



THE RAIDERS TEAM FOR 1975-76 On Monday evening at a special press conference it was announced that Junior Tibbetts has accepted the position of coach of the Raiders for the upcoming season. Congratulating Junior are

members of the Raiders executive and Georgetown Chrysler dealership owner, Barry Whitworth. From left to right, Ron Knight, John Boyd, Dave Kentner, Barry Whitworth, Junior Tibbetts and Bob Hooper.

Junior Tibbetts named new coach for Raiders

The Georgetown Raiders of the OHA Intermediate "A" league held a press conference Monday evening where it was announced that Junior Tibbetts had officially accepted the position of Raiders coach for the 1975-76 season and that Georgetown Chrysler had agreed to renew their sponsorship of the team for the upcoming season.

In making the announcements, Bob Hooper of the Raiders Executive, expressed the club's satisfaction with the two decisions and felt that the team had been strengthened immensely by the acquisitions.

Junior Tibbetts is no stranger to Raider fans. Prior to his coaching debut he had coached for the team as one of its top goal-getters and crowd pleasers and, although the team will miss him on the ice, he made it quite clear, that his role with the Raiders is strictly bench with no chance of him donning the blades for a more active role.

Junior has lived in the Georgetown area for the past

11 years, is married with wife, Nicky and a four-year-old daughter, Sharla, and works for Benson and Hedges in Brampton as a machine operator.

Although he has had no practical experience in the coaching field, Junior, feels, and rightly so, that he has a great deal of hockey knowledge to impart to his charges from his playing days and he also feels that he has absorbed much about the game from the coaches who have guided him throughout his career. Junior came up through the Quebec Minor Hockey system in a place called Richmond near Sherbrooke. His hockey talent was plainly evident and he was signed to play Junior "A" for Shawinigan at the age of 14. From Shawinigan he moved to Rosemount of the Metro Junior "A" loop and then advanced to Senior "A" play with Orillia.

Junior's first experience in Intermediate hockey came with the Intermediate "B" Cheltenham team. He spent three years with Cheltenham before joining the Raiders.

One of Junior's strong points as a player was his ability to give 100 percent at all times and this, he hopes, will become the attitude of the Raiders.

Although he admits, the job will be a challenge he feels he is up to it and expects that the players will back him to the hilt. John Boyce, player representative on the executive said that he spoke for all the players when he expressed his pleasure at the choice of Tibbetts as Raider coach. He added, that in fact, several players from last year's team who had previously been leery of rejoining the team were now definitely returning to play under Junior.

Boyce believes that the team will be fully behind the new coach and that this will be reflected by their on-ice time attitude. Tibbetts will have some help in guiding the team as it was announced that Neil Cotton will act as official assistant coach.

The renewal of the Georgetown Chrysler sponsorship eliminated many a headache for the Raiders and the decision to continue the

alliance with the Raiders was made by dealership owner, Barry Whitworth. Whitworth himself is no stranger to the hockey wars as he played Varsity hockey with the U of T Blues in 1961-62 and for the Junior "B" Lakeshore Bruins.

The Raiders camp open this Thursday at 9:00 p.m. and the camp will be run on an open basis for any player wishing to try out. It is expected that about 90 percent of last year's team will attend camp and, although the Raider management admitted that there would be new faces attempting to wear the "Red and White", they were reluctant to name names at this time.

The club is also hoping to attract those local players who have finished their tenure in the Junior ranks and would like to get involved with Intermediate hockey. Tibbetts expects approximately 35 hockey players at camp and will be making cuts along the way to get down to 17 or 18 players prior to regular season play around the first week of October.

The Raiders are not affiliated with any Senior "A" club or with the Georgetown Junior "B" entry but the club feels this is a plus for the team rather than a detraction as it leaves them with more freedom regarding players selection.

The training camp is open to the public and should prove a lively one as Tibbetts predicts that conditioning as well as scrimmaging will be the order of the day.

The year ahead could quite possibly be a vintage Raider year as this is the first time that the team has opened camp this early, and it is obvious that management solidarity is playing a big role in the revamping of the Raiders.

Yes, the Raiders are back. With a new coach, a new attitude and a definite promise of exciting things to come in the not too far off 1975-76 Intermediate "A" hockey season.

Woodbridge bombs Royalties in finale

The Georgetown Royalties finished their regular season in rather dismal fashion last Tuesday evening as they dropped a 17-9 decision to Woodbridge before approximately 100 hometown fans. Strange as it may seem, the Royalties were undone by only two bad innings, but in those two innings, Woodbridge chalked up 13 runs to take control of the game.

