

Friday, August 3, 2001



Curtis Vasey of the Solar Bears dives across the net in time to turn aside a pair of River Rats opponents in Monday's Georgetown Roller Hockey atom final. Vasey kept his opponents at bay for

most of the game but the River Rats staged a late rally for a 5-1 victory and the atom championship.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

In roller hockey finals

Wolfpack rally to dump River Rats

Robert Beckett's scored twice in the final period to help the Wolfpack edge the River Rats 4-3 in the Georgetown Roller Hockey midget championship.

The championship was an unlikely victory for the Wolfpack, who finished fourth in the regular season with a 4-7 record. They defeated the first-place Spiders in the semifinals and then topped the second-place River Rats in the final.

Beckett scored early in the third to break a 2-2 tie and added another with just over four minutes remaining to make it 4-2. The River Rats' Robert Scarbossa scored a minute later but the Wolfpack held on for the victory.

Bantam

Ryan Putnam broke a 6-6 tie with 3:02 to play as the River Rats went on to a 9-6 win over the Wolfpack in the Bantam final.

The River Rats trailed 6-5 but scored four unanswered goals to seal the victory. Dustin Clarke tied the game with 4:04 remaining and after Putnam put the Rats ahead, Kim Nicholson and Brian Simmonds added insurance goals.

The River Rats finished first in the highly-competitive division, in which only three points separated the first and last place teams. The Wolfpack tied the River Rats with 14 points but the Rats took first with more victories, finishing 7-4.

Peewee

Mark Giordano scored twice, including the game winner, as the River Rats defeated the Wolfpack 4-1 in the peewee championship.

The Wolfpack's Cody McCulloch opened the scoring 3:45 into the game but Giordano scored to tie the game at one. Giordano's second of the game gave their River Rats took their first lead of the game. They continued to build that momentum and Michael Jobin and Ellis Chalmers scored to extend the lead.

The River Rats finished second in the peewee division with a 7-4 record. The Wolfpack, 2-9 during the season, upset the first-place Solar Bears (10-1) in the semifinals.

Atom

The River Rats scored four times in the last nine minutes as they knocked off the first-place Solar Bears in the atom championship. Alex D'Oliveira snapped a 1-1 tie with his second goal of the game with 8:37 to play. Just 11 seconds later Mike Johnson upped the lead to 3-1. Jenny Johnston and Brandon Medeiros added insurance goals.

Both teams finished the season records of 9-2 but the Solar Bears claimed the regular season title by virtue of more regulation victories.

In the consolation final, the Wolfpack won their first game of the season, topping the Spiders 6-3.

Rep soccer roundup

Mustangs blanked

Oakville scored three times in the final seven minutes to down the van Wissen Nurseries Boys Under-10 Mustangs 3-0 Monday night at Cedarvale Park.

The teams battled through a scoreless first half and much of the second. The Mustangs' Troy Breen had a chance to break the tie but the Oakville goalie came up with a diving save to deny him on a breakaway. Oakville then came back down the field to score the game's first goal.

Scott Green, Matt Laroche, A.J. van Doorn and Curtis Crowley had outstanding games for the Mustangs.

Under-8 Eagles

The Georgetown Boys Under-8 Eagles defeated Mooredale 5-0 to claim the bronze medal at the John Traganitis All Star Select Tournament in Aurora.

Holden Vetro scored twice and Jeremy Witton, Parker Wilson and Aaron Francis added singles while keeper Shaun Riedstra capped an outstanding tournament by posting his third shutout.

The Eagles opened against the Toronto Vipers and the eventual gold medalists scored a 5-1 victory. Vetro knocked in a rebound off Jacob Wintjes' shot for the lone Eagle goal.

The Eagles came back with an 8-0 victory over Aurora, which included a four-goal effort by Vetro. Wintjes had a pair of goals and Witton and Kyle Speers also scored.

The Eagles got two goals each from Wintjes, Francis and Malcolm Smith as they defeated Innisfil 9-0 in the quarterfinals. Michael Feddema, Witton and Vetro had the other goals.

In the semifinals, the Eagles again met the Toronto Vipers. Francis put the Eagles in front but despite outplaying their opponents, the Eagles were tied 1-1 at the half. Jacob Wintjes added a second Eagles goal but Georgetown fell to the Vipers 5-2.

Girls Under-9 Eagles

The Georgetown Under-9 Girls Eagles were narrowly edged for the silver medal at a tournament in Orillia.

An all-boys team from Orillia scored with just 30 seconds to play to edge the Eagles 1-0. Due to low registration for girls teams, the Eagles also met an all-boys team in the semifinals, losing another close game 1-0 to Newmarket on a goal with four minutes remaining.

