

## Into Central Division playoffs

# Rams make it by skin of their goals against

In the sports world there are clichés and adages that appropriately describe just about any situation a team or individual may get into. At this point in time, in regards to the Halton Hills Rams, the one that comes to mind is "When the going gets tough, the tough gets going."

As the last week of regular season play rolled around, the Rams were, figuratively speaking, behind the "Eight Ball" in the Central Division of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, the playoff format

had six of the seven league teams qualifying for post-season play. The Rams' chances of making the playoffs were, optimistically, slim.

The Rams had two games left and were four points behind sixth place Owen Sound Satellites. To further diminish the Rams' already slight playoff ray of light, Owen Sound had still another game left in the schedule. This meant that the Rams had to win their final two outings and that Owen Sound would have to lose theirs. Even then

however, the Rams could still be ousted as they would be tied in points with Owen Sound and a goals-for and -against formula could possibly come up with an equation that would benefit the Sounders.

The Rams played itself out to the final curtain and lo and behold, the local stickmen found themselves making the playoffs!

The final scenes in this sports drama unfolded in this manner. The Rams travelled to Orangeville last Wednesday and came off the floor 17-13 winners. However as in most dramas, the Rams were reluctant to ease tension and let their supporters off easily. The score was tied 11-11 at the end of regulation time and both teams seemed quite capable of snatching defeat from the jaws of victory. This turned out to be a moot point however as the Rams turned on the after-burners and outscored Orangeville 6-2 in overtime to take the win.

After this physically and emotionally draining experience, the Rams faced yet another trial on Thursday as

they faced Huntsville at home and had to force another victory for a playoff chance. Owen Sound was playing in Mississauga on the same night and the issue would be settled, one way or another, before another day passed.

The Rams completely dominated Thursday's game, trouncing Huntsville, 19-10 but as they were bugging and congratulating each other on their victory the P.A. system suddenly burst to life. In mechanical tones, the announcement was made that Mississauga had defeated Owen Sound 19-13 and that the Halton Hills Rams were in the playoffs. Needless to say, the Rams joy jumped to a higher level.

A story book finish? Unquestionably. However, in the athletic sense, quite an achievement for a team that had been written off just a short time ago. To make the playoffs, the Rams won three of their last four games, played under considerable criticism and pressure yet came through when the chips

were down and only their on floor play would spell defeat or victory. Their gutsy performance of the last two weeks will surely find lacrosse adherents in the area.

The Rams' hero, if any one player could be singled out, in Wednesday's game against Orangeville, was Paul Wilson. As the third period got underway, the Rams were down 6-4 and had been shutout in the second period. Wilson scored twice, in less than a minute to tie the score, then scored two more goals in the third period to assure a tie in regulation time. Wilson also picked up a single tally in the opening frame. Ron Turkosz, the Rams' leading scorer, notched a hat-trick; Bill Fox and Wayne Young each scored twice, while singles went to Jim Chisholm, Kevin Mar-

coux, George Artem, Steve Wilson and Bruce Cooksley. Cooksley added four assists to go with his lone marker for a five-point performance.

In the must game in Action on Thursday night, the Rams, possibly realizing that it might be their last performance in front of their vociferous and extremely loyal fans, blew Huntsville out of the muggy arena and into the cooler night air, to the tune of 19-10. Huntsville never got closer than five goals of the Rams—although they carried play for the latter part of the second period—and were clearly outplayed and outlasted for the balance of the game.

At the end of the first period, the Rams led 6-1, carried a 12-6 lead through two periods and then outscored the humbled Hawks in the final 20 minutes,

7-4, to record the 19-10 win. Ron Turkosz and Bruce Cooksley of the Rams did the most damage as they each potted five goals. Cooksley added three assists for a fine eight-point night. Steve Wilson, who is turning into a deadly sniper of late, matched his four goals with four assists for yet another eight-point performance. Single goal scorers included, Wayne Young, Jim Chisholm, Glen Sherman, Bill Fox and Paul Wilson.

A note of dismay crept into the otherwise jubilant post-game proceedings when it was learned that defenceman Bruce Green will be lost to the team for the remainder of the season. Green, a solid defencive player, suffered torn ligaments in his foot on an innocent play. He was in motion when the referee's

whistle caused him to come to an awkward stop. He will be missed in post-season play. The seriousness of the injury undoubtedly came about because of Green's sheer determination to win. He continued to play for the better part of the third period, even though it was obvious to all that he was in some difficulty and no doubt, aggravated the damage. The injury in Green's case, is especially untimely as it is his last year in Junior Lacrosse and he was hoping by his playoff performance, to impress big-league scouts.

