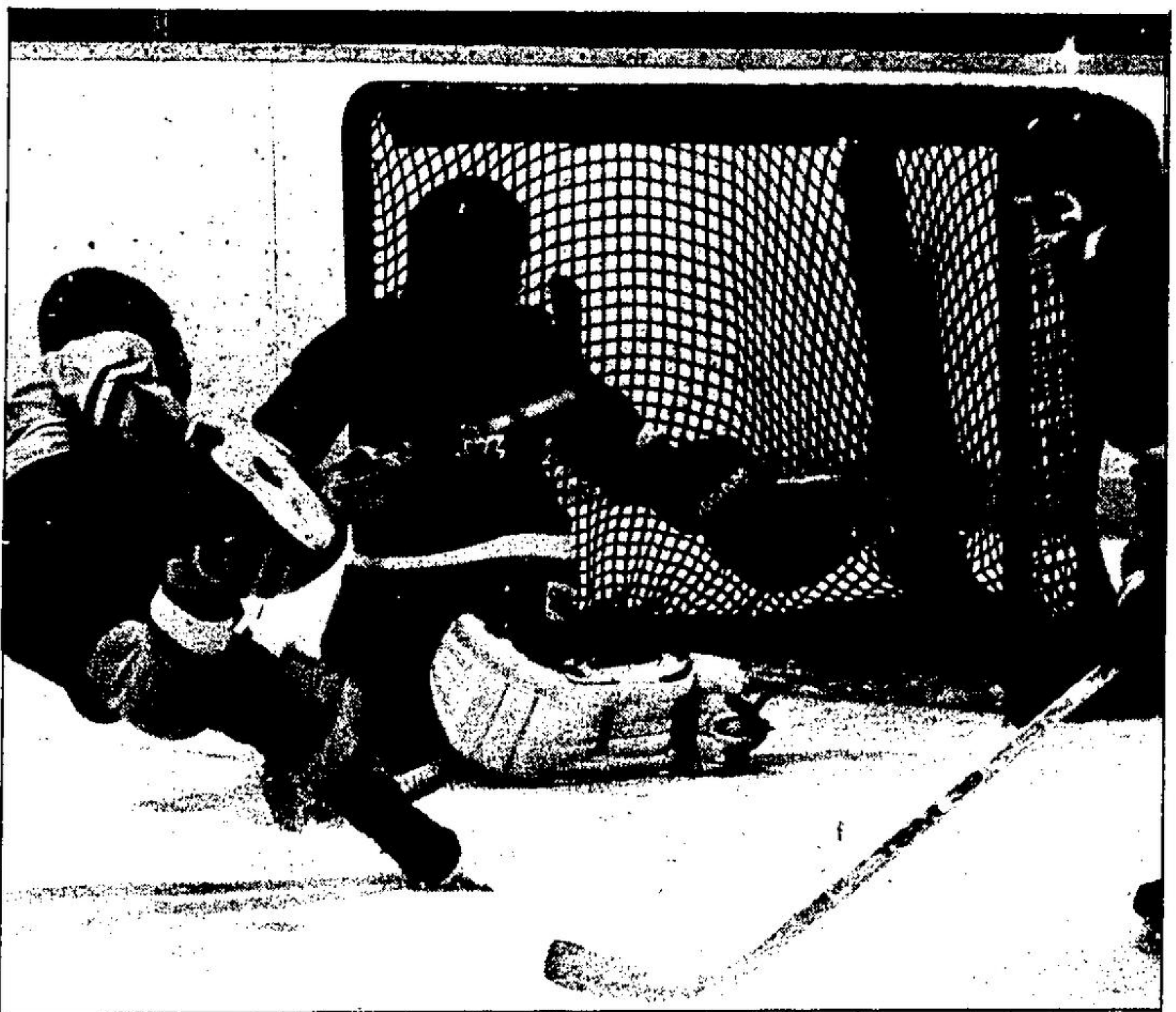
While Curry said he put in a lot of time and effort, he was not about to take all the credit, pointing out that many people from the area toiled along with him.

"We certainly had some excellent help, a lot more of it coming from people who hadn't done it before, making it much more a community event. The Hockey Heritage Council made a big difference too. They gave the tournament its start and it was great to see them back in it again."

Curry and some other GMHA members also wanted to thank the following people in particular for their help: Bob Tost, Del Beaumont, Larry White, Doug Harlow, Bob Webster, Bill Richardson, Mike Fry, Ron Kavanaugh, John Inglis, Bill Stencile, Bud James, Rene Martin, Shell Lawr and Gerry Perkins.

The chairman said he has no regrets about how the tournament went, though he would have tried to advertise the approach of the event a little more aggressively by putting up posters in store windows to help remind the public.

"One thing was Buffalo withdrawing from the tournament after playing their round robin games. Our schedule conflicted with their state championships and they pulled out. It's pretty tough running a tournament at this time of the year since there seem to be a lot of things going on for other people."



Acton Sabres' goaltender comes up with a big save against a Salt Fleet player who came flying down the slot. Salt Fleet won the 'D' division semi-

final game 5-2, advancing to the divisional finals of the Georgetown Bantam Tournament at Alcott Arena on Saturday. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)



Jason Allison, of the Grand Championship winning team, North York Canadiens, did more than his fair share of work in helping propel his teammates to the coveted silverware. Jason was selected 'Most Valuable Player' as the 31st Annual Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament wrapped up last Saturday at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. Pictured above, presenting Jason with his award, is Hal Pells, President of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association. (Herald photo)

