

Raiders yawn to loss

Local fans were strangely subdued as they filed out of the Georgetown arena last Friday evening. Mike Tarp's Georgetown Chrysler Raiders had just dropped a 4-3 decision to the Dunnville Mudcats in a game, that at times, was just plain dull. This was what bothered the fans most.

Bad luck

The Raiders had no spark and both teams at several points during the contest appeared to be mainly going through the motions. It was definitely not one of the better Raiders performances of the year to date and hopefully the Christmas break will herald the start of better things to come. The Raiders had three new faces in the lineup for Friday's game; Junior Tibbets, who was last year's most valuable Raider, Bill Curry, who in years past has been a standout on defence for the Raiders, and Paul Burger, a newcomer, who recently played hockey in Europe.

Of the three, Burger definitely had the better game. He is a smooth performer who can play at either a defence or forward position. His performance in Friday's game serves notice that the Raiders

have made a valuable acquisition. Tibbets and

It was hoped that the Junior and Senior Rebels would be able to break for the Christmas holidays with at least two more exhibition games to their credit. However, the weather and a broken ventilation system combined to put an end to these plans.

On Wednesday the Rebels had lined up two games with Bramalea High School in Bramalea. They were informed that the game would have to be cancelled as the school ventilation system in Bramalea had broken down.

Thursday's snowstorm prevented Silverthorn High School of Etobicoke from arriving, so that game had to be shelved also. The team did have a formal scrimmage with the GDHS teachers on Thursday, but bad luck continued to plague them, as they lost 81-59.

Curry, it would appear, just need more time to get into playing shape, but big things are expected of the pair.

The line of Brian Hurley, Bob Marchildon and Bob Gendron played excellently in Friday's contest. Their hustling and playmaking highlighted an otherwise uninspired game.

God, persistent forechecking accounted for the first Raiders marker. Brian Hurley was given credit for the goal, while linemates Bob Gendron and Bob Marchildon drew assists. Their harrying tactics confused the Mudcats and Hurley had positioned himself solidly in the slot to bang home the puck.

Dunnville made it 3-1 early in the second period as Dwight Battle let a hard shot go from the blue line which got by Pallett. Ian Cowie and Mike Homenuck picked up the assists on this effort. It should be noted that the goal came about, not so much through the work of the Mudcats, but as a result of the inability of the Raiders to set up in their own end. That was a fault which occurred several times during the contest.

from Bob Marchildon and Bill Curry narrowed the gap to 3-2. Again, the Hurley line accounted for this goal on sheer determination. Pete Ver-vergaert scored his second goal of the night from Arma Peddie and Dwight Battle with less than two minutes remaining in the second period and for all intents and purposes, that was



NEITHER SNOW, in the form of a blizzard, or the coming of darkness will keep these youngsters from their self-appointed task. The boys shown here are just part of the group of 28 who are attempting to set a new

world record for continuous playing of road hockey. The marathon is being held for the benefit of those people in the area suffering from Cystic Fibrosis.



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HERALD sports

GDHS right in there

High School in Burlington, Coach Bill Balfour was not disappointed. As Balfour said, "The meet was very exciting, we had some outstanding individual performances and, considering the facilities available to us, I think the team did very well."

In the senior division, Lord Elgin finished first with 198 points, M.M. Robinson was second with 103 points and Georgetown third with 91 points. In the junior division, Lord Elgin left everyone

floundering in their wake, compiling 90 points. Georgetown was second with 34 points, while M.M. Robinson was third with 32 points.

For Georgetown, John Girvan outclassed all his competitors in the senior 100 metre breaststroke. He finished first, at least ten metres ahead of his nearest rival. Girvan also took top spot in the senior 100 metre individual medley event. Cathy Masson was first in the senior

girls' 100 metre backstroke. Jenny Thompson picked up top honors in the junior girls' 150 metre backstroke. Pauline Heston won the senior girls' 100 metre freestyle event. Paula Stewart was first in the junior girls' 50 metre freestyle. Paul Carter placed second in the senior boys' 100 metre backstroke.

The next swim meet is scheduled for January 30 at Lord Elgin High School in Burlington.

Merry Christmas from Ontario Outdoors

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There are a myriad of things that a person could use, that are