The Eagles opened the tournament with a 4-0 victory over Oshawa, the only other girls team in the event. Caitlin Dunsmore scored twice in the victory and then added another in a 3-0 win over a mixed team from Innisfil. Also scoring in the games were Kendra Blackburn with two and Josie-Lee Gibson and Lindsay Baskerville with one each.

Krishawnia Grey-Kilner was named the team's MVP on the second day of the tournament after creating several good scoring opportunities.

The Eagles have a record of 15 wins, two losses and one tie this season.

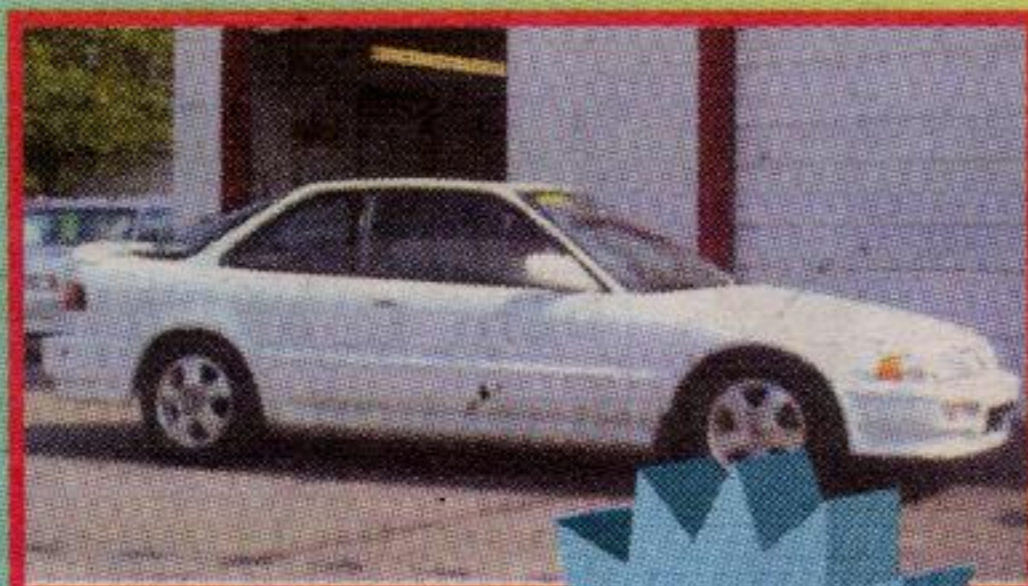
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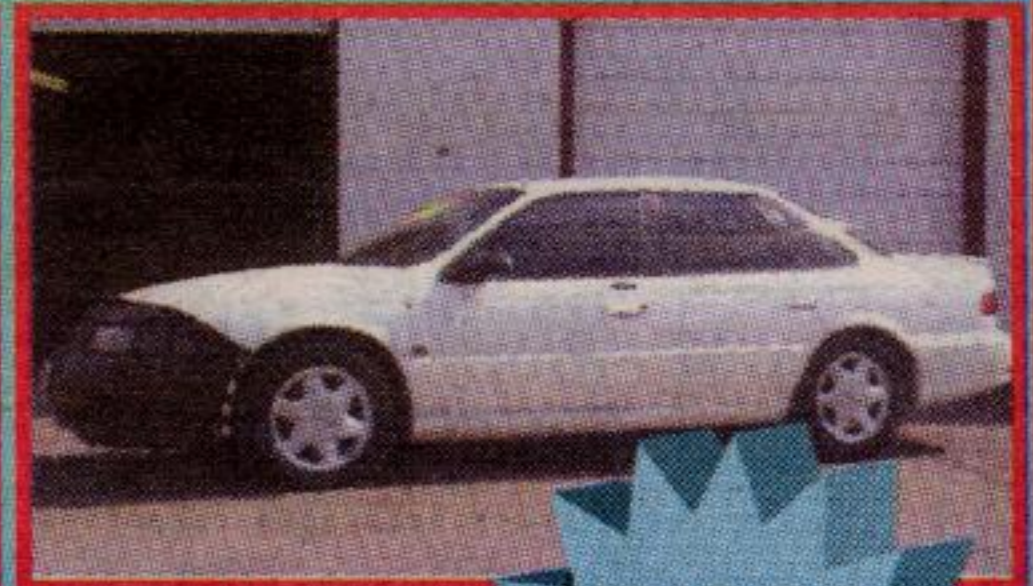
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