In their opening game with Orangeville in the best three-out-of-five quarter-finals, the Rams will also be without the services of Kent "The Enforcer" Kentner, who is currently sitting out a four-game suspension as a result

of overly rambunctious play and it is expected that the forward contingent will be raided for the sixth rearguard. Kentner will see action in the second game of the series.

Now that the tumultuous happenings of the past two weeks are over, Ram coach, Rob Poole, is confident that the team has finally found its level. As he stood outside the team door after Thursday night's win, obviously just as exhausted as his players, he commented, "We'll make it to the finals, and I don't believe we'll lose another game along the way."

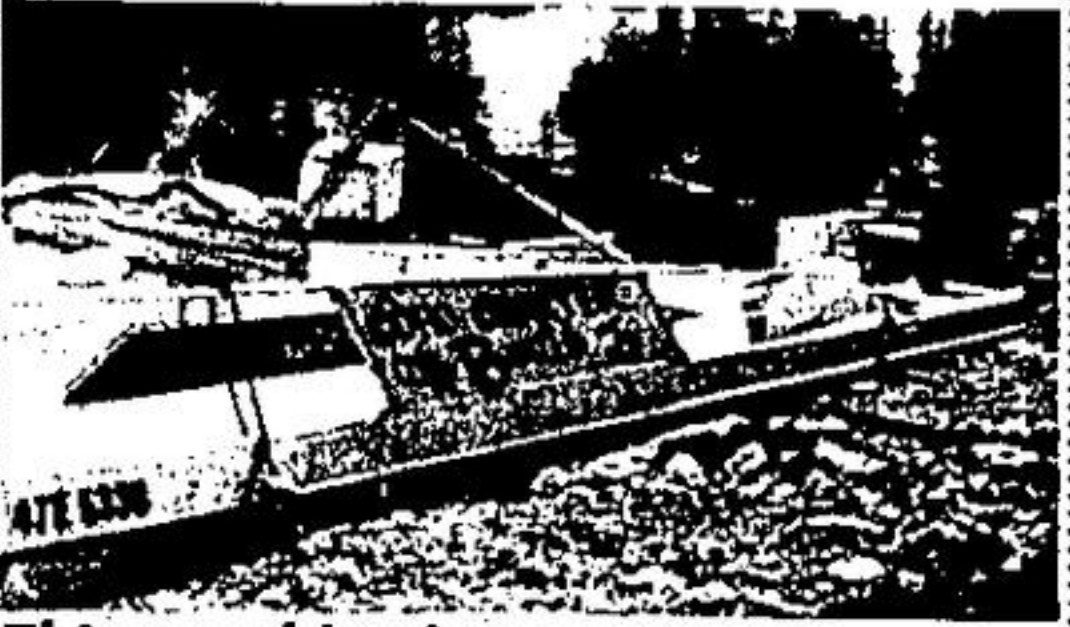
A rough season and a long ride for the team and their coach but obviously everyone is looking for better things to come as the playoffs get underway.

## Ontario Outdoors

### Time running out

By Bob Ollivier  
Member Outdoor Writers of Canada

AUGUST already! Another five weeks and the Trout season will close in the inland areas of southern Ontario. I don't want to be a pessimist but now is a good time to get ready for the hunting season. I know there is a lot of fishing left to do and I am going to take full advantage of it, but, I am also going to be ready for the hunting this fall. I recently acquired a new Winchester model 1400 MKII with a vent rib and Winchoke. This fine shotgun has a feel of that I like and believe it will improve my shooting this year.



This week's pic...

The choice of gauge in a shotgun has more to come. I chose a 12 gauge for its all-round versatility and the ability to reach out for those long shots at high flying ducks and the Winchoke to open up for grouse etc. An extremely well made gun and the price is right. The auto loading feature for those of us who want to get off the fast second shot, when we miss with the first one (as is too often the case), is a great feature. I intend to take the piece out for a few practice rounds to get the feel of it in action and get to know it now, not when it is too late, and the season is upon us. As I have said before, do what you like, but I like it!!!

If you have fished Temagami this year you may have been involved with a census. I hope you helped everyone of us out and gave the researchers the information they required without a hassle. Fish were sampled for weight, length, parasites etc. and a scale sample was taken from many of the fish noted. Lake Trout are the main aim of this census due to their slow growth rate, but all species were of importance. Up to July 7, about 800 anglers were interviewed, and 135 fish were examined.