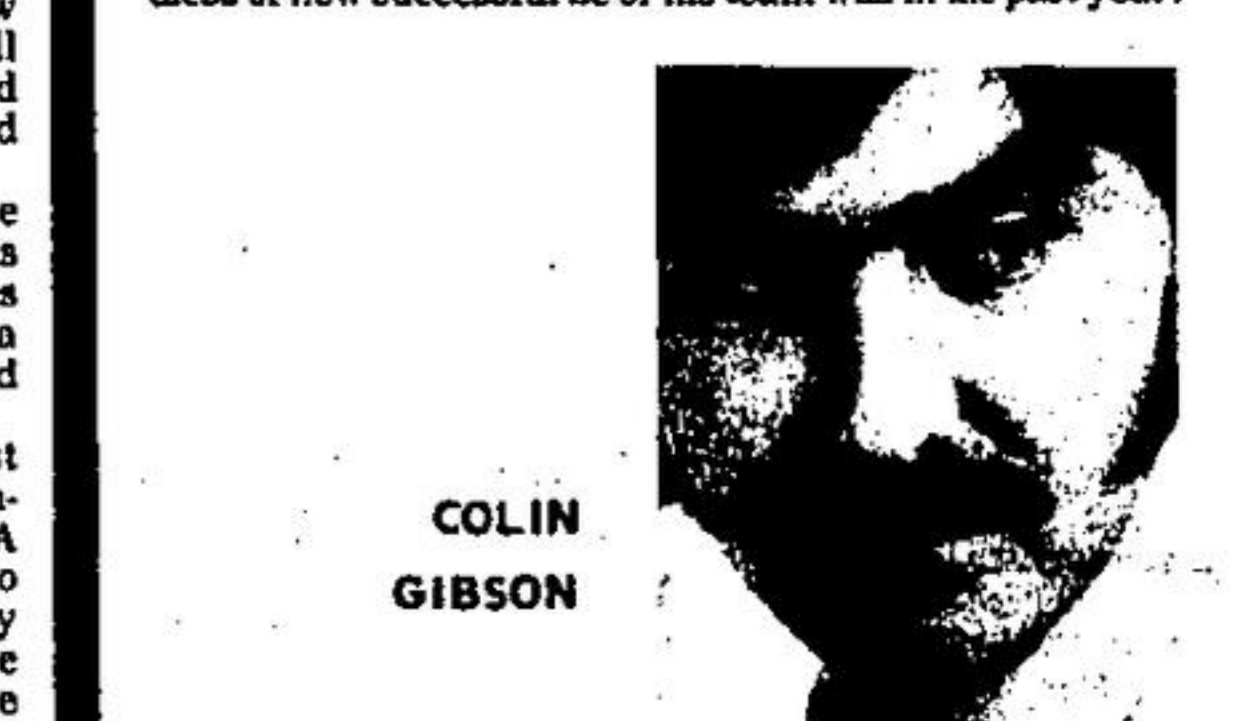
hunters. The answer is yes and, a noted, I will cover this in detail after a bit more research on the subject. On this more column this year and this year will be out on the 31st of Dec.

From myself and my family, to all those who read and comment on this column, may Christ be real to you at this season and may you always enjoy ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

And I want...

bob ollivier

For the summer sportsman the Christmas season means one more fling before having to prepare again for the summer campaign. For the winter sportsman the Christmas season marks the halfway point in his hectic schedule. The gifts he is looking for can't be found under a tree and certainly don't fall in the same category as the traditional pair of socks or bottle of shaving lotion. Similarly the winter sportsman always looks for a better year ahead, regardless of how successful he or his team was in the past year.



COLIN GIBSON

The chances of a sportsman getting what he really wants are practically nil. His odds are about the same as old Dad's, who, year after year, expects his family to finally realize that his underwear drawer is overflowing, and that his bathroom cabinet is filled with so many exotic scents that he shudders to open it. But who on Christmas morning will utter the same squeak of delight as he opens yet another bottle of "Eau de Elephant's armpit"? To, perhaps, make the sportsman in the area and out of area, just a little bit more jolly this season, we have decided to make up our own list in the hope that Saint Nick mayhaps will have time, during his rounds, to peruse the Herald.

The Raiders' list is a long one, and a new coach, for more than a day, heads the demands. They would also like the use of an arena, gratis, a buzzer that doesn't buzz and a few top calibre players to appear on Christmas morning all suited up and ready to play. They would also request a plaque to strike down current OHA officials and the rest of the league to disband so they can claim first place.

The Rotary Juniors The Juniors' only request is for bone fide competition so they can honorably claim the title of the best Juvenile team in Ontario. They rightfully deserve this title and will prove it to a and sundry next spring.

Georgetown Minor Soccer Association Better facilities and better cared-for pitches so they can unashamedly vie for the honor of hosting some all-Ontario events. Given that the organization has done so much for Georgetown, this request does not seem out of order.

Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department They wish everyone would just go away and stop pestering them with reasonable demands. A few unreasonable demands which could be answered logically would be most welcome.

Halton Hills Basketball Association and Georgetown Industrial League Simply put, they want fans to come out and view their efforts. They feel, and rightly so, that what they have to offer is both entertaining and of good quality for the discerning fan. Now on to a larger scale of possible gift suggestions.

The Toronto Maple Leafs Firstly, they want the season to begin again. They would like a twenty-year-old Dave Keon, Johnny Bower to come out of retirement, a muzzie for Harold Ballard and a temper to go along with Red Kelly's sweetness. They would like Marcus Welby to become the team doctor and expansion teams to start playing like expansion teams.

Chris McCarron This is the young jockey from New England who broke Canadian Sandy Hawley's record for most winners in a year. He doesn't need any gifts; the majority of his winners were gifts, from friendly jockeys, understanding track stewards and super-patriotic Americans who just had to have the record back home.

Howie Meeker Pins to hold his face together because he is continually smiling and a dictionary with all the phrases underlined which could replace, "Gee wh!"

Toronto Argonauts They want a Grey Cup, anyway they can get it. They tried buying one a few years ago but that didn't work. They have now hired Russ Jackson in the hope that the ghost of his past gridiron successes will haunt the team in the years ahead. What the Argos really need is an owner with the guts to go with young players through the lean years instead of one who continues to play musical jockstraps not only with the athletes but also with the coaches.

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