

Copper Cliff Arrives To-morrow For Calder Cup Series

Georgetown fans will have their first glimpse at the Calder Cup Championship play-offs on Friday and Saturday when Georgetown and Copper Cliff midgets tangle in a best two-out-of-three game series at the local arena. The first game will be played on Friday night, the second on Saturday afternoon, with a third game, if necessary, being slated for Monday.

Twelve eager youngsters from the northland will disembark from the Canadian National Railway at 7.45 p.m. to-morrow (Thursday) night, and they all have the same intention in mind—to take back the Calder Cup to Copper Cliff. The cup, emblematic of Midget Hockey Championship, is now in possession of the Georgetown team, which is sponsored by the Georgetown Lions Club. The cup was won by the local team in a thrilling series in Copper Cliff last year, with two wins and a tie, credited to the Lions. Copper Cliff had won the silverware the year before when it was first offered for competition. Both these series were played in the northern town, and this will be Hamilton County's first glimpse at the highly-touted Copper Cliffers.

Most of the boys are no strangers to Georgetown sport fans, however, as they have played baseball in the "Little World Series," and they are looking forward to revisiting the town which always gives a royal welcome to their visit. Ed. McWhirter, who is handling the visit for the Lions Club, has arranged for the lads to be billeted in private homes throughout the town, and they will be assured of a good time. They will be guests of the High School students at a Valentine Party which is being held in the Arena after the Friday night game. On Saturday night they will journey to Toronto for the New York Rangers-Toronto Maple Leaf game, and Manager Gordon Alcott is trying to arrange for the midgets to visit the Ranger dressing room during the game to meet some of the N.H.L. stars.

THIS AND THAT IN SPORT

INTERMEDIATE hockey has been quiet during the past week. With no scheduled games the team has had a rest that has put them in tip top form for their two postponed games this week. Last night they won a victory over the Elora Rocks and on Thursday night they met Guelph at the Acton arena to complete their schedule. This game will no doubt attract a large crowd, as it is the first "big league" hockey to be played in that arena this winter. A large number of local fans have signified their intention of supporting the team up in Acton.

WALTER RICHARDSON, who is recovering from a fractured rib, is said to be making a fine recovery. Bill Weller—the lad who suffered an injury to his leg up in Preston a few weeks ago, is anxious to get back in this game for the play-offs.

THE WAY things stand it looks like Ferguson as group leaders, with Georgetown in second place and Elora third. Preston and Guelph who have been classified as "A" teams, play-off to determine which team will continue in the Intermediate "A" playdowns, regardless of where they finish in the group. Preston will have the choice of the first game, as they finished farther up in the group; the third game will be played on neutral ice if necessary, unless agreed otherwise by the two teams. It is rumoured that the club which has the most of the play-offs, are trying to step up into "A," but according to O. H. A. ruling this is not possible at this late date. Ferguson will get a bye, while Elora and Georgetown play home and home games, goals to come in the decide which club will meet the Thistles. In case of a tie, a third game will be played on neutral ice, unless otherwise agreed by the teams. The same arrangements will govern the play-off for the group title.

LAST WEEK we told you of Milton protesting one of our players, but like the Ferguson protest it fizzled away. However, we have not been able to learn on authority whether Milton lost their deposit or not; but Georgetown's cheque was returned. The Milton club tried to renege and bluff the Georgetown Club that they had not protested; but when W. A. Hewitt of the O.H.A. says he had the protest on his desk, that evidence is good enough. Too bad, Milton, you didn't make the play-offs. You had a smart team and we liked your playing style. When your team and our team met the crowd always got their money's worth. See you next year.

THE GEORGETOWN Junior Club suffered two more decisive defeats in, should we say, their long string of defeats. The Juniors have lacked players, pep and what have you this season; but nevertheless they find themselves in a play-off position, due to Burlington losing all their games this season. The first four teams vie in the play-offs, and they finished in this order: Bolton, Orangeville, Milton, Georgetown. The Juniors' first defeat last week was at the hands of the Orangeville Club 12-1, and the second by Milton 11-5. From this point we can't see the Juniors doing very much in the play-offs, although setbacks have happened before. The team has been hampered by not having enough Georgetown boys to finish the season. They started out well, but the N.E.L. midgets have claimed some of the boys for their play-offs with Copper Cliff. As a result, in Milton the other night only one alternate was on the bench. The last team on the ice was a pretty weak looking situation. We hope a full quota may be rounded up for the play-off.

