

Instructor Jim James demonstrates

Hockey school closes successful season

Hockey and Skating School season wound up at the community centre last week when parents of the 140 youngsters came along for a skating party, enjoyed for more than two from the chocolate milk and donuts same family. and watched films of themselves taken during the winter by instructor Harold Townshley.

Harold, Jim James and Mike Marcoux showed the from 3-8 the basics of skating, stopping both ways and puck control every Tuesday and Wednesday night between the hours of 6 and 7 since ice was ready in November.

This year's enrolment The school was first included 15 girls and drew operated by the Acton

interested applicants from both Rockwood and Georgetown. Registration fee for the 20 sessions was only \$6 or \$8.50 for two youngsters from the same family or \$10

"We noticed a tremendous improvement in the kids we had this year." Jim James reports. "We had some who had never been on skates before. We allowed them to beginners who ranged in age hang on to a chair for the first three weeks, then we took the chairs away. At the end of the season we had only two of the 140 who weren't able to stride properly and they were both just three years old."

Referees' Association under the direction of Murray Harrison in the early '60s. The Acton Recreation Committee took over operation from the referees and Jim and Harold suc-

ceeded the committee. The number of out of town people registered especially from Georgetown where children have little chance to learn to skate indicates the growing popularity of the

Next year Jim, Harold and Mike hope to also run an Inglis paid special tribute advanced school for 9-10 year to Junior Tibbetts and Tom

Georgetown boys are playing an important role in the success of the Junior "B"

Raiders suffer repeat nightmare

The hockey may have been the best ever played in Intermediate "A" ranks, but for Georgetown Raider players and the hard-working red and white executive the result of the weekend Eastern Canadian semi-final series with the Embrun Panthers was like the repeat of a bad dream.

Last year Panthers ousted Georgetown in the third and deciding game of a series which produced two overtime games. One year to the day later the Ottawa District Hockey Association champs ended Raider hopes of an 1974 Canadian championship when winger Bill Bowker boomed a slapshot past Mario MacDonald with less than three minutes to play in the deciding game, giving Embrun a 4-3 victory.

> hockey he ever has since joining the Raiders four years

'Neil was outstanding. He did everything that can be

asked of a defenceman," said

While the Tibbetts-Gilbert-Doug Tate line shone and

Cotton sparkled on defence,

Ralders' top-scoring line of Peter Kennedy, Ray Tonelli

and Duane Rutley scored only

one goal in the series and

Panters took advantage of

defensive errors by Dave

McMenemy and Bill Currie to

net the goals they needed to

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Embrun won the first game of the thrilling series 5-4 Friday night on Steve Wor-mith's goal in the final three minutes, but Raiders forced a third game, winning 4-3 Saturday night on Al Stitt's third period rifle.

Panthers now host either Moneton, New Brunswick or Labrador City, Newfoun-Canadian final series this weekend, while Raiders return to their O.H.A. final against the Port Colborne Sailors which they lead two games to one.

"I had all the confidence in the world we could beat that team," a dejected Raider coach Gerry Inglis told the Independent following Sunday's deciding game, "Most of the guys played their hearts out, but we gave away too many goals and that's what killed us."

Gilbert two of the team's mainstays who hustled for 60 minutes in each game and defenceman Neil Cotton, who the coach said played the best

on quick changes to hold Raiders in check in the final period. Embrun players hurled themselves in front of Georgetown drives

Gilbert slapshot on the mask. Panthers had a great skating team with lots of speed, but few individual stars. In the lineup were Rich

Panther playing coach repeatedly to save the game Larose, younger brother of with the 1971 Grey Cup John Bonnar used four lines and Hughes even stopped a NHL'er Claude and Steve champion Montreal Wormith who played football Alouettes.

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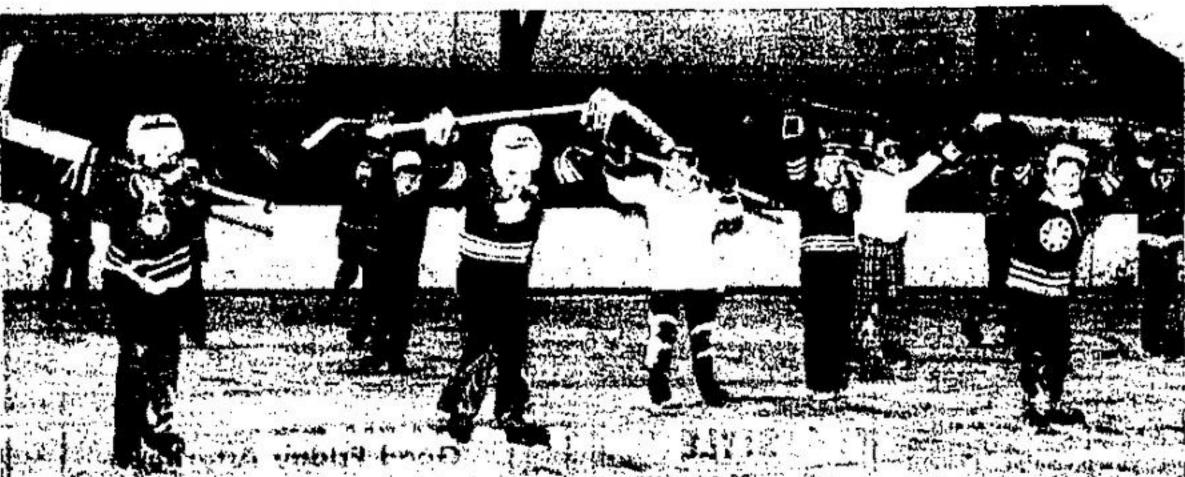
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