

# HERALD sports

## Try curling and warm up your winter

By Colin Gibson  
As one member aptly put it, "The season has been enjoyed."  
What season? Why the Halton Hills curling season, of course.

Both the men and the ladies opened their respective seasons last Monday. The ladies' competitive curling season got under way early in the day and the men inaugurated their season that evening with the annual "Blister 'Spiel".

This Scottish transplant, which has flourished extremely well in Canada, is one of the few sports which requires social as well as athletic prowess. This is not meant as a slight, rather a compliment. If some of our other more publicized sports were to adopt curling's "competition and friendship" attitude they would be much better received.

As explained by Roger Levesque, a member of the North Halton Curling Club's executive, the "Blister 'Spiel'" is held primarily to acquaint new curlers with the membership and the club as well as to give all members a chance to work out the kinks prior to the start of regular league competition. In both these respects, Monday night was a huge success.

Roger did point out however that the club—in both the men's and ladies' divisions—is still looking for new members. So if you are new to the area or would just like to try something different this year, give one of the members of the executive a call. They will be glad to answer any questions you may have and can give you instructions on how to join. It's

always nice to while away the winter in the company of friends.

Although the night itself was a success, the curling and the curlers suffered slightly because of problems with the ice. John Cornelius, who has been associated with curling for most of his life and with the Halton Hills club for the past 16 years, explained that condensation in the curling area was creating the poor ice situation.

Ideal curling area temperature is 28 degrees Fahrenheit. On Monday this was impossible to attain because of mild outside temperatures. This mild outside weather caused the air

inside the curling area to condense and rise to the top of the building and tiny drops of water fall to the ice. The result was that the curlers had to put more of an effort into their game and were not always sure that their rocks would run true.

The club was also using new rocks and this undoubtedly caused some of the curlers to be off their game. However, as it was the "Blister 'Spiel'", and things weren't expected to run like clockwork, everyone took these minor setbacks in stride.

This 'spiel' ran through to Thursday and three sets of prizes were offered in each draw. The prizes were described as "tonic to ease both

the body and the spirit."  
As the night wore on and the social aspect of curling took over, some of the members commented on how they felt after opening night and on just what curling meant to them in particular.

George Wagner recalled the first time he had ever curled. "The first night I curled I felt fine. But the next day my leg started to swell up, almost before my eyes. I was off work for two days." Jack Hamilton sympathized with George and added, "in all the sports I've been involved in, I've never been so tied up the next day as I am after curling."

To Harry Clark, who isn't actively involved this year,

"It's the beginning of a new athletic season, another adventure opening up for you." Bill Schenk wryly commented, "It keeps me off the streets on cold winter nights."

Miss Margaret O'Flaherty seemed to capture the essence of the curling scene with these remarks. "To me it means many nights of enjoyment through the hard winter months."

The curling season has begun and there will be many a rock thrown and many a friendship made before it ends, next Spring. There are worse, much worse, ways to spend the winter. Try curling and warm up your winter.

## Pretty fair foul shooting

Question: When is a foul shot fair? Answer: When it's for a good cause.

The Georgetown and District High School Senior Rebellettes basketball team staged a foul shooting contest last Friday at the school gym to raise money to help finance a trip to Waterloo.

Mavis O'Neil, Girls Athletic Director at GDHS informed us that the girls will be travelling to Waterloo on the weekend of November 30th to take part in a basketball tournament which will decide who qualifies, from western Ontario, to take part in the Ontario Winter Games tournament to be held later this year.

Georgetown's girls will be playing in the "B" section of the tournament, which is made up of high school teams. But the winner must play off against the "A" section's champions to decide the western Ontario representative.

The teams competing in the "A" section are university, college and senior women's clubs and Mrs. O'Neil feels that the eventual winner will come from this group. Nevertheless Mrs. O'Neil is confident that the hometown girls will do well in

their own section and that the experience of competing against top level teams will help them enormously.