A 31-pound, 7-ounce Lake Trout was reported along with a 12-pound Walleye and a 21-pound Pike. Anglers' co-operation is important in this day of heavy fishing pressure in Ontario, where put and take fishing is the life blood for many anglers. If stocks can be built up to a spawning population it is far better. I also have a list of the fish plantings in the Sault Ste. Marie district although it is too long a list to print here, it is available for those interested. Just call me.

Both the Georgetown Georgettes, of the Halton Ladies Softball League, and the Georgetown Royalties, of the Juvenile Division of the Halton County Girls Softball Association, have their ardent fans who will swear up and down that their team is the best female softball team in town.

The age difference doesn't really matter, what counts is the calibre of ball and both teams, by their play this season, could quite possibly have the inside track on the town title.

The Royalties had a fine season and begin their provincial play-downs shortly while the Georgettes, although they didn't finish as high in the league standings as the Royalties, had an equally satisfying season and with their improved play of late must be considered serious challengers for league championship laurels.

The dilemma could really only be solved by a challenge match between the two clubs and, as both were in a quiet period in their respective seasons, just such a game was played last Tuesday evening.

The game ended in a 10-10 tie and, despite the rantings of the two teams partisan fans about the exploits of their particular heroines, the fact remains that Georgetown is indeed fortunate in having two such competitive and talented female softball clubs for spectator perusal.

In Tuesday's exhibition contest, it appeared that the Royalties were out of the running in the early going. The Juvenile Girls had counted three runs in their opening inning, but, by the end of three full innings, found themselves on the deficit side of a 7-3 score. The Royalties have never been known as a team to concede a defeat until the final out has been registered and they reiterated this stubborn stand on Tuesday night as they rallied for seven runs in their half of the fourth to take a 10-7 lead.

At this point, the Georgettes must have been mumbling something like "fun is fun, but let's not get carried away."



and last week's

The photograph in last week's column was for this week and the photo for this week is for last week's, if that makes any sense. I just got the wrong ones there at the wrong time. This week's is of the Coho Salmon fishing trip I took recently, and the photo last week is Dave Hogan of Georgetown who caught a cross fish of some kind in the Bala area. Dave took the fish to the biologists of the ministry of natural resources and they were baffled as to its identity. They asked Dave to leave it with them but he is an amateur taxidermist and wants to mount it. They then asked Mr. Hogan to take it to the museum in Toronto which he did and it was x-rayed. It appears to be a Rainbow Trout. According to the x-rays this is not the case, and if it is ever identified Dave will be notified. The last thing they asked of him was to skin the fish, mount that and send the rest of the fish, with the insides, complete. The lake from which it came has only Large and Small Mouth Blackbass.

Where are all the opponents of the dams???? The only person to contact me at the time of this writing is one naturally wants to keep them all as if one goes, his will too. One person from Glen Williams has had a lot to say in the past and now is the chance to have something done about it. I am not fooling around!!! This is a serious survey as to the desires of the people of the area with regards to the dams on the Credit River!!! As I said last week, say it now or don't say it at all, and that could be final. Let's hear from you. It really is your Ontario Outdoors.

### Rams are in there

The Halton Hills Rams, of the OLA's Central Division, made it to the playoffs but not until the final game had been played and the final goal scored they were assured of a berth in post-season play.

The Rams' goals-for and against percentage came to .475, while the Owen Sound Satellite's goals-for and against percentage came to .450 and thus the Rams qualified. The Rams meet Orangeville Stingers in the best three-out-of-five quarter finals, with the winner advancing to semi-final play.

OLA CENTRAL DIVISION FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS				
TEAM	W	L	T	PTS
Mississauga	16	7	1	33
Roxdale	12	10	2	26
Orangeville	13	11	0	26
Huntsville	12	11	1	25
Orillia	11	13	0	22
Halton Hills	9	15	0	18
Owen Sound	8	14	2	18

## Georgettes, Royalties equal match

By Colla Gibson  
Sports Editor

Both the Georgetown Georgettes, of the Halton Ladies Softball League, and the Georgetown Royalties, of the Juvenile Division of the Halton County Girls Softball Association, have their ardent fans who will swear up and down that their team is the best female softball team in town.

The age difference doesn't really matter, what counts is the calibre of ball and both teams, by their play this season, could quite possibly have the inside track on the town title.

The Royalties had a fine season and begin their provincial play-downs shortly while the Georgettes, although they didn't finish as high in the league standings as the Royalties, had an equally satisfying season and with their improved play of late must be considered serious challengers for league championship laurels.

The dilemma could really only be solved by a challenge match between the two clubs and, as both were in a quiet period in their respective seasons, just such a game was played last Tuesday evening.

