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Bennett released by Canadian Jrs.

For the second straight year Georgetown native Adam Bennett has been shunned by the Canadian Junior hockey team.

Bennett, a first round draft choice of the Chicago Blackhawks in 1989, was at the recent Canadian team tryouts in Kindersley, Saskatchewan, but failed in a bid to crack the 22 man roster Canada will take to the World Junior Championships. They begin on December 26 in Saskatoon.

Bennett, who has 11 goals and 16 assist in 27 games with the Sudbury Wolves of the OHL this season,

wasn't the only first rounder overlooked by the National team. Drake Berehowsky, who started this season with the Toronto Maple Leafs, was also deleted from the defensive unit.

The selection process began over the summer when a group of hopefuls attended a training session. Bennett was one of the 40 to make the short list and invited to the Kindersley camp. All eyes will be on the 22 players that remain with the team as they get set to defend the World Championship last year's team won.

Hurricane midgets fall to loop leaders

The Canada Brick Midget 'AAA' Halton Hurricanes had a full schedule this week, winning twice but failing in their attempt against first place Barrie.

On the road at Oakville, the Hurricanes could only ice two lines and their strategy was to get an early lead and hold on. It worked and they won 5-4.

Gio Piazza took a drop pass from Todd Mulley and fired a wrist shot for Halton's first goal. Ken Kosziwka made it 2-0 from the slot assisted by Rob Laing and Shawn Bourgeois. Piazza scored his second on a deke after taking a breakaway pass from Pat Hennenberry. Oakville then scored, but before the first period went into the books, Bourgeois converted from the slot, assisted by Kosziwka and Rob Crowe.

Oakville opened the second period with a power play goal. Crowe immediately answered with a slap shot assisted by Damien Dubien to make it 5-2. Oakville put their manpower advantage to good use in the third period as they constantly buzzed the Halton zone. They could only manage to score twice as Canada Brick's Ryan Peddie came up with some big saves to preserve the win.

In Chinguacousy, Canada

Brick came up with a huge effort blanking Ching 4-0. First star billing was shared by Peter Downs who was outstanding in goal and Bourgeois who scored a hatrick.

After a scoreless first period, Halton's Jake Mashinter scored on a backhander from Piazza. Bourgeois then went to work, scoring with a wrist shot as he crossed the slot, assisted by Mashinter and Crowe. Bourgeois converted from the slot assisted by Mike Cox to make it 3-0 before the end of the second. Bourgeois scored the only goal of the third, as he scored on a Ching giveaway, pounding in his own rebound after taking a couple of whacks at the puck making the final score 4-0.

When a team comes up with a lacklustre effort, they should pick a better time to do it than against the top team in their league. However, Canada Brick couldn't keep up as they hosted Barrie on Saturday and lost 7-2.

It was 4-0 before Dubien scored on a power play after taking a perfect feed from Mike McPhail, midway through the second frame, with 13 seconds left on the clock and trailing 7-1, Mulley scored assisted by Hennenberry.



C-R-U-N-C-H!

Take that! An Elora forward saw the game from an upside down position when his team invaded the Acton Community Centre on a Hub League hockey contest last Saturday. Acton Firefighter Bantam

Scott Foster (9) makes the hit while teammate Steven Turkosz (7) looks for a loose puck. Acton continued their winning ways claiming a 7-1 win over Elora.

BARB STEPHENS /Weekend

Curling

JAWS sharp with Shillington

JAWS (Jones Ashbee Wonders) is wondering whether the Ashbee part of their team should extend his stay in Hawaii - say until April 7, the day after year end playdowns.

With Tom Shillington in Ashbee's place, there seems to be a renewed confidence and strong play throughout the line-up. This week they unglued The Boxers to the tune of 12-2, winning six of eight ends of play.

Standings watchers will also note that the well conditioned Fit-As-A-Fiddles out of Work That Body are working their way up in the pecking order. Last season's champs are now tied for second spot with Dunlop Insurance Rockers. The Work That Body foursome took on Kendale's Hackers. In several of the eight ends of play, many rocks were in play and the Hackers were looking good. But true to form, skip Ken Irwin of the WTBBers made the shots that counted. The final score was a comfortable 9-2 margin.

Holding their second place position, the Dunlop Insurance Rockers' squad ensured themselves a place in the battle for first with a win over the first year Dead Enders. They doubled the Dead Enders 10-5, in a game which the league's newcomers showed distinct improvement over their early outings. John Gibson also had incredible good fortune on his side at times.

The highlight reel games of the week were both in the early draw. In one, The Sign Shoppe Sliders played a see-saw contest with

Lopers' Swimmers. Each team won four ends. But in this game's most critical moments, the sixth and eighth ends, the Swimmers' Ken McCormack missed takeout attempts. In the sixth, Al Moore took advantage of the opportunity presented to score two points and take the lead by two at that point. In the eighth, the McCormack miss fizzled hopes of a tie, and the Sliders walked away with a 8-6 victory.

The other highlight match was on the third sheet between La Guys and Kendale Eight Enders. The final tally was 7-7, but it was a great comeback effort by the Scott Russell crew, down 5-0 after three ends, that made this game fun to watch. The excitement went right down to last rock. Tom Reid's valiant effort with the

game's last stone could not chip the Kendale counter out. In passing, this was also a game in which La Guys introduced their version of La Goddess, otherwise known as Heather Scotland, to the league.

