

Teams battling for bantam tourney honors

The battle for bragging rights in the annual Georgetown International Bantam Tournament is officially under way.

A total of 36 teams began battles on Saturday morning vying for a spot in the division semi-finals next Friday (March 20), or possibly a trip to the grand championship game next Saturday evening.

In total 69 games will be needed to determine champions in four divisions, along with a grand champion.

Two Georgetown teams will compete for D division honors along with a single entry from Acton.

The three Halton Hills teams will battle the likes of Oakville, Pickering, Rosedale, Battlefield, Oshawa, Brampton and Cambridge

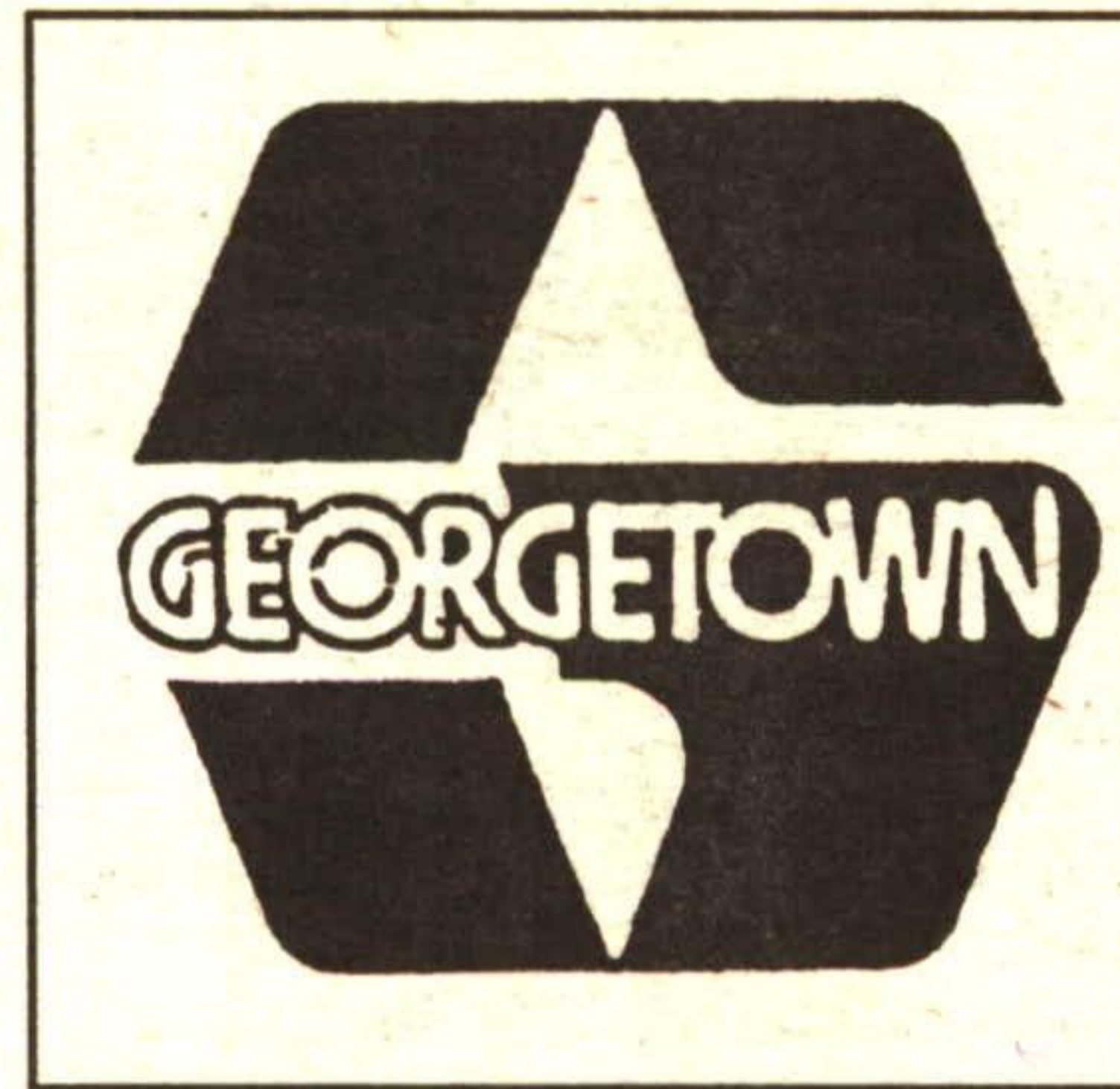
for division honors.

Acton was the first Halton Hills entry to take to the ice. They got the tourney started with an 8 a.m. contest against Oakville. The Georgetown Bodanis Bantams battled Pickering at 1:40 p.m. in their tourney opener.

Both squads are back in action on Sunday, as they face-off against each other in their own 'Battle of Halton Hills.' That game is slated for 9:40 p.m.

The Georgetown Selects get their first taste of tourney play just prior to the Acton-Georgetown tilt. They suit up against Rosedale in their first encounter at 8:15 p.m. Sunday.

Acton completes their preliminary round play against Brampton



on Monday afternoon at 4:05 p.m. while the Georgetown Selects will battle Battlefield at 5:30 p.m. on the Monday.

Both Georgetown entries play

their third games on Tuesday. The Bodanis Bruins play Cambridge at 1:40 p.m. while the Georgetown Selects battle Oshawa at 4:30 p.m.

