

Down Memory's Lane

by G. "Mac" McGillvray

Down through the years Georgetown has earned a place for itself along the sports trail in various branches of sport. This year's hockey effort seemed to climax years of contending for a championship that was almost within our grasp. With sport playing such a prominent part in the life of the community at the present time, it occurred to us some time ago that probably there would be others interested enough to follow us down memory lane if we were to recall some of the feats and stories of former years.

We could not hope to cover all the events and activities, but might touch on the highlights in lacrosse, hockey, baseball, racing, etc.

In delving into the past we are somewhat hesitant as to where to begin this series. Our active participation in sports' writing might take us back fifteen years, but our memory would quite possibly reach back to the days of our youth, when we followed the baseball games from over the park fence, and sat at hockey fixtures in the new arena until our parents wondered what kind of a place this new ice palace was that kept their sons out so late in order that they might see the finish of overtime games.

But in the beginning we think it would be well to go back to the turn of the century. The years 1895-96 were great years for the citizens of Georgetown, just as the past hockey season has been for the 1945'ers. At that time lacrosse was the flourishing game — the national game — of this community. Of course it was field lacrosse in those days, and while some maintain the modern box lacrosse is an improved game over those days, the old-timers still hold to field lacrosse. In 1895-96 the lacrosse team won the Intermediate Ontario Championship, and the club was known as the "Aetnas." Those who can recall the Aetnas, swear by them as one of the best teams that ever toted a lacrosse stick. While a number of the members of that team have since passed on, at least two of the star players still reside in Georgetown, Frank Watson and Robert Erwin, and for the benefit of the younger generation we print the picture of this famous team in another column. The members and management of that championship team were—

J. Watson, J. H. McKenzie, F. Watson, D. Guthrie, J. McGibbon, R. Scott, A. Bradley, J. M. Moore, John Gane, R. Erwin, O. Given, T. Wheeler, H. Henderson, W. L. McKenzie, W. Sutton.

While the above would not seem to be under the heading of reminiscences, lacrosse did play a prominent part in the making of the sport history of Georgetown, and was revived in future years, as we will find as we continue with this article.

From 1896 until 1922 there does not seem anything outstanding to record in sports' annals, unless it would be the fact that Tom Longboat, one of the greatest long distance runners of his time, once lived in Georgetown.

Hockey and baseball teams were ever a source of enjoyment, with the winter activities taking place on open air rinks. We have been told that many exciting games between Glen Williams, Acton, Georgetown, Ingleswood and Brampton took place on this rink, which in later years was located in the flats just below the grist mill. Sports held sway in Glen Williams about this time also and we are told that rivalry was so keen that the Georgetown players often had to clear out of the village in a hurry after a game. With talk of a new skating rink in the Glen this year, much of the old rivalry and competition may again be revived in the district.

In our next article (and we don't promise them every week) we will tell you about the building of the arena in 1922, around which activities have centred since that time.

THIS AND THAT IN SPORT

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It will be good news to local ball fans to know that an intermediate hardball team will supply summer entertainment after a lapse of six years. This year's club will start from scratch, as the treasury is bare. However, a canvass will be instituted in order to get sufficient funds for entry fees and equipment. If you would like to make a donation, give it to any member of the executive. Already offers have been made to supply baseballs, maybe you would like to donate a bat or two.

A ball practice has been called for this Saturday afternoon at the park. All potential players and others interested are asked to be on hand so that a team can be rounded up without delay.



J. Watson, 3rd df. field; J. H. McKenzie, F. Watson, goal; D. Guthrie, c.f.; J. McGibbon, R. Scott, 1st df. field; A. Bradley, inside home; J. M. Moore, cover point; John Gane, R. Erwin, point; W. L. McKenzie, outside h.; W. Sutton, 1st h.f.

The Club asks that all equipment that may be available be brought out to the practice. There is a number of uniforms, bats and catchers equipment from the former club and should now be returned to the club. Your help in this regard will be appreciated.