Woodbridge picked up their 17 runs on 12 hits, five Royalties errors and nine walks. Winning pitcher, Pat Purvis, struck out four Royalties en route to recording the win. The Royalties got their nine runs on nine hits, two Woodbridge errors and six walks. Losing pitcher, Barb Curry, struck out seven Woodbridge batters.

The Royalties and pitcher, Barb Curry, got off to a shaky start as Woodbridge picked up four runs in their half of the first inning. Three walks and three Royalties errors accounted for this opening flurry by Woodbridge. After this, however, and until the seventh inning, the Royalties played good ball defensively and were effective at the plate as they led the game 9-8 going into the

top of the seventh. The local nine picked up one run in the first inning, four runs in their half of the second, two in the third and two in the fourth for their leading margin.

Then the proverbial roof fell in as Woodbridge capitalized on six hits, three Royalties errors and three walks to push across nine runs and put the game out of reach in the top of the seventh. The Royalties managed to get two baserunners on in their last at bat in the seventh, but the runs just weren't in the lumber and the final score read Woodbridge 17, Royalties 9.

The end of the season loss to Woodbridge did not affect the Royalties final league standing in the Juvenile division of the Peel County Girls Softball Association as Alderwood had earlier clinched the league title. The Royalties finished second place, four points behind the front-runners.

From that point, the playoff picture gets hazy, as four teams—Burlington, Brampton, Woodbridge and Eringate—are all in the thick of the fight for the remaining two playoff berths. Eringate played in Burlington on Sunday evening, while Burlington played in

Woodbridge on Monday night and the results of those games should set up the final pairings for the playoffs.

The playoffs are, at present, being delayed as certain teams are still involved in provincial championship play. When the tussle for the title does get under way, sometime in the first week of September, the first place team will play the third place team, while the second place team will take on the fourth place team.

Of special interest to those fans of the Juvenile girls league, was the performance of Woodbridge coach, Diane Warriner, in the Canadian Ladies Senior Championships held in Calgary over the weekend. Diane is recognized as one of, if not the best, female hurlers in North America. She has even done a commercial with Paul Rimstead where she displays her pitching talent. It was much in evidence in the championship game on Sunday as she pitched her Kitchener team to the Canadian National title. Should the luck of the draw pit the Royalties against Woodbridge, there is a good chance that Diane will put on an exhibition for the benefit of the fans.

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Merchants are definitely in HCMFA playoffs

The Georgetown Merchants, of the Halton County Men's Fastball Association, locked up a playoff berth last Friday night, with a 6-0 win over Mississauga in Mississauga and, with two games still remaining, the Merchants could grab sole possession of third spot with a single win.

As been the case in the last few outings for the Merchants, pitching was again the main factor in the victory. Bill Tilt hurled a three-hitter at Mississauga in recording the

win and only one Mississauga baserunner made it to third base, but he was eventually left stranded. Tilt allowed singles in the first, third and seventh innings, while setting down 11 batters via strikeouts and issuing only two walks.

The Merchants again showed very little power at the plate as they managed but six hits, but they were timely as the "Red and White" squad collected three runs in the second inning, two runs in the third inning and pushed across

a single run in the ninth frame to cap their scoring production for the night.

In a way the Merchants were fortunate in Mississauga's choice of their starting pitcher. Ray Baker opened on the mound for Mississauga and it was against him that the Merchants did the damage. In the latter part of the third inning young Bill Salmon took the rubber and the tempo of the game changed drastically.

From the fourth inning to the ninth, Salmon did not allow a

Merchant hit and the only baserunner the Merchants had was Barry Cuthbert who reached base when he was hit by a pitch. Cuthbert's luck however ran out almost immediately when he was gunned down by Mississauga catcher Ed Sandluck on an attempted steal of second base. A walk to Bill Tilt and an infield single by returnee Dave Clark—just back from a trip out west—accounted for the Merchant run in the ninth.

In the hitting department for

the Merchants, Bill Tilt again proved just as potent at the plate as on the mound as he went two-for-three, plus a walk and scored three runs. Tilt's second hit, a single, eluded the rightfielder and Bill scampered around to home plate with a home run on a single and a three base error. The other Merchants hits were picked up by, Bob Marchand, Phil Dobin, Dave Clark and Barry Cuthbert.

The Merchants played in Lowville on Tuesday night.