In a game of eight one point ends, the Hog Liners took more than The Senators. They took six and The Senators under Ray Owen's guidance took two. Graham Farnell and Bill Briggs were missed in this one.

In other play, The Norval Boys went down to the challengers 7-3, and Bill Smith Auto Wingnuts easily handled The Automatons 10-3. It is noteworthy and worth mentioning that the Smith rink won their game with Eldon Eckroth skipping for the second time, and Brad Smith trying to rebuild his form from the lead position.

Selects win tourney

The Peel Selects Junior Girls volleyball team walked off with championship honors at the McGregor Cup tourney at Sheridan College last weekend.

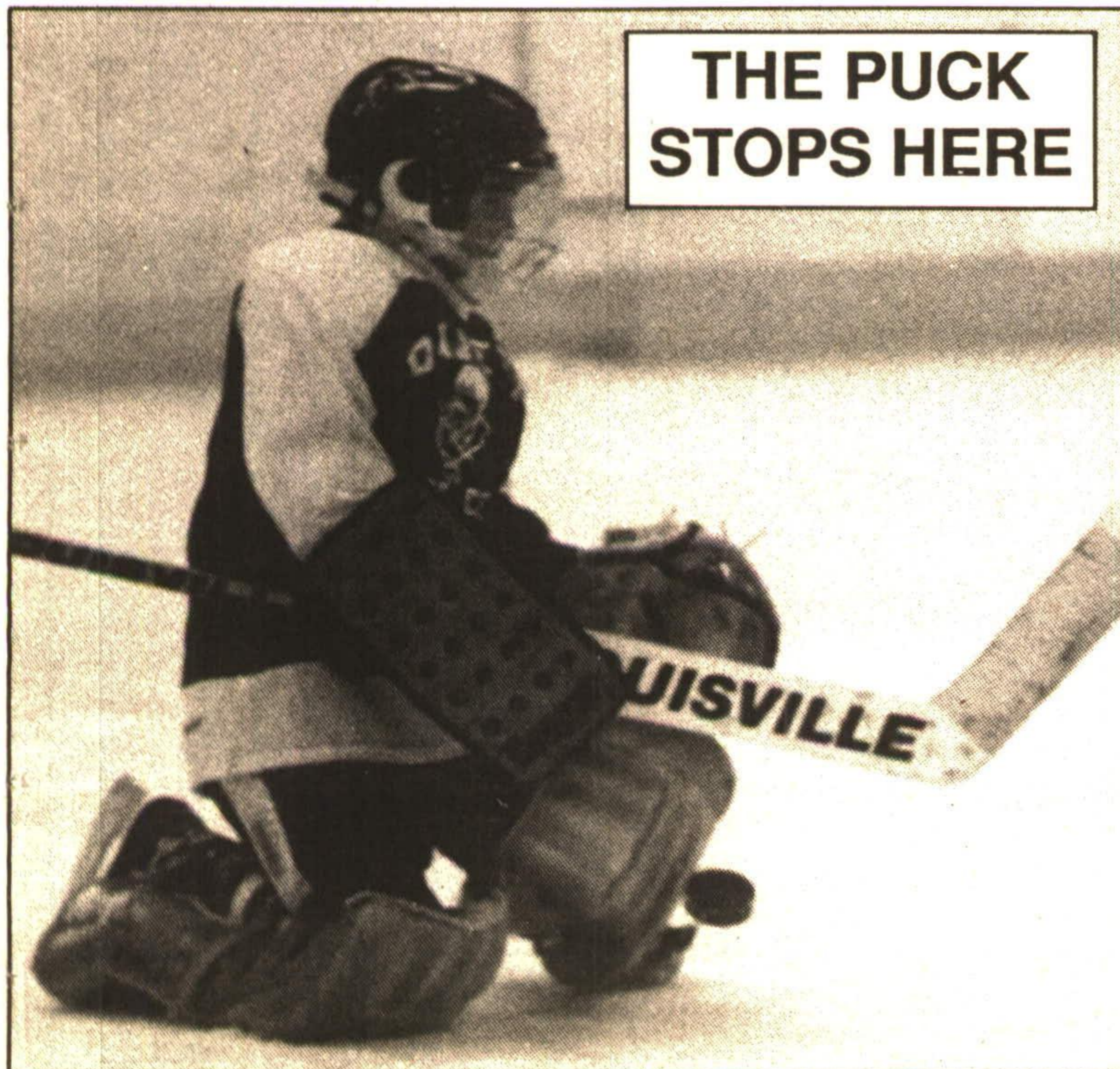
The Peel team, boasting Kelly Cotton and Holly Sones from Georgetown, swept to the tourney title losing just one set.

In the opening round the Selects topped the University of Toronto 15-2 and 15-11. They then split with the Scarborough Eclipse 13-15 and 15-6 before finishing pool play off with a 15-8, 15-3 win over the Hamilton

Seekers.

In the semi-finals the Selects topped Windsor AKO 15-10 and 15-9 setting up a title match with the Halton Wentworth Raiders. The Peel squad scored an easy 15-4, 15-8 win in the championship.

"The team is smoothing up their attack and their passing has improved," said coach Rick McArthur. "They are committing less unforced errors. GDHS players Kelly Cotton and Holly Sones had an outstanding tournament."



The puck didn't get by the Dave's Service Station netminder on this occasion, or many others, as Dave's won by a considerable margin over Chateau Restaurant during Atom House League action at Memorial Arena in Georgetown, last Saturday morning.

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