A FEW YEARS back Georgetown gained prominence in the hockey world when it sponsored Canada's first N.H.L. hockey team. The team was the property of Gordon Alcott. In that opening year both the youngsters and the fans were stirred to high spirits as six midget teams battled for

the N.H.L. championship. The series was played up to a peak not before known in minor hockey. Georgetown midgets drew press comments in almost every daily and weekly paper in Canada, together with pictures. Star players in the National Hockey League did much to help foster this growing enthusiasm by refereeing games at the local arena. Teams were guests of the Maple Leafs at Toronto, and played at the gardens between the regular N.H.L. periods. Banquets were held and such outstanding hockey stars as "King" Clancy and "Happy" Day were guest speakers. Even, on one occasion, almost the entire Boston team and their manager Art Ross made the trip here to lend their moral support. An amplifying system was installed at the arena and play-by-play descriptions of the game were broadcast throughout the arena to the seven hundred odd fans who would line the sidelines for one of these double hockey stock went down; but on the way out it was never so weak that it could muster a team for the play-offs. During the winters since then play-offs have taken place with Stratford, Preston, Kitchener and Hanover for the Howie Morenz Memorial Trophy, emblematic of the Southern Ontario Midget N.H.L. Championship, and which cup is still retained by the Georgetown boys. Three years ago Gordon Alcott went to Copper Cliff, and broadened the scope of midget hockey. Each year he has managed a large group in the north. The first year up north he arranged, through the International Nickel Co., an all-expense trip for the Georgetown winners to play Copper Cliff. This was when the boys were still youngsters and they enjoyed it immensely, but lost the play-off. Last year they made the trip again, sponsored by the Lions Club and this time brought home the coveted Calder Cup. That was just a year ago. This week, however, will bring the championship play-off closer home. On Thursday evening the Copper Cliff team will arrive in town, and on Friday night and Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., two play-off games will be staged at the arena. These games should bring back memories of former midget battles, and the same large attendance of fans should be on hand to welcome the Copper Cliffers and give support to the Lions team. Ed. McWhirter's proteges are in the best of condition and are bound the Calder Cup will remain here. Jimmy Sargent is coach and is well-versed in the art, and the boys are co-operating with him one hundred percent. Better be on hand—you can't afford to miss this series. Memories of former midget series will be revived.

OFTEN WONDERED whether our soldier boys in England were getting any hockey this season. The night we might of had a line from George Riddall, but then again maybe he isn't playing. George went in for boxing before leaving here and we learn that boxing is one of the pastimes for the boys over there. Last evening we listened to an overseas hockey broadcast and learned some facts that may be of interest to our readers. Fifty-nine teams in all are playing hockey in England this winter. A fund of \$8,500 has been raised for purchasing equipment and financing the teams. Woolen sweaters are hard to get over there, so the teams have been using soccer sweaters. Suspenders were almost impossible to obtain, so as the announcer related, "ladies girdles were purchased and the suspenders removed and used for this purpose." Many of the boys look over their own skates, but 150 pairs have been purchased. English papers have been giving the teams lots of publicity and the English people appreciate the games. Other sports indulged in are boxing, football and horseback riding in the fall. Cross-country runs a voucher for the condition of the Canadian boys. Of 106 taking part in the six-mile race recently, 152 finished.

ACCORDING to the Newmarket Era, Dely Beaumont is playing head-up hockey at centre ice with the Aurora sextets. Good back, Dely, but watch those costly penalties.

NORVAL MONAGHAN was leading the Acton Rural League up until last Thursday (our last report) with Georgetown in second place. Nor-

How They'll Line Up Friday Night

GEORGETOWN

Abbie Kemshad—brother of Jack, who has been going great guns for the Intermediates at centre ice this year. Abbie filled in at goal for a few minutes when Milton Intermediates invaded the local rink, so he's one up on his teammates.

Doug Sargent—16-year-old Doug is captain of the team, and it isn't just because he's a brother of Coach Jimmy Sargent. A cool, steady player, young Doug holds down the regular left defence post, same position he has been playing with the Juniors this year. He is an exceptionally fine blocker.

Jimmy Coffell—Jimmy will probably start at right defence. Lighter than the other side of the defence line, Jimmy is a fast skater and can swing away fast from behind the blue line to take a shot now and then at the opposing net.

