

Merchants hand out hockey hardware

By JIM DAVID

Milton Merchant coach Gerry Inglis gave a stinging hockey lecture Friday night at the Junior B team's awards night held at Memorial Arena.

Inglis warned Merchants about the dangers of playing individual hockey and chastised parents for butting into hockey affairs.

"There were too guys saying I and not enough saying we," said Inglis of the season.

He also told the players if they ever have kids, back them up 150 per cent and accept them for what they are.

He said too many parents want



their kids to win and be goal scorers. The Merchants improved their regular season statistics from a year

ago, but were bounced from the playoffs in six games by the Oakville Blades.

Inglis said the club had its share of problems last year.

"We had a good club, but everyone just didn't seem to jell. We never seemed to pull together.

"It's very hard to put your finger on it," said Inglis of the team's problems.

The Merchants had a good team on paper, but lost players to college and other commitments which left the club some big holes to fill at the beginning of the season.

Inglis said it was a tough way to start the year, but the Merchants

eventually wound up with a pretty good roster.

At one point in the season, Inglis thought he was the cause of the Merchants' problems and left the team for two or three weeks. Rick Bridgman took over although Inglis later rejoined the club.

Bridgman and Inglis didn't say if they would be back this year to coach the Merchants.

But both coaches agree the Merchants again have some big holes to fill for the coming hockey season.

The club is losing eight players. "That's a lot of holes," said Inglis. "That's a large order, it really is."

Merchant Grant Poremba received the trophy for scoring the most points in regular season and another for being the season's most valuable player. Scott Gale won rookie of the year and Frank Huyge was most popular player.

Tim Lamers won the president's award for most outstanding player.

"He came to the rink to play every night," said Vern Gooding. "He played his heart out and we're going to miss him next year."

Scott O'Dell won most improved player, with George Bach receiving most valuable player trophy for his playoff work.

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Minor hockey ends season with style

By JIM DAVID

Hot dogs and hockey sticks were front and centre Saturday during Championship Day at Memorial Arena.

Milton's minor hockey league players were rewarded for their year's efforts with a variety of trophies including participation right up to most valuable player.

Along with the hardware presentations, house-league hockey teams squared off in championship games.

"Everything seemed to go well," said Joe McCann, second vice-president of Milton Minor Hockey. "Actually, it went really well."

The event attracted close to 100 per cent turnout, although some teams couldn't attend because they were involved in playoffs.

Championship Day is a combination effort of minor hockey and the Hockey Moms, who sponsored the festivities.

The two organizations provide workers, trophies and a free meal for the 750 hockey players in the Milton system.

Carole Peddie, hockey mom and minor hockey secretary, was pleased with how the day unfolded.

"There's a lot of co-operation," said Peddie.

She said minor hockey people, hockey moms and hockey grandmas were some of the people working during the day-long event.

"People came to work," said Reddie.

Here are the results of the finals:

MINOR BANTAM

Harvey's 4
Stella Parton 3
 "We expected a really close game," said winning coach Mike Costelloe.
 Costelloe might have got more than he bargained for as Stella Par-

ton Realty scored two unanswered goals in the third period.

The team also had the advantage as Harvey's had men in the penalty box with the final seconds ticking by. But Realty snipers couldn't get the tying goal.

"The kids wanted it more than the other team," said Costelloe, who praised his players saying they didn't give up and gave 120 per cent.

Sean Savage, Billy Melee, Shane Woodley and Jason Arpa scored for Harvey's who led 2-1 and 4-1 at the breaks.

Chris Hulme got two back for Stella Parton Realty with Matt Dredge getting the other.

Coach Jim Hulme was impressed with the way his club came back in the third period.

"When we were down 4-1, I thought that would be it," said Hulme. "It shows what these kids are all about."

"They gave 100 per cent." Hulme said both teams were evenly matched and gave the edge to his club in the third period.

"They gave their best, but came up a little short." Darcy Greer was in net for Harvey's and Stu Williams for Stella Parton.

MAJOR BANTAM

Robinson Pet Hospital 4
Milton Bus Lines 0
 "We got a total team effort," said winning coach Doug Peddie. "Everybody played their best."