In C division play eight teams will battle in out. Barrie, Newmarket, Guelph, Port Perry, Milton, Preston Brooklin-Whitby and Owen Sound are scheduled to compete.

Ten B division squads will attempt to reach the grand championship contest including Mississauga, Etobicoke, Orangeville, London, West Ferris, Detroit, Vaughan, Hamilton, Stratford and Guelph.

Eight more sides will suit up in the elite A division. Brooklin-Whitby, Don Mills, Oakville, North

Bay, Toronto Red Wings, Windsor and Kingston will take part.

Division semi-finals are slated to begin at 10:45 a.m. on Friday with winning squads advancing to Saturday's finals.

The division champions are slated for 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. while tournament semi-finals going at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The grand championship will pit the two survivors against each other at 8:30 p.m.

The increase in teams this season has forced organizers to schedule games for Sunday (March 15), normally an off day for competitors. In addition one game had to be played on yesterday (Saturday) at Georgetown Memorial Arena.

HALTON HILLS WEEKEND SPORTS

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Downhill Skiing

Downhill skiing lessons, with bus transportation, offered during the March Break, March 16-20. Call the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department for more information, 873-2600, ext. 268.

March Break Movie

Babar The Movie will be shown Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m. at Acton Arena and 1:30 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre. Tickets available at the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department or the Acton Arena.

Swim times

The Halton Hills Swimming Pools have planned a fulfilled week of special swims during March Break, March 16-March 20, 2-4 p.m.

Free Skating

Thanks to the Acton Rotary Club and the Georgetown Optimist Club, the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Dept. is offering free skating during March Break, March 16-March 20. At the Acton Arena, 2:30-3:50 p.m.; Georgetown Memorial Arena, 1-2 p.m.

Registration time

Acton Youth Soccer and Acton Minor lacrosse will hold registration at the Acton Community Centre next Saturday. Soccer sign up will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. while lacrosse will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Library fun

The Halton Hills Libraries will kick off March Break with a performance by the Georgetown String Puppeteers on Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m. at the Georgetown Library. A local group of children, ages 8 to 12, will entertain with their handmade marionettes.

On Tuesday, March 17, juggler and comedian Craig Douglas will entertain. Tickets are now on sale for \$3 with shows at 1 p.m. in Georgetown or 3 p.m. in Acton.

Halton Hills Libraries will sponsor an old-fashioned Penny Arcade on Friday, March 20, Ages five and up are welcome. The Acton branch event gets under way at 10 a.m. while Georgetown begins at 2 p.m. Register in person or by phone.



A 'super' time

North Halton Golf and Country Club Superintendent Al Beene casts a rock during the Ontario Golf Superintendents' Association fun day at North Halton on

Wednesday. The 22 superintendents, from all over Ontario, meet monthly and Beene decided to incorporate a game of curling into the agenda.

Glen ladies preparing for ball season

The Glen Williams ladies fastball squad isn't heading south for spring training but they are training none the less.

The Halton Ladies loop entry is looking for interested players to join them for pre-season gymnasium

workouts.

The team looking for ladies who would like to play competitive ball and have some fun.

Interested players can call Jane at 873-0478 or Stevie at 458-6614.

No miracle for peewees this time

The Acton Firefighters peewees came up with one of those miracle comebacks last Saturday night at the Acton Community Centre.

They went looking for another at Milton's Thompson Road Arena on Monday.

The two north Halton peewees squads are currently battling it out for bragging rights—Ontario bragging rights.

The two squads have played two games in their Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) championship series, and so far nothing has been decided.

Acton claimed game one, rallying from a 5-1 third period deficit to claim a 6-5 win.

On Monday night Acton tried for another comeback as they fell behind 3-0. This time the magic wasn't there. Despite tying the contest at 3-3 they couldn't muster the needed offense as Milton claimed a 5-3 win.

Like in game one, it looked as if Milton was going to run away with the contest. They counted three goals in the first three minutes to take control but couldn't put Acton away.

The Firefighters got one back when Matt Williams lit the lamp from Jason Pembleton and Aaron Forrest and pulled to within one before the opening frame ended.

This time it was Forrest that did the scoring, with Pembleton and Dave Clark assisting.

Acton pulled even early in the second as Forrest notched his second of the night. Louis Mastro picked up the lone assists.

Unlike game one, when Acton roared back to win, the peewee Sabres couldn't continue on this night. Milton regained the lead a few minutes later and added another before the second period ended.

Neither team could find the mark in the final frame as Milton held the Firefighters at bay to even the series with a 5-3 win.

The Firefighters were hoping to regain control of the series Saturday afternoon (March 14). They held home ice advantage and hoped to use that to build a two games to one led in the best of five series. Game time at the Acton Community Centre was 4:30 p.m.

The two sides will take the March Break off before resuming the series a week Monday (March 23) in Milton at 9:30 p.m. Game five, if needed, will be back in Acton the following night at 7:30 p.m.



JASON PEMBLETON



Skaters advance to finals

A pair of Georgetown Figure Skating club members are bound for the Ontario Interclub championships on March 20, 21 and 22 in Pickering. Mark Fedchyshyn claimed top honors in the preliminary men's competition at the recent Central Ontario Sectionals in Hanover, earning the right to compete for the provincial crown. Danielle Dembie also advanced to the Ontario finals with a second place performance in the senior ladies' event. The provincials will be the fourth level of competition for the local pair, having participated in Club, Inter-club and the Central Ontario events.