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## Bantam tournament gets underway

Halton and Acton residents will be glad to know they will be represented by three teams in this week's 33rd annual Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament that got underway Friday night at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena just off Guelph Street and the Georgetown Memorial Arena on Mill Street. The three local teams featured are the Halton AAA Hurricanes, Georgetown Bodanis Raiders and the Georgetown Marketplace Minor Major Raiders, who will play in D Division. This year's tournament is the largest in the 33-year history of the event, which features 56 teams and will see a total of 99 games played from last Friday night through March 21 with teams from Ontario and the United States.

Semi-final play will take place this coming Saturday, with the Division finals and the Grand Championship games being played March 21. The Grand Championship final will take place at 8:30 p.m. Sunday. All playoff games will be played at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

The Georgetown Bodanis Raiders play Saturday 7:20 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, while the Georgetown Marketplace

Raiders play two games Saturday; one at Gordon Alcott at 10:50 a.m. and one at the Georgetown Memorial Arena at 5:25 p.m.

## Raiders optimistic for next year

By Mike Zrostek

Even though the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders were ousted in the first round of the Central Ontario Junior A West Division playoffs in three straight by Burlington Cougars, team president Finn Poulstrup says the year was successful and the team will improve.

"We knew we were in for a tough time this year, especially with only four players returning from last year's team. Being young, it is hard to keep consistent," said Poulstrup.

With 15 players eligible to return next year, Poulstrup thinks the past year will help in the development of the younger players as they know the team will continue to improve.

The Raiders, who finished with only 23 points, had a late season charge going 6-3-2 in their final 11 regular season games - in the process, defeating top teams such as Burlington, Milton and Oakville.

Players such as Trevor Brandt, who finished 8th in regular season scoring and Ian Ellis, who had big

years for the Raiders, will be counted on next year. As will the leadership of captain Trevor Elinesky.

Poulstrup is also pleased with the support shown by the Georgetown fans considering the team's record and the financial times. Georgetown once again led the league in attendance.

"The team showed a lot of character this year and everybody can hold their heads up high," said Poulstrup.

## Bridge results

In the Monday afternoon bridge session at Georgetown Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120, the team of Elsie Whitham and Karol Tobiasz took first place.

Mike Lorusso and Rene March finished in the number two spot, while Judy Rivers and Earl Ryder ended in third place.

## JDP Hurricanes split a pair

It's now a best-of-three series as the JDP Minor Bantam Hurricanes split the home-and-home OMHA tilts with London last weekend.

In the first game last Saturday in London, the 14 year-olds faced their toughest opposition of the year in the Southern AAA champs, London Knights. It ended in a close 3-2 victory for the locals.

After 10 minutes of end-to-end scoreless hockey, Richard Trotter took a point pass from Justin Davis and blistered a bullet at the net, with the rebound being poked in by Curtis Carr. In the second, Steven Roy picked up the puck at the blue line, flipped it to Darin "Killer" Finlayson who fired point blank at the net with Doug Janjevich scooping up the rebound and jamming it home for a 2-0 lead.

London made it 2-1 with a goal at the 5:38 mark on a wild shot that deflected in off a helmet.

One of the picture goals of the season happened at the 8:21 mark of the third as Tom Baynton fed a pass to Roy who slipped it to Dan Haw. As he burst by the defencemen, Haw momentarily lost the puck, kicked it up to his stick and with a defenceman draped over him and off balance, blasted a wrist shot by the goalie for a 3-1 Hurricane lead. London answered with a goal in the 3rd making the final 3-2.

## Athlete of the Week



**Hayley Brown, a 14-year-old Grade 9 student at Georgetown District High School is this week's Athlete of the Week. Hayley is co-captain of the GDHS midget girls volleyball team which recently won the North Halton championship.**

Halton outshot London 26-12, but this was not indicative of the play, as Geoff "The Bandit" Beauparlant committed grand larceny throughout the game.

Sunday's game at Thompson was a thriller which went into overtime. London scored first at 8:20 and Halton tied it up six minutes later when Matt "Boom Boom" Vervoorn's seeing eye slapshot found the net, with assists to Haw and Janjevich.