The game ended in a 10-10 tie and, despite the rantings of the two teams partisan fans about the exploits of their particular heroines, the fact remains that Georgetown is indeed fortunate in having two such competitive and talented female softball clubs for spectator perusal.

In Tuesday's exhibition contest, it appeared that the Royalties were out of the running in the early going. The Juvenile Girls had counted three runs in their opening inning, but, by the end of three full innings, found themselves on the deficit side of a 7-3 score. The Royalties have never been known as a team to concede a defeat until the final out has been registered and they reiterated this stubborn stand on Tuesday night as they rallied for seven runs in their half of the fourth to take a 10-7 lead.

At this point, the Georgettes must have been mumbling something like "fun is fun, but let's not get carried away."

and promptly pushed across three runs in their half of the fifth to knot the score at 10-10.

The final two innings were scoreless but, in deference to the talent on both squads, this really was indicative of how the game was played. Neither team really played well enough to win, but neither did either club deserve to be hung with the loss. For now all arguments regarding the merits of both clubs have been partially laid to rest but quite a few softball fans in the town would like to see the Georgettes and the Royalties go at it on a possible three-out-of-five for four-out-of-seven series basis and this would undoubtedly attract a good crowd. The possibilities are, however, there for such a match and it would, without a doubt, cause quite a stir in softball circles for some time to come.

The Royalties utilized all three of their pitchers in Tuesday night's game, Laura Wilkes, Betty Marchment and Barb Curry all saw mound duty. Ev Metler went the distance for the Georgettes. In the hitting department for the Royalties, Charlene Milton was two-for-three including a triple; Betty Marchment went two-for-two, while Leanne Gilson had a two-for-three night. For the Georgettes, Fatti Walsh went two-for-five, but it was her triple with the bases loaded in the fifth inning that tied the game.

The Royalties will open their provincial playdowns when they host St. Catharines' this Sunday afternoon. Game time is 1:30 at the main softball diamond in the fairgrounds. The Royalties gained a bye through the first round of playdowns as the team they were scheduled to meet, Bramalea, withdrew from the league.

The Ho Jo Cats, from St. Catharines, on the other hand, had to defeat Grantham to gain entry to the quarter-finals. The quarter final series against St. Catharines will be a best two games out of three with the winner advancing into semi-final play against the winner of the Shakespeare vs Alderwood series.

## Early trouble for Glen, as Merchants move to second

The Georgetown Merchants, of the Halton County Men's Fastball League propelled themselves into a tie for second place in the league standings as they defeated Glen Williams, 4-1 last Tuesday night.

The Merchants did the damage early, counting two runs in the first and a similar two runs in the second inning, then sat back and watched as Bill Tilt stymied the valley boys, the rest of the way. The Glen picked up their lone run of the contest in the fourth inning, on a triple and an error, but from the fourth inning on managed only one hit off Tilt as he pitched magnificently.

En route to recording the

win, Tilt allowed but three hits, struck out seven Glen batsmen and issued one walk. Glen losing pitcher, Bob McGowan, pitched well enough to normally record a win, but Tilt was hot while the Glen bats were silent. McGowan allowed six hits, struck out four Merchants and did not allow a base on balls.

Trouble began early for the Glen as they started off in shaky fashion. In the first inning, the Merchants' Barry Cuthbert reached first on an error, then Ray Inglis also reached the sack on a Glen error. Gord Tomally doubled to score the two runs and, with but one out in the opening inning, the Glen found

Conf'd page 10



"NO MOM, WE DIDN'T UPROOT THE FENCEPOST. We're going to have batting practice." Wesley McCauley (left) Duane Lewis and Janelle Lewis pose beside one of the previously secret weapons that will be put in use in the Mary Curtis Night exhibition game between the National Hockey League Referees and Linesmen and the combined

team of Hornby Ladies and the Halton County Ladies Softball League All-Stars. The game will be played in Hornby, August 14 at 8:30 p.m. and, if you have questioned the sanity of the on-ice actions of the NHL officials, your opinion will more than likely be doubly reinforced when you catch their on field shenanigans.

**Zellers** IN THE GEORGETOWN MARKET

OPEN MONDAY THRU FRIDAY TILL 9:00 P.M. — SATURDAY TILL 6:00 P.M.

## On Our "BEST" Portable Color TV

SPECIAL

\$399<sup>96</sup>

SAVE \$100.00

BRADFORD

20" Solid State Color TV

FEATURES:  
100 percent Solid State Chassis; Automatic Fine Tuning; Black Matrix Picture Tube; Walnut Grain Cabinet; 1 year Warranty on Parts and Labour (Carry-in Service).

USE ONE OF OUR THREE CONVENIENT CREDIT PLANS