In the foul-shooting contest, the girls had three minutes in which to sink as many baskets as possible. Earlier in the week the team had canvassed the town to get people to sponsor them. The idea was to get pledges of money in varying amounts for each successful

The individual totals are

Name	Number Of Shot	Amount Per Shot	Total
Melanie McCrachen	23	\$3.00	\$69.00
Barb Curry	34	1.50	51.00
Brenda Smith	34	1.20	42.80
Alice Holblieb	23	2.25	51.75
Patli Holotuk	32	2.02	64.64
Leanne Gilson	31	1.18	36.58
Charleen Milton	26	2.23	58.00
Karen Herrington	25	.75	19.75
Kim Worrall	16	2.00	32.00
Susan Alexander	40	.52	20.80
Margo Butler	12	1.85	22.20
Sharon Barclay	27	.50	13.50

\$482.02

shot. The team did well and, if all pledges are honored, should net \$482.02. Mrs. O'Neil is

confident the pledges will be honored as the trip means a lot to the girls.

## Ten-day wait for Raiders

Mike Tarps' Georgetown Chrysler Raiders will have been out of league action for ten days when they meet the Oakville Adanacs this Friday in Georgetown. Last Friday night's game was cancelled because a snowstorm in the Port Colborne area made travel hazardous. The Raiders decided that, rather than risk an accident, they would play the game at a later date.

Sunday's scheduled contest in Dundas was cancelled because of a mixup in dates between the "Intermediate A" club and the Dundas "Junior B" club. Coach Wilf Brownlow does not feel that the layoff will hurt the club but he hastened to add that they will have to play better hockey than they have in the past couple of games.

## Bruins' Murray

Sheridan College Bruins of Oakville are expecting big things this season from Georgetown native, Brooke Murray. Brooke is in his second year as a business student at Sheridan and this season also marks his second year with the hockey club.

Last year Brooke was a standout performer with the varsity football team and his accomplishments in athletics garnered him the school's award as "Male Athlete of the Year". This year Brooke passed up the football team to concentrate on his studies.

Although a foot injury has slowed him down somewhat Brooke is playing himself into shape and, to date, has a goal and two assists in three games.

### OHA INT. A. STANDINGS (as of Nov. 18)

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Port Colborne	8	6	2	0	34	22	12
Thorold	8	5	3	0	42	34	10
Fort Erie	10	5	5	0	48	62	10
Georgetown	9	4	4	1	43	43	9
Dunnville	10	4	5	1	50	43	9
Oakville	9	4	5	0	35	39	8
Dundas	10	3	7	0	43	52	6

### SCORING LEADERS

NAME	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Gerry Roussel	Fort Erie	8	9	10	19	8
Pete Ververgaert	Dunnville	9	10	8	18	16
Joe Donald	Dundas	8	7	8	15	22
Tom Schofield	Dunnville	9	6	9	15	36
Dwight Battle	Dunnville	7	2	13	15	10
Bob Goss	Port Colborne	7	5	9	14	11
Gerry Pearson	Georgetown	8	10	3	13	17
Dave Beatty	Oakville	8	9	4	13	10
Ernie Bodden	Dundas	8	9	4	13	12
Dave Pay	Thorold	7	8	5	13	28
Tom Daley	Oakville	8	7	6	13	8
Arma Peddle	Dunnville	7	5	8	13	4
Ray Evans	Georgetown	8	3	10	13	16

### TOP GOALTENDER

Rob Stewart, Port Colborne — played 8 games - 1 shutout - Avg. 2.75

## A new coach for the Raiders: Now you see, now you don't

Mike Tarps' Georgetown Chrysler Raiders of the OHA Intermediate "A" league, held a press conference last Friday to announce the appointment of a new coach. At that time, Dave Kentner, vice-president of the Raiders, announced that Paul Robinson, currently coaching the Rotary Juveniles, would be taking over the handling of the club.

Robinson was named to the position on the basis of a prior verbal agreement, which, according to Mr. Kentner, outlined the terms of the job and seemed acceptable to both the Raiders and Mr. Robinson. It was disclosed later that Mr.

