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TRASH AND DROSS BY 'RAVIN' ROSS'

In answer to numerous requests and much against our better judgment, we are reprinting sport columns from the Milton Champion, to show what County towners are exposed to. The only reason we do this is because our office copy is worn out passing it around to those who couldn't believe the County paper would stoop so low.

by Ross Pearson

Milton Champion, March 18)

Yes, Georgetown hockey club, headed for the old lady's skirts to have their eyes wiped, and a gentle word of encouragement so they could advance in season's play-off series.

They were hard losers and a lot of money was lost by Georgetown fans over the series. Their officials also had an eagle eye toward the turnkiles. Up there last Wednesday, officials asked members of the Milton club to 'lay off a bit'. 'Look at the crowd', they said. In short they wanted the third game.

Early in the season, the Paper-towners realized there was a contending club in Milton they prophesied "if you beat us we'll protest". And that's just what they did. Unable to bear up under the humiliation of losing two straight they rushed down to Toronto and slapped a protest against the winning club. We'll win this series any way we can, they no doubt argued.

The means they took in obtaining evidence against the local Club was sensational. They always say "all is fair in love and war," so with that in mind, their selected representative officials hastened to Hamilton, intent on bowbating bed-ridden individuals into making statements.

They even went so far as to use His Majesty's mail to obtain evidence but this move backfired on them and they did not proceed further. The findings of a private investigation will be outlined in full in the next edition.

It was amusing to see the old ladies and their Georgetown henchmen in action down at the Royal York, last Sunday, when the Milton Club was ordered to be present to defend their case. They tagged the governors around, patted them on the back, continued their lobbying on the mezzanine floor, while Milton like foreigners, sat back enjoying the long rest before their case was called.

The meeting was run in a very business like manner, but even a blind man could see it wasn't a west wind that was blowing, but a cross wind. And it was pretty hard for the Milton crowd to veer off the tornado. You could see their minds were made up, Milton was in bad graces, and that was that.

Even the president, who is a bar-fister pondered duly sworn statements of fact, but the balance of the group discredited their value. However, in order to keep the situation on an even keel, they refunded both club's deposit, with the finding Milton could advance into Senior B, drop the two players Stott and Scarrow, in question, play a sudden death game and remain in Intermediate A company.

One could see that both the OHA and the Georgetown Club wanted Milton to advance, while they could still remain in the Intermediate class. It must have been true, as a Milverton-delegate present under similar circumstances told the writer, shortly after coming from the committee room, "They told us in there you were going into Senior B, and asked us to go up there too. If we do, they suggested we could arrange a series to start immediately." Mind you that was before Milton delegates had notified the committee of their decision.

In a short time, Milton announced its intention to the powers that be, they would not play the said players, stay in Intermediate A, and play the north enders the sudden death game.

You could have heard a pin drop when the decision was announced. Mr. Pantler, the president, just stared at the speaker and when regaining his surprise, asked how the resolution read.

Which indicates that all empowered body failed to make a conclusive ruling when they voted the question right back at the protest club. By their own constitution the club which loses a protest, loses its deposit. So there must be an Ethiopian in the woodshed when the deposit was returned to the both clubs.

It has been a known fact by all clubs in the league, that Georgetown was the first club to bring in imports a year ago they brought them in wholesale and then forgetting, they were the first to start this sort of thing, they were the first to ruin "old Harry" when they were defeated.

It is not good sportsmanship for clubs to resort to gathering evidence against a club, just as a police officer would against a criminal. The paying fans resent that means of winning a game, until the feeling grows to mountainous proportions. Consequently it has plu-

ced Milton on a favourable terms with the fans, indicated by the constant ringing of the telephone with words of encouragement.

So Georgetown is still in there as well as the group winners.

It gives the defeated team another chance and Milton lads will be in there pitching to keep the honours they rightly deserve.

The big question one heard yesterday? How can Georgetown get away with it? They were beaten. Milton, won group honours, and just because the OHA doesn't like the set-up, have Milton eliminated in a sudden death affair.

Even if the locals are defeated, they know they won the championship in two straight games.

As this column has said before, the Paper-towners have a good club, and on the play during those few short minutes in the third, the locals weakened sufficiently to lose the contest.