George Walker—George is a veteran of the series, and this will be his third year in action. He is booked to start at left wing for the locals. He limbered up for the games with some skating at Limberlost Lodge last week-end, and is in top-top shape for the match.

Ray Harlow—Ray is another veteran of former play-offs, and will probably start at right wing. A tricky stick-hander, he is the most versatile player on the team and can fill in practically anywhere.

Ormie Carter—Norval's gift to local sport circles, Ormie relaxes from hockey to get in a bit of yodeling with the High School Quartette. Starting at centre, he is a treat to watch with the puck, and has a lot of hockey sense stored away in his brain.

Johnny Collier—Johnny is an up-and-coming player, and we expect to hear a lot about him in the future. Though only fifteen years old, he is playing with Perc Blackburn's team in the Acton "Bush League." He prefers the centre ice spot.

Gord Fricker—This Glen Williams "bad man" is a left winger who sometimes bounces 'em too hard and is not unfamiliar with the penalty box. Gord is only 15, and when he settles down to it can cut some fancy capers at his wing position.

Harold Schenk—Another Glen Williams' product, Harold is a brother of Bill, and plays right wing. His fiery red-top attracts the feminine spectators we are told.

Jimmy Yates—Jimmy is a good, steady utility man, and should see some action on Friday night.

"Chuck" Hill—Chuck is an all-round utility man, who is gaining experience with

the midgets and may surprise the fans if he gets into action in the series.

Jimmy Sargent—This popular coach of the local aggregation has done a lot to further sport of all kinds in town. He made the trip to the Cliff last year and coached the team to victory, and he'll be right out there trying again this season.

Mac Dunn—Goalie, improving every time out. A sure pair of hands and fast foot, Mac is 16 years old and probably the tallest boy of the team.

Hercules Flynn—16 years old, the star goal-tender of the Georgetown-Copper Cliff series two years ago. His head comes just above the net, but he has the agility of a cat and is fearless.

Don Butler—"Buts" plays defence, is a good blocker and steady worker. Is still eligible for midget hockey.

Dermott Cooke—The body-checking defenceman that leads many rushes and has a good steady influence on the team—15 years old.

Jay McCarthy—The 15-year-old centre ice wizard. Has attracted the eye of more than one junior coach. Very shifty and good play-maker. Very fast skater.

Wulf Digby—160 pounds of scoring punch. Plays right wing—terrific shot—good fast skater.

Vern Robert (pronounced Ro bare)—The left wing speed ball. Is a battler and prolific scorer. This boy may "take off" on natural ice.

Eddie O'Reilly—Centre ice man—learned to skate two years ago and is a marvel around the net. Is one of the leading scorers.

Bob Johnston—Left wing—very fast skater—good scorer and back-checker. Plays for six teams in the Nickel Belt district.

Backy Basso—15 years—brought up from midgets to plug a gap. Very tricky and tireless worker. Plays left wing.

Bob Diebel—Right wing. Good worker, plays defence equally well. Plays for midgets. 15 years old.

Fussy Zahovich—Red-headed and Horner type of defenceman. Hard hitter and fast skater.

Rody Gear, Coach—Has the confidence of the boys and is a very tactful handler of boys and thoroughly understands the game. Played a good deal of senior hockey.

HOCKEY CALENDAR

INTERMEDIATE O.H.A. February 13—Georgetown at Guelph. (Game will be played in Acton arena)

PLAY-OFF SERIES: Goals to Count Tuesday, Feb. 18—Georgetown at Elora. Thursday, Feb. 20—Elora at Georgetown.

JUNIORS O.H.A. Play-off Series: Goals to Count Monday, Feb. 17—Orangeville at Georgetown. Wednesday, Feb. 19—Georgetown at Orangeville.

CALDER CUP MIDGET SERIES Friday, Feb. 14—Copper Cliff at Georgetown. 1st game. Saturday afternoon, Feb. 15—2nd game.

HOCKEY STANDING

O.H.A. Intermediate "B" Group 2 GAMES LAST WEEK Feb. 9th—Fergus 5, Milton 4. Feb. 7th—Elora 6, Guelph 3. Feb. 11th—Georgetown 4, Elora 2. Feb. 11th—Fergus 5, Milton 4. Feb. 11th—Preston 12, Guelph 4.

