

Russians ring Raiders' bell in New Year's Day game

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The Georgetown Raiders had some very special guests over for their New Year's Day party.

The Raiders and visiting Central Red Army/Moscow Dynamo Junior A Hockey Club rang in 1996 together Monday at Alcott Arena — where in front of over 1,000 enthusiastic fans, the two sides squared off in their second annual international exhibition tilt.

The game was stop number 20 on the Russian team's current Moore Sports Tours Junior "A" tour, and it did not disappoint.

The capacity crowd saw some of the best junior hockey Russia has to offer, as the visitors showcased their speed, stick handling and overall skill in an 8-2 victory over the hometown

Raiders.

This year's crop of fans were treated to something a little extra as well, a much more physical game from the Russians who appear to be learning to play North America's bump and grind style of hockey.

"We came here to learn, that's our number one priority for this tour. The boys are learning how to play on the smaller ice surfaces and to play the rougher, more physical game of North America," said Central



Raider captain David Bouskill and Russian Central Red Army captain Sergei Kozurov take the official puck drop from Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson and Raider general manager Jules Russiani.

Red Army/Moscow Dynamo head coach Boris Sthanko.

While turning in a solid work ethic throughout the afternoon match-up, the Raiders were no

match for their guests in the scoring department.

"You give them any kind of break and pow, it's in. They're just like any strong, experienced team that way," said Raiders' skipper Rick Bince. "We don't have that here yet. However, it was an entertaining game and a good experience for our boys to see up tempo, top quality hockey."

The bulk of the Russian squad's scoring came in the second, when they unloaded with four goals — including three past starting netminder Jonathan

McCarthy. McCarthy worked the first half of the game, allowed five goals in total, and was named MVP. He faced about 35 shots in the opening 30 minutes and came up with some key glove saves in the first. Finishing things out between the pipes was Marcello Martella.

Rob Crawford came up with two big defensive saves in the final frame and notched his team's second goal midway through the third — only his second all season. Earning a first star for an overall effort and first period goal was Dave D'Ammizio, while newly acquired 17-year-old Oshawa forward Ryan O'Dette and defenseman Kevin Lumb earned second and third star selections respectively.

Dimitri Emilyantsev was the MVP for the visitors, for his physical game and goal.

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Tackle football?

Through the Brampton Minor Football League Georgetown is thinking of putting together a tackle football house league team. If you are between the ages of 11 and 16 and would be available through April and July please call Nancy Artinoff at 873-2698 before January 12.

Adult Fitness classes

Too much turkey and all the trimmings means not so trim waistlines. Want to get back into shape? Join one of the many Recreation and Parks Department's fitness programs. Space is still available for the Winter Session starting January 10. Call 873-2600, ext. 275 for information on all programs.

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Hendrik Tool and Die wins PeeWee House League tourney

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Kyle Findley scored twice and Robbie Clements turned aside every shot he faced as Hendrik Tool and Die captured the Georgetown Pee Wee House League Tournament championship with a 5-0 win over Murray Motors.

Findley, the game's MVP, had the only goal of the first period of last Friday's final. Ryan Corrin set him up at 1:40 to open the scoring.

Corrin picked up his second assist as John McGuire tipped in a point shot with 2:02 remaining in the second. Chris Finn also assisted on the goal and then he and Dale Menken set up Reuben Grin with 1:13 to play in the period.

Hendrik scored just 38 seconds into the third when Findley knocked in a rebound. McGuire and Eric Cartwright assisted on the goal. Jesse Grin rounded out the scoring with 6:49 left in the game. He outraced the Murray Motors defenceman to the puck and fired a low shot just inside the post.

Thomas Cook was the Murray Motors MVP.

Hendrik advanced to the final



Murray Motors goalie Brian Sorbie sprawls to stop Hendrik's Dale Menken in the Georgetown House League Pee Wee Tournament final. Sorbie was kept busy in the 5-0 Hendrik victory.

with a win over Elliott Custom Brokers in the first round. That was followed by a victory over the Carpet Barn in the semi finals.

The consolation final was a

shootout. X-Press Vending had a 4-0 lead in the final minute of the second period but had to fight off a comeback attempt by Elliott Custom Brokers to win 6-4.

Goal scorers for X-Press:

Alastair Cook (2), Greg Tales, Chris Moore, James Boynton (2).

Elliott goal scorers: Troy Cunningham (2), Richard Gostelin, Nick Antoni.

Acton Atom II Sabres lose in championship game

The Acton Atom II Sabres almost made it a clean sweep.

One day after the Atom I Sabres claimed the championship, the Atom II Sabres came within a goal of repeating the feat. However, the one goal never materialized as Port Perry pulled out a 2-1 win in the championship game.

Port Perry opened the scoring with Tyler Lee scoring the only goal of the first period. Acton goalie Chris Schiller came up with some big saves toward the end of the period to keep his team within one.

Those saves paid off as Jesse Hepburn set up Colin Sheehan at the 1:37 mark of the second. Port Perry's Joey Lane netted the winner 1:14 into the third period. Acton open the tournament

with a 3-0 win over Oakville. Schiller posted the shutout while Nick Mastro had a goal and a

pair of assists. Brian Field scored the only goal Acton would need midway through the first.

Mastro and Boychuk assisted. Shawn Gobin tallied the final Sabre goal.

M&M Pro Sports win Georgetown novice tourney

M&M Pro Sports prevented a visiting sweep.

Of the three out-of-town teams taking part in the Georgetown House League Tournament, two had already claimed championships when M&M Pro Sports met Acton's Galvcast in last Friday's novice final.

But thanks to a three-goal performance by Brock Grin, M&M managed to keep the title in town with a 6-2 win.

Other scorers for M&M: Justin Worby (2), Colin Lukas.

Assists: Kirk Green, Ryan Hynes, Christian Monti, Justin Worby.

Acton Galvcast scorers: Jason Beatty, Nick Riddler. Assists: Eric Goll.

Joel Graydon won MVP honors for Galvcast while Worby was the game star for M&M. Grin won the tournament MVP and was rewarded with a stick autographed by Toronto Maple Leaf defenceman Todd Gill.

M&M advanced to the final with victories over Tim Horton's and Boreland's Karate while

Galvcast defeated Young's Pharmacy and Bank of Montreal.

The consolation final saw Firestone's Tom Leferink score three unanswered goals in the final period to lead his team to a 4-2 win over Tim Horton's.

The other Firestone scorer was Matthew Cook. Assists: Colin Chandler Brady Doernbach.

Tim Horton's scorers: Alex Ingagaro, Eric McLure. Assists: Jason Herron-Jacobs and Jeremy Webster, Kyle Hanna.