Peddie said goalie Chris Cheevers had an outstanding game for Robinson Pets.

The two clubs met throughout the house-league season and played in the Karmax tournament, so they players were no strangers to one another.

Peddie said his guys were up for the game.



Photo by JIM DAVID

Lions Club celebrates its 2-1 win over McCuaig Insurance by piling on winning goalie Mike Bell after winning the atom house-league hockey championship Saturday afternoon at Memorial Arena. They were taking part in Championship Day which drew large crowds to the all-day event.

The clubs played a scoreless first period and then Robinson got goals from John Peddie, Jamie Madden and Ron Tilstra. Tilstra beat Bus Line goalie Scott Parchem once more in the third.

Bus Line coach George Delorey said his club had chances, but couldn't beat Cheevers.

"Goaltending beat us," said Delorey.

Delorey said the teams played a "class game" of hockey — good, fast, no chippiness and a lot of sportsmanship.

"We just couldn't break them," said Delorey, adding his club played a strong game and it was a good way to end the year.

ATOM

Lions Club 2
McCuaig Insurance 1

Lions coach Willy Ceelen said his club didn't let a one-goal deficit bother them and they started taking the game to McCuaig.

"It was just an excellent game and it's unfortunate someone has to lose."

Jamie Prince scored McCuaig's lone goal beating Lion netminder Mike Bell. Lions countered with goals from Shayne Ridley and Tim Ceelen in the second and third periods.

Brett Lewis guarded the net for McCuaig.

"It was a tight game that could have gone either way," said McCuaig coach Don Kewley. "The puck didn't seem to be bouncing for us."

Kewley said the teams were evenly matched and applauded the work of both goalies.

PRE-NOVICE

Milton Skate Exchange 5
Little Firemen 3

The little kids delighted the Thompson Road arena crowd with their up-and-down play in the half-ice contest.

Jeff Chaisson scored four goals for Milton Skate Exchange with teammate Cory Leigh rounding out the attack.

Firemen got two goals from Scott Corfield and one from John Nadalin. In the other pre-novice game, Knight's Dry Cleaning got by Straight Line Fence 4-1.

Knights were led by the two-goal effort of Jeff Mitchell. Steven Belford and Chris Bramwell got the other markers.

Blair Beaulieu replied for Straight Line.

Knights led 1-0 after the first period.

MAJOR NOVICE

Bill Currie Royals 3
Fay's Electric 1

Royals scored two goals on the (MORE on page 21)

League winners

Hockey players in Milton Minor Hockey received a trophy Saturday during Championship Day.

Awards were given to winning house league teams and the runners-up playing in the final games at Memorial Road Arena. Along with the plaques, participation, most improved player, and most sportsmanlike player awards were also given.

Here's the list of winners and their teams:

Novice house league: MIP Brent Wilkinson, MSP Chris Marinangeli (Mike's Barber); MIP Matthew Glencross, MSP Kristian Rich (Bruce Hood); MIP Jefferey Burnett, MSP Jamie Comba (Currie's Royals); MSP Matt Burnette, MSP Stephen Corfield (Tony's Barber); MIP Steven Turner,

MSP Grant Heffron (Fay's Electric); MIP Nick Aalbers, MSP Ryan Jensen (Rebekah Lodge).

Novice rep: MIP Brian Kitchen, MSP Daniel McDuffe (minor AA); MIP Jamie Smulders, MSP Andrew Hartholt (major AA); MIP Jaret Robinson, MSP John Ellison (major A); MIP Kevin Miller, MSP Jason Pento (minor C); MIP Justine Antoine, MSP Andrew Sharpe (major C). **Atom house league:** MIP Matt Cluett, MSP David Stevenson (Docs and Dents); MIP Scott McLaughlin, MSP Paul Greenwood (Chicken Villa); MIP Michael Turpin, MSP Robert Ballantine (Corbett Sports); MIP Jayson Clark, MSP Ryan Harvey (McCuaig); MIP Preston Boyd, MSP Mark Beau-

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Harvey's players congratulate each other after 4-3 win.