Robinson had submitted a written list of terms for the job to Raider President Wilf Brownlow just before the conference started and that they were different from the terms discussed previously. Because of the changed circumstances, the Raiders

later announced that the new terms were unacceptable to the club and that Mr. Robinson would not be taking over the coaching duties. When contacted by the Herald regarding the situation, Mr. Robinson stated that he did not feel that his demands were

unreasonable and also that, by putting them down on paper, he was actually protecting everyone involved. Wilf Brownlow, who is presently running the club from behind the bench, will remain as coach until another replacement can be found.

## Raiders, league mourn death of Cooper.

Hockey people in Georgetown were shocked to learn that Dick Cooper, of the Thorold Athletics, injured in a game two weeks ago against the Dundas

Merchants, had died. Mike Tarp of the Raiders had this reaction to the death, "It's a sad thing, it's shaken up quite a few people in the league. How can you guard against such a thing? It's just something that happens." The Raiders have been in touch with the Thorold club and have assured them that they will do what they can to lend assistance in whatever way possible to Cooper's family.

In more specific terms, Mike Tarp was thinking either of organizing a collection or playing a benefit game. Thorold was scheduled to play last Friday but because of the accident, the game was cancelled. Cooper had retired as an active player earlier in the season. However, on the night of the incident, because other players had job commitments, he agreed to suit up for one last time. He had been employed as team trainer since his retirement.

The injury occurred as the result of an apparently normal bodycheck. Cooper fell backwards and, as he was falling, his helmet dropped off and his unprotected head struck the ice. He was immediately rushed to McMaster University

Medical Centre and later transferred to Hamilton General Hospital. He died on Tuesday without regaining consciousness. Cooper is survived by his wife, Pat, and his son, three year-old Matthew.

## Fans add sour note to Sheridan's victory

Sheridan College's football Bruins made it two Eastern

Canadian Community College Championships in a row last Saturday when they defeated Vanier College of Quebec 23-21.

Vanier led 21-8 at half-time but a lot of second half penalties, blunted their offence and caused some defensive confusion. Those blunders allowed Sheridan to re-group and come roaring back.

For Sheridan, Dan Medwin made four catches for 134 yards and two touchdowns. Bill Richardson kicked two converts and three singles, and Tim Page had one touchdown. For Vanier, John McGuinness and Rick Kiraly each scored touchdowns, and Frank Boleaka kicked two field goals, two converts and a single.

The only sour note of the afternoon was sounded, surprisingly, by a Sheridan supporter. She felt that some Sheridan fans disgraced their team and their school when they tried to intimidate the Vanier fans who were in attendance. For those Sheridan fans, we can only add that, while their team may be champions, they quite obviously are losers all the way.



THE YM-YWCA's annual ski and skate exchange drew hundreds of interested winter fans to browse through the pairs of skates, boots, skis and ski suits. Catrina Lancaster was searching for just the right pair of skates.

## Water everywhere but no swim place

Bill Balfour, coach of the Georgetown and District High School swim team has a problem. He needs water. Not for himself but for his team. The team enters league competition this Thursday at Lord Elgin High School in Burlington and, to date, have had a grand total of one practice under their trunks. The team was allotted Acton pool for practices but, because of the delay in its completion, had to be content with team meetings. Coach Balfour is extremely

pleased by the student turnout for the team but will make no predictions. As he commented, "I'm just interested in getting the kids in the water." This is the first year that a regular league has been formed. Previously, the various schools in the area just contacted each other in order to organize meets. There will be three league meets between now and the end of January and the area championship will be decided at a gala meet which is to be held sometime next Spring.

## Mavericks proving they're for real

"Terrible, just terrible." These were the words coach Wilf Brownlow used in describing the Raiders' performance in Fort Erie last week. "The boys played terrible hockey. The goaltending was alright but it was the rest of the team that played poorly."

The Raiders took a 7-2 beating from the revitalized Mavericks who seem determined to prove to the rest of the league that they are legitimate contenders for first place.

Gerry Walmsley from Gerry Whelan and Bob Larmond, and Ray Evans from Tommy Gilbert were the marksmen for the Raiders. For Fort Erie, Bob Greer and Ron Romanyk each scored a pair while Gerry Rousell and Owen Held counted singles.

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