Halton went ahead in the second when Davis stuffed in a cross goal mouth pass from Baynton and Peter Mashinter on a power play. London tied it up 2-2 minutes later while shorthanded on a poor Halton clearing effort.

The third period was end-to-end full speed combat.

A 10 minute overtime went down to the last 32 seconds when, with Beauparlant pinned to the ice on a scramble, London popped in the winner.

An exhausted crowd dispersed after seeing a great display of play-off hockey. The series now heads back to London Saturday (today) and then to Thompson on Sunday.

Many Hurricane players had good games but goalie Geoff Beauparlant, defenceman Jon Atley and winger Dan Haw excelled.

## Golden Age Bowling

Team Standings:		High Average:	
Happy Gang	100	<b>Ladies:</b>	
Good Guys	91	Joan Archibald	194
Go Getters	90	<b>Men:</b>	
Blue Jays	85	Norm Wilcox	199
Acey Deuceys	82	<b>High Weekly Scores:</b>	
Jet Set	80	<b>Ladies:</b>	
Braves	78	Eileen Mozil	176/267 420/693
The Cubs	72	Jean Reid	204/261 485/656
Orioles	67	Audrey Martin	196/266 444/654
Snowbirds	66	Flo Carswell	234/276 526/652
No Name	63	<b>Men:</b>	
Harvey's Girls	61	Bob Harris	229/291 566/752
Hopefuls	47	Ted Scarlett	204/275 516/729
Feisty Five	46	Fred Shortill	256/318 536/722
		Norm Wilcox	253/643

## Darts Standings

Halton League									
Team	Matches	W	L	T	Games	W	L	P	
Legion 4	22	20	0	2	308	231	77	231	
McGibbon	22	18	1	3	308	228	80	225	
George 2	22	17	1	4	307	206	101	206	
O'Tooles	22	15	6	1	307	197	110	197	
Timeout 1	22	11	7	4	308	155	153	152	
George 1	22	7	13	2	305	146	159	146	
Legion 1	22	8	9	5	307	142	165	142	
Copper K 1	22	7	12	3	307	139	168	139	
Legion 3	22	7	13	2	306	131	175	128	
Legion 2	22	7	15	0	307	129	178	126	
Copper K 2	22	5	11	6	307	119	188	119	
Timeout 2	22	4	16	2	308	110	198	110	
George 4	22	5	15	2	308	118	190	109	
George 3	22	2	17	3	306	99	207	99	

  

Results			
McGibbon	14	George 4	0
George 2	8	Timeout 2	6
Timeout 1	13	George 3	1
Legion 1	7	George 1	7
Copper K 1	4	Legion 4	10
Legion 3	8	Copper 2	5
Legion 2	4	O'Tooles	10

  

Industrial League									
Team	Matches	W	L	T	Games	W	L	P	
Hustlers	24	21	3	-	202	150	52	150	
Westenders	24	17	7	-	202	126	76	126	
Steepprock	24	17	7	-	202	124	78	124	
Gasketman C.	24	17	7	-	202	123	79	123	
High Rollers	24	7	17	-	202	82	120	82	
Panthers	24	8	16	-	202	78	124	78	
Acadian Pools	24	6	18	-	202	68	134	68	
Interc'y Sports	24	3	21	-	202	57	145	57	

  

Results			
Hustlers	9	InterCounty	0
Westenders	3	Gasketman	6
Steepprock	7	Acadian	2
High Rollers	4	Panthers	5

  

Second Division									
Team	Matches	W	L	T	Games	W	L	P	
Dream Team	24	23	1	-	188	157	31	157	
Ensigns	24	15	9	-	188	113	75	113	
Hotshots	24	14	10	-	188	110	78	110	
Independents	24	12	12	-	188	96	92	96	
Taxmen	23	11	12	-	179	86	93	86	
Aces	24	11	13	-	188	81	107	81	
Firemen	24	8	16	-	188	69	119	69	
Bandits	23	0	23	-	179	33	146	33	

  

Results			
Dream Team	7	Hotshots	2
Ensigns	8	Bandits	1
Independents	6	Aces	3
Taxmen	7	Firemen	2