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Raiders 3 v. Brampton 1



GOAL! Members of the Vaughan Vipers celebrate after scoring in the second period to go ahead 3-2, while a Raiders player checks with the referee. The Raiders made it close, but came up short, losing 6-5. (Jennifer Flesch photo)

## Pool deal ends Town — Board of Ed. fight

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Georgtown Gemini

The Town will take control of all aquatic programming and the costs to operate pools in Acton and Georgetown under a deal ratified by the Halton Board of Education on Thursday night.

The Board, which decades ago agreed to pay operating costs of seven pools located on school property "for the life of the pools," argued that life span is over, and negotiated a deal which sees it now only assume maintenance of the building shell and pay only when its students use the pools.

Paul Stover, the Town's Manager of Facilities, said the transfer of responsibility from the Board to the Town will cost the Town about \$225,000 in operating costs per year for the Acton Lions Indoor Pool and the Georgetown Indoor Pool.

"We're splitting that with the Board and we're on the hook for half the operating costs this fall and then half of the costs next year," Stover explained, adding the Town would pay 75 per cent of the operating costs in 1998 and 100 per cent of the costs by the 1999 in a sliding scale transfer plan.

"The pools will still be Board-owned and we will be like a tenant operating them. The Board will be responsible for maintaining the roof and mechanical systems if they are tied in with the schools," Stover said, noting that as of January the Town will be responsible for all capital repairs related to the pool along with programming and staffing.

The Town has included \$28,100 in this year's budget for upgdes at the Georgetown Indoor Pool.

"There was legal posturing that was unwanted by both sides so we came up with a deal that is palatable," Stover said. Esquesing Trustee Ethel Gardiner called the agreement

"reasonable and workable." Although the Board cut funding for most swim programs in its last budget, under this agreement it will pay the Town

to provide swim instruction beginning Jan. 1. "The agreement ensures that our pools won't close and that the aquatic programs will continue," Gardiner said.

# Raiders have tough week, finish 0 for 3

BY TERRY ROUSE The Georgetown Gemini

The Georgetown Raiders Junior A hockey team dropped another tough game Saturday as the visiting Vaughan Vipers edged out a 6-5 win.

The Raiders continued to battle from behind early on eventually tying the Vipers at 2-2, before Vaughan exploded for four goals in the final half of the game.

"In the first 30 minutes we had no tenacity," said head coach and GM Rick Bince. "However, once they got down to their credit they came back," he added.

In the first minute of the third the Raiders again closed the gap, making the score 4-3. However, Vaughan continued to capitalize on their opportunities including a three on one and again widened the score to 6-3.

Midway through the third was the turning point for the Raiders as they continued to control play after that. David 'Duke' Bouskill skating hard towards the net was shoved into the Vaughan goalie. This caused a melee which ended up with both goalies going at it near center ice. The fracas resulted in three ejections, including Raiders' goalie Ryan Lowe and Bouskill.

Garry McNiven, scored the final Raider goal at 1:58 of the third, but the Raiders could get no closer as they pulled out all the stops looking for the equalizer.

"We've been very competitive, we just haven't learned the art of winning," said Bince. "We are still a very young club.

It was the Raiders third game in five nights as they dropped a 10-6 decision to Hamilton on Tuesday and were handed a 7-2 loss by Brampton.

### Shel Lawr selected as Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award recipient

The Georgetown Heritage Hockey Council has announced that Sheldon "Shel" Lawr as the recipient of the 1997 Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award.

A life long area resident, Shel has been a volunteer worker for hockey in Georgetown for over 40 years.

A consistent "back ground" worker, he has volunteered for tournament committees and house league hockey. He started his minor hockey work with the Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion Saturday morning hockey.

Shel was a founding member of both the Georgetown International Hockey Tournament and the Georgetown Minor Hockey Tyke program.

He also served on the Georgetown Midget Hockey Tournament Committee.

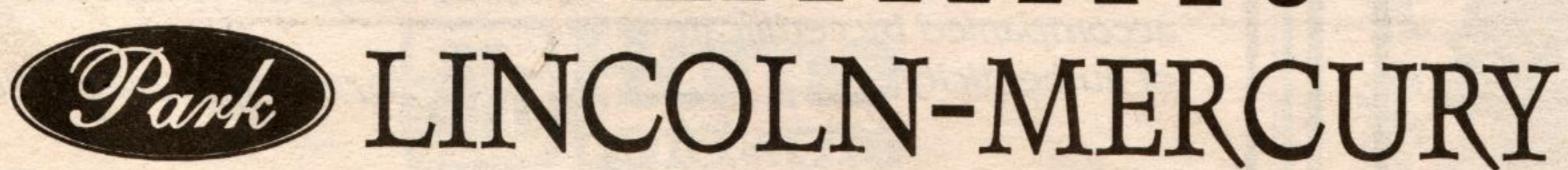
Shel also found time to coach House League, All Star and four town teams. Three of his more successful players were Mike Forbes, Dean and Dick Popiel.

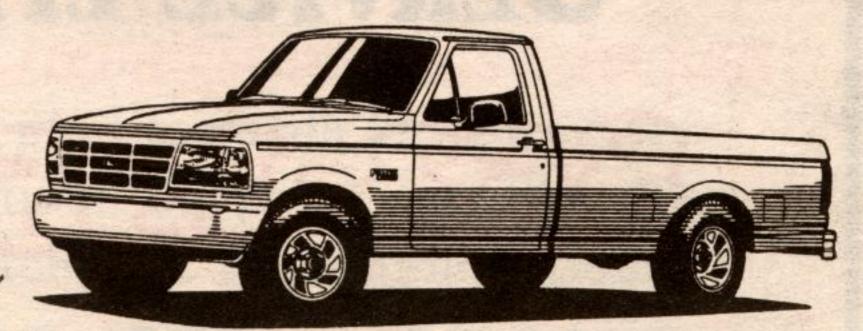
Currently Shel is the 2nd Vice Chairman of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council and is one of their most active members.

The 20th annual Hockey Heriatge Dinner will be held Mar. 3, at the Holy Cross Auditorium in Georgetown.

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