

Shootout at high noon at ice park

It starts today with 2,000 kids playing hockey on multi-ice surfaces around town. A shootout takes place at high noon at the old corral on the ice pad at Cambridge Centre.

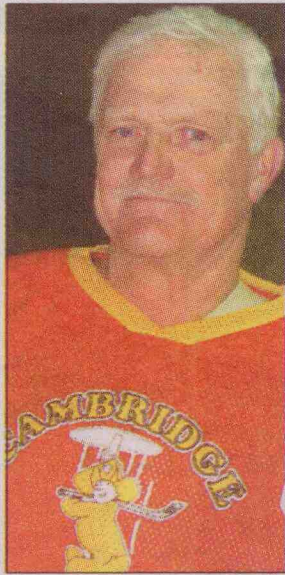
It's three days of great fun for hockey players in the 8 to 10 year bracket for the 53rd Annual Preston International Hockey Tournament.

Although games started early this morning, the official opening takes place at noon today with Waterloo regional chairman Ken Seiling in a shootout against Cambridge city Coun. Karl Kiefer.

Both played in the tournament when they were preteens.

John McCash, tournament chairman, predicts that neither of the two former junior hockey players will score on the super fast young nine year olds playing in goal today. It's all in the spirit of good fun.

Saturday night at 7 p.m. at the Preston Auditorium you can watch the Tournament Alumni team take on the Cambridge Firefighters



Retired firefighter Capt. Bob Beattie still plays on the Firefighters' Hockey team.

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in a blazing inferno that will be hotter than a five-alarm fire.

Many of the firefighters played in the tournament as youngsters as well as the alumni players. And it's free to the public so bring the whole family.

On Sunday, the Atom A and Novice AA championship games will be played at the Hespeler arena beginning at 10:30 a.m. Minor Atom A and Minor Atom AAA championship games will be played at the Preston Auditorium beginning at 9:15 a.m.

At the Galt Arena the Novice A championship will go at noon followed by the Atom AA championship at 1:30 p.m.

In Preston on Sunday at noon will be the Royal Canadian Air Cadets Minor Atom All-Star game followed by the Zehrs Markets Atom All-Star game at 1:30 p.m.

Between the two games will be a special ceremony.

Air Cadet Tutor Squadron 822 bagpipes and drums from the Waterloo International Airport will escort former air cadets onto the ice to present trophies to the all-star teams.

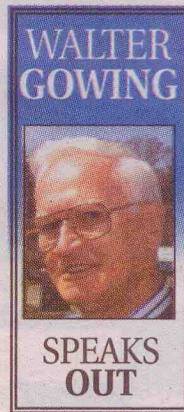
These former cadets are now in the Canadian military and have returned from NATO duty in

Afghanistan.

As cadets they have all participated in the tournament in past years.

Added to the on-ice delegation will be members of the NATO Vets Unit 5 of Cambridge.

These are older vets, many of whom were peacekeepers or



fought in other wars under NATO.

The tournament wraps up in Preston with Novice AAA championship game at 3 p.m., the Minor Atom AA championship at 4:15 and the Atom AAA championship at 5:30 p.m.