Herb Robinson named '92 Heritage award winner

By STEVEN LeBLANC The Herald

When looking back on the history of minor hockey in Georgetown, one must certainly take notice of Herb Robinson and his accomplishments.

During the 1950s, 60s and 70s, Mr. Robinson donated his time, energy and innovation to local hockey. Next month his achievements will be officially honored with the presentation of the 1992 Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council Award.

He first became involved in local hockey in the early 1950s when Branch 120, Georgetown Royal Canadian Legion, of which he is a member, was sponsoring and organizing "Saturday Morning Hockey".

From this beginning, Mr. Robinson became a founding executive of the Georgetown Junior B Beavers, the Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group, the Tri- County Hockey League, and the Milton Midget Hockey Tournament.

"I am very happy to be chosen for this award but honestly, it wasn't a huge surprise because I was eligible for it four or five years ago." said Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Robinson was nominated by many people in Georgetown, including Heritage Council Chairman Dave Kentner.

"I grew with Herb's boys and many Saturday afternoons he would give up the pleasure of watching his own sons play hockey to work on stats or scheduling, that's how dedicated he was to minor hockey in this community." explained Mr. Kentner.

Mr. Kentner's remarks are by no means an overstatement. Mr. Robinson took on every responsibility involved in hockey, from



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scheduling and organizing statistics to arena maintenance and time keeping. His average Saturday would begin at five in the morning and often run into late evening.

He was also an O.M.H.A. Pee Wee convenor for four years and was on the Georgetown Arena Board in the late 60s

"At times I considered moving his bed to the arena because he spent so much time there," jokes his wife Doreen.

He explained that his dedication to local hockey was due largely to his three sons: Kent, Paul, and Glen. He says one of his best memories of hockey was in the mid 60s when the local midget team captured the Ontario championship, because both Paul and Glen were on the team. Glen won the scoring title that year.

Mr. Robinson has also been

named Georgetown "Sports Builder of the Year" and an honor award winner of the Tri- County Hockey League.

"In his 25 years of involvement in local hockey, he made several outstanding contributions," said award selection committee chairman Del Beaumont, "He was mildmannered, a pleasure to work with, and there is no one more deserving of the award than him."

During Mr. Beaumont's selection contemplation, he came upon a long time local hockey fan who summed up Herb Robinson's involvement and dedication to Georgetown Minor Hockey.

"There wasn't a Saturday night where he wasn't at the arena for three hours, wearing his pink cap and ringing that big cowbell."

Congratulations to you Mr. Robinson, you deserve it.

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Big Brothers appeal spiel

Big Brothers of Halton Inc. is preparing for its 4th annual Appeal Spiel fundraising event, scheduled for March 21, 1992. The event is being held at the Oakville Curling Club.

Last year's Appeal Spiel raised over \$17,000.00 for Big Brothers. This year we are hoping to raise \$20,000.00 for Big Brothers of Halton.

The Appeal Spiel is designed to accommodate 28 teams from different occupational groups throughout Halton. Each team consists of four players, and is expected to raise a minimum of \$500.00 in pledges. Curlers collect their money by finding pledges to sponsor them. Participants do not necessarily have to be expert curlers. The curling bonspiel runs for one full day, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch is included as well as wonderful prizes.

Summer Rec jobs

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is still accepting applications from those interested in quality summer employment. Develop your leadership skills working with children in our various summer programs. Deadline to apply is Friday, February 7. Application forms are available at your Student Guidance Office or at the Recreation and Parks Department. Cail 873-2600, ext. 268 for more information.

Valentine's swim

Bring a Valentine for your favorite lifeguard and if you are wearing red, we'll let you in free. Saturday, Feb. 15, 2-4 p.m., at both the Acton and Georgetown Indoor Pools.

Skiing lessons

Downhill Skiing Lessons with bus transportation, offered during the March break, Mar. 16-20. Ski all week 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.! Call the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department for more information, 873-2600, ext. 268.

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Making waves

Halton Hills Blue Fins swim club recently hosted a meet at Georgetown Indoor Pool. The team was represented by 26 swimmers, who came away with

22 first place finishes, 65 personal bests, and four club records. (Herald Photo by Steven LeBlanc)

Capital victory drops Raiders to fourth

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders split a two-game home series over the weekend and dropped into fourth place in the Central Ontario Junior B West Division.



The team pounded Royal York Rangers 8-3 at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena Friday evening, but dropped an 8-7 decision to Brampton, which now owns third spot, Saturday night.

Brampton held strong leads of 2-0 and 6-2 in the first and second periods before scoring their final goal at 11:57 of the third and skating away with the win.

Georgetown fought back with two goals in the final period but just couldn't climb out of the hole Brampton had dug for them in the

second.

Both netminders, Georgetown's Carmelo Guirleo and Brampton's Ralph Pellcori, played strong games, each stopping 35 shots.

Raider wingers Kevin Rutledge and Trevor Elinesky led the scoring for Georgetown. Rutledge scored one goal and assisted on three others while Elinesky notched two tallies and one assist.

Raiders gearing up for upcoming playoffs

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders are gearing up for the playoffs and look to have a much stronger chance of taking the Central Ontario Junior B West Division title than last year when they lost to Streetsville in the first round. This year, one of two situations exists for the Raiders, who currently occupy fourth place. First-round playoff match-ups are best-of-five affairs.

If the Raiders take over third place they will face the team that ends up in sixth place, at present Streetsville, four points behind

Burlington.

If the Raiders remain in fourth place, they will do battle with the fifth place squad, Burlington currently in possession of this spot.

Regardless of the situation, if the Raiders win the first round of the playoffs, they will then be the highest surviving team and will meet the second place Oakville Blades. Both the Blades and the first place Milton Merchants will have byes in the first round.

Good luck, Raiders!

Sabres double Fergus

The Acton Sabres finished the regular season with a strong 6-3 victory Friday over Fergus to claim fifth place in the Mid Ontario Junior C League.

Fergus hit the scoreboard first at 0:47 of the opening period. Acton responded with five unanswered goals in the first and second before Fergus notched two more goals to end their scoring. Acton netted once more and held their opponents scoreless in the third to gain the win.

Jim English and Travis Riggin each had three point evenings for Acton, English scoring twice and assisted on a third while Riggin had two assists and one goal. Brian Rasmussen and Jason Lucas had a goal and an assist each while Rob Lang scored the other Sabre goal.

The Sabres started a best of seven playoff series with Bradford Tuesday evening (results were not available at press time). The series continues tonight (Wednesday) at Acton Arena, 8 p.m. and continues Friday 8 p.m. in Acton and 7 p.m. Sunday in Fergus.

"It will be a good series. Many of the games we played against them this season could have gone either way," said Sabre head coach Ken Steen, "It will be a tough series with our team winning in the end."

Other goal scorers for the Raiders Saturday were Scott Humber, Rob Doucette, Danny Colacito, and Trevor Brandt. Duane Lewis assisted on three Raider goals.

Royal York, having recorded only two wins this season, provided little competition for Raider netminder Ben Henrich Friday evening. He stopped 34 shots and allowed only -three goals.

Royal York goalie Jimmy Hibbert had a strong performance despite giving up eight goals. he stopped 57 shots on net.

Doucette scored twice and Lewis had a hat-trick Friday evening while Ian Ellis, Brandt, and Mike Wilson rounded out the scoring with singles.

The Raiders will have one more chance to avenge their loss to Brampton tomorrow evening (Thursday) in Brampton at 7:30 p.m. The team wraps up the regular season Saturday with a home game against Burlington at 7:30 p.m. at Gordon Alcott

Memorial Arena.