Fans were pleased to see that perennial player, Mike Cox, in uniform again. It was hard to ask him to be in there at his best, after such a long lay-off, but he was in there pitching just the same.

Dame rumour has it that Georgetown are not through the muzz as yet. It seems that Milton officials have sufficient ground to protest the Tuesday game, even on technicalities. And the OHA seems to like pushing teams around on such offenses.

Which leads us to an exclusive story, of a Georgetown player accepting a bet for gain, on the first Milton-Georgetown game, a week ago. Who would have ever thought players in amateur ranks would bet on themselves. A few short weeks ago, such a scandal was brought to light in the National Hockey League and one would have thought it would have been a lesson to those in the Simon Pure ranks as well.

Yes, this writer has checked and re-checked the story, at first thinking it was only a rumour but alas, the rumour vanished into thin air, as the party who received the five-to-one bet from a Georgetown player made sure he collected it. On top of that another person witnessed the deal. Each of those involved has assured the writer their willingness to make the facts known to the proper authorities at the proper time.

One can expect such tactics in professional sport, and when investigation is made, the culprits are punished. If such is the case in amateur sport, one can only say, the sport has sadly sunk into the doldrums. Officials of the O.H.A. should take immediate action, and all information as unearthed by the writer will be made known to the proper authorities at the proper time.

Milton Champion, March 25th

As we said a week ago, we would outline the methods used by Georgetown officials, to obtain evidence against the local club, methods which the OHA approved. Those same methods would have been frowned upon by any court of justice in Canada.

In the one instance, the investigators for Georgetown went to the home of Mrs. Edith M. Westmore and forced her son Robert to sign an untrue statement, while he was

confined to bed, under the doctor's care. The following voluntary declaration will speak for itself:

"I am the lawful mother of Robert John Westlake. My son was born the 10th day of September, 1927, and is under the age of 21 years. My son was confined to bed Wednesday, the 10th day of March 1948. On that date, Mr. Lorne Peters (on) and Mr. Jack Armstrong, both of the town of Georgetown, asked my son Robert John Westlake to sign a statement that he had always resided in Hamilton, Ontario. My son asked me what he should do and I advised him to sign this statement. After the men left I realized that the statement was incorrect, because my son has lived not only in Hamilton but also in London, Kitchener, and Milton at various times. The above statement was signed under misrepresentation that Mr. George Stott and Mr. Phil Scarrow had also signed statements to the same effect. I have since been reliably informed and verify believe that neither Mr. Stott nor Mr. Scarrow have ever signed such a statement." Signed by Edith M. Westlake and declared before John I. Smith, commissioner.

Unable to locate Stott, who was at Milton, and Scarrow at his new home, the pair proceeded to use the mails to procure further evidence. Having a friend, a salesman with Moore Business Forms, Imperial Building, Hamilton, the investigators enlisted his assistance in sending mail to Scarrow and Stott's parents' homes. Using the company envelopes, he mailed them in Burlington by registered mail and special delivery.

The one letter was duly delivered by special messenger to George Stott's father, who opened it to find nothing enclosed but three blank sheets of scratch pad. The second similar letter was delivered at Scarrow's new address (his Hamilton address since his marriage, February 14) and opened and found to contain two blank sheets of scratch pad.

Mr. Winters, manager of Moore Business Forms was helpful in finding out who mailed the said letters (mind you it cost twenty-eight cents to mail each letter). Mr. Winters did not approve of the method, stating no person, whether in our employ or not, has any right to use our stationery for such a purpose, and I will do all in my power to have this corrected.

However, the idea must have boomeranged, as an interview with post office officials and the special carrier indicated the delivery transaction was a private affair as far as the post office was concerned. However the matter was left in their hands.

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JAMES MURPHY ARRIVES HOME

Mr. James Murphy arrived home last week from England where he had visited for several months with his parents at Leigh, Lancashire.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Louisa E. Fraser, widow, Deceased. All persons having claims against the estate of Louisa E. Fraser, late of the Town of Georgetown, in the County of Halton, Widow, who died on or about the 4th day of October, A.D. 1947, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of April, A.D. 1948, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim he shall not then have notice.

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