Tomorrow night will be a big night for the hockey club. A banquet for members of the team and executive will be held in the McGibbon House, when the players will be presented with windbreakers and crests.

We understand that the Recreational Council will enter a team in the O.B.A. Juvenile section, and that the Glen is also considering entering a team. We have a fine lot of boys coming along in baseball, and with some coaching should build up a steady flow of recruits for our intermediate team.

MORE FISH STORIES — Further to last week's "fish" story, we find that George Hoare ranks as one of this year's foremost trout fishermen, with a total catch approaching 30 already. One of these was an eighteen inch German brown. Last week-end, when other anglers were having indifferent luck, George nabbed ten trout, measuring 7 and a half to 10 and a half inches, between Ingleswood and the Credit Forks. His secret is in the fly, which he tied himself. He is particularly proud that he was fishing in water where many others had been fishing with worms and proved that the Hoare fly "has something".

George makes his hobby pay by typing files for sale and there is quite a demand among his fishing cronies for these.

There seems to be a renewed interest in fishing this season and we notice the three Toronto dailies all running

fishing columns. We can't promise that every issue, but if you fishermen will give us the information, we'll be pleased to feature it among our sports news. How about it!

Hobbies and Handicrafts

H. J. Newman

During the war years many hobbies and handicrafts were shelved for the duration. They had to be. There was neither time nor material to spend on this type of recreational activity. But now that we are in the middle of our first peacetime spring, we should delve backward into the cupboard of Time and see just what it was that we left on the shelf nearly seven years ago. Some of us will have to go back farther than 1939. Every man, woman

and child has some hobby at one time or another. We always intended to do something about it tomorrow, but somehow tomorrow got lost in the years. Think back a moment! What was your hobby? Were you a collector? Or did you like to putter around making things? If you did either or both what's happened to your collection or tools? Why not take an hour off after supper tonight and explore the attic, your cupboards, or the cellar and find out! You'll be surprised and interested in the things you will rediscover.

Georgetown Enters Baseball Team in Halton League

JACK ARNOLD, PRESIDENT OF INTERMEDIATE CLUB

At enthusiastic meetings on Friday and Monday evenings, an Intermediate Baseball Club was formed in Georgetown and a team entered in the Halton County League. The league is composed of four teams, Acton, Milton, Oakville and Georgetown. A meeting of the league will be held in Milton on Friday night when the schedule will be drawn up.

The following officers have been elected:—

Honorary President — Jack McGillvray and Ray Kercher.

President — Jack Arnold.

Vice President — Joe McMenamy.

Secretary-Treasurer — Jim Ritchie.

Executive — Claude Kentner, Clarence King, Wheldon Emmerson, G. McGillvray, Merv Robb, Joe Stamp, Fern Blackburn.

The position of manager has been left over until a practice has been held. Georgetown has not had an intermediate ball team since 1939, and many fans are eager to see the boys out on the sandlot again. Watch for posters announcing the opening game towards the end of the month.

Many of you will find collections which you have outgrown or lost interest in entirely. Don't destroy them. Don't just store them away again. Think of some girl or boy who might like to carry on where you left off. There is such a girl or boy on your street. Why not help them to start a collection or some handicraft. Tell them all about your one-time hobby and you'll find a new surge of interest in that "something" which seemed to have lost its appeal.

AT YOUR SERVICE

Effective May 1st, the dairy business operated for the past eleven years as TYERS MILK PRODUCTS, Ltd. has been purchased by Mr. Riley Brethour and will be conducted by him under the name of the

GEORGETOWN DAIRY

Mr. Brethour had several years' experience in all phases of dairy work prior to his service with the RCAF and army. He is retaining the present staff and promises the same high quality product and efficient service which customers have enjoyed in the past. Mr. Tyers wishes to thank customers for their patronage and hopes they will extend the same courtesies to his successor.

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