O.H.A. Junior "C" Group 5 GAMES LAST WEEK Feb. 5—Orangeville 12, Georgetown 1. Feb. 7—Milton 11, Georgetown 6. (Milton - Georgetown game cancelled)

O.H.A. Juveniles Group 10 GAMES LAST WEEK Feb. 6th—Georgetown 5, Bolton 4. Feb. 6th—Stobochs - Brampton score not known. Feb. 11th—Brampton 6, Georgetown 3.

Intermediate and Junior Play-Offs Start Next Week

Plans have been drawn up for the first two games in the Group 2, Intermediate "B" play-off series. Georgetown and Elora will meet for the first game in Elora next Tuesday, February 18th, with a second game being played in Georgetown on Thursday, February 20th.

Georgetown's win at Elora last night put the local team in second place in the group, and thus gave them the choice of ice for the play-off. Goals will count in the two-game play-off, and the winning team will meet Ferguson in a similar series to determine the group champion.

Preston and Guelph, Intermediate "A" entries in the league, which provided little threat to any of the four "B" teams, will play a two-game series to determine the winner of their section of the group.

Georgetown Juniors will play off with Orangeville in a two-game play-off with total goals to count. The first game has been arranged for Monday night at the local arena, with the second being played in Orangeville on Wednesday night.

Win at Elora Gives Georgetown Team Second Place Berth

Battling for second place in the Intermediate "B" group, and the right to set play-off dates and location, Georgetown defeated Elora Rocks 4-2 in a luke warm contest at Elora last night. After a three-goal scoring spree by Georgetown in the first period, the game settled into an up-and-down the ice affair, with both teams doing considerable fumbling and puck-juggling.

Georgetown had things their way in the opening frame, and after the entire Georgetown team had lined up and taken pot shots at goalie Walker, Davidson whizzed one into the corner to start things off. A clever triple play—Ward to Kemshad to Richardson tallied another for Georgetown, and "Daddy" Ward took Marzo's pass to make it three for the invaders.

With Georgetown playing five men up the ice, Zymont, who played a great game for the Rocks broke away and scored for Elora. As the period ended, Ward drew a penalty for ramming "Babs" Rummels into the boards. Both teams played a spirited game for the middle period, and there was little action to bring the crowd to its feet. H. Walser brought Elora close to tying things up when he slipped a counter pass "Shorty" Burrows. Marzo drew the second and last penalty of the game.

Elora pressed hard in the third, and it was tough breaks combined with Burrows usual brilliant, net-minding which kept them away from the scoring plays. Davidson got the lone score of the period in one of Georgetown's inequent appearances in the Elora end of the ice, to make the final score 4-2 for the locals.

Georgetown—Goal, Burrows; Lw, Richardson; r.w, Ward; c, Kemshad; Ld, Marzo; rd, Anthony; alternates, Lindsay, Mooney, Davidson, Murphy, Baggage.

Elora—Goal, V. Walser; Lw, F. Miller; r.w, J. Zymont; c, H. Rummels; Ld, J. Rummels; rd, F. Rummels; alternates, Reid, Campagnaro, Perkins, H. Walser, R. Cheels.

Referee—Johnny Jones, Guelph.

1. Georgetown—Davidson 8:17 2. Georgetown—Richardson (Ward, Kemshad) 12:35 3. Georgetown—Ward (Marzo) 13:48 4. Elora—Zymont 18:18 Penalty—Ward.

5. Elora—H. Walser 18:36 Penalty—Marzo. Third Period 6. Georgetown—Davidson (Lindsay) 17:40

BOLTON JUVENILES LOSE TO GEORGETOWN 5-4 Georgetown O.H.A. Juveniles came from behind to win over Bolton last Thursday night. Bolton scored four goals to the homesters two in the first period, but after that the Georgetown team took the game well in hand and finished on the big end of a 6-4 score.

The game was closely contested, and according to the play of the local team, they will give a good account of themselves in the play-offs.

Six Men on the ice ... and the town in the bleachers

When our town plays hockey we're all out to cheer the boys on the ice. Yes ... and we all dig down to support the team. By and large we're pretty good sports in Georgetown. Now we've got a team in big league company. When boys in uniform line up for roll call this community is well represented. This time we've got to dig down in earnest. We've got to see that our boys get the best of equipment ... guns and shells and tanks and ships and planes. It's going to cost a lot of money.

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