Glen captures second tourney crown

Glen Williams, of the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League, won their second local tournament of the summer this past weekend as they defeated Club Billiards 5-3 in the final game of the first annual Kinsmen Tournament to walk off with the \$150 championship prize.

The tournament was a one day, double knockout affair, held to help aid the Kinsmen Club and the Georgetown Minor Soccer Association's projected tour of Britain next summer. The tournament raised \$175 for the minor soccer association but unfortunately the day didn't go as smoothly as planned. Inclement weather and possibly the back-to-school element combined to provide poor crowds for the tourney and, although these fans in attendance witnessed some excellent ball, many of the game results were discouraging if not disappointing.

This was not the Kinsmen's fault as, from the organizational aspect, the day ran well, but rather from an accepted tournament rule that seems to continually detract from the games themselves, not enhance them as should be the case. The accepted tournament ruling is that "if two teams are tied in runs after regulation innings, then whichever team has completed the most baserunners wins."

In the Kinsmen Tournament, four games were decided in this manner and it left a sour taste in many a fan's mouth.

Perks, who have done well in several tournaments so far this summer, let both their games on baserunners and the host team, Kinsmen were knocked out of the semi-finals in the championship round in the same manner. This rule is especially noxious in a one day tournament, when really, all the marbles are on the table from the opening pitch. Most games are usually decided in

an extra-inning or two but even if they are not, the baserunner should be replaced by the number of hits a team picks up. Baserunners are little judge of a team's worth.

A hit batsman and several walks would account for three base runners, but how really has the offensive team aided their cause? They haven't. They have just capitalized on their opponents mistakes, which is, granted, all part of the game, but still in reality, is no measure of their superiority.

Hopefully, when next summer rolls around and ball tournaments once again capture the weekend fancy a new rule will have been instituted for, in the words of one of the fans at the Kinsmen tournament, "That rule stinks. All it does is spoil what was a good game."

Club Billiards picked up \$30 as runner-up, while the consolation champions, Taurus

Steakhouse of Brampton, who defeated Curwood 7-6 in the consolation championship, also collected \$30.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

First Round
Glen 3 - Curwood 0
Kinsmen 3 - Erin 2
Random 3 - Taurus 3
(Random won on baserunners)
Club Billiards 3 - Perks 3
(Club Billiards won on baserunners)

Consolation Division
Curwood 6 - Erin 3
Taurus 6 - Perks 6
(Taurus won on baserunners)
Taurus 7 - Curwood 6
Championship Division
Glen 0 - Kinsmen 0
(Glen won on baserunners)
Club Billiards 5 - Random 2
Final Game
Glen Williams 5 - Club Billiards 3

Summer school is out for figure skaters

Several members of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club have been attending summer schools throughout southern Ontario and,

although the six-to-eight-week gruelling seasons took their toll of many skaters eight Georgetown skaters successfully completed the course

in their respective categories. Successful in Second Figure were Heather Corbett and Susan Ewan. Kris Barber, Kirsten Mogg, David Watson and Laura Yerxa passed their Third Figures, while Eddie Howard proved doubly competent in passing the Fox Trot and the Bronze Free Skate.

Renee Pilote showed both talent and grit in successfully passing her Silver Free Skate. Eddie Howard and sister Colleen competed in a Dance Competition held August 4 at the Stamford Summer Skating School, just outside of Niagara Falls, and to the delight of their boosters, came in fifth in the Junior Dance category.

Industrial hockey loop expanding

Don Fendley, President of the Georgetown Industrial Hockey League, expects the upcoming season to be bigger and better than ever for the local league. Apparently two more teams have applied for membership in the GIHL and, although a final decision has not as yet been rendered, it is expected that the loop will go with six teams this season.

The addition of two teams should supply a boost for the

league both fan-wise and hockey-wise as, unlike the past, two teams will not make the playoffs and therefore all teams will have to play serious hockey from the word go or find themselves as spectators when post-season play rolls around.

The league schedule is slated to begin the first week in October but as yet no firm playing schedule has been drawn up.

Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group

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DATE	TIME	TEAM	AGE (Year of Birth)
SUNDAY AUG. 31	8:45 TO 9:45 A.M.	MAJOR PEEWEES	1963
TUESDAY SEPT. 2	4:30 TO 7:30 P.M.	MAJOR BANTAMS	1961
TUESDAY SEPT. 2	7:45 TO 8:45 P.M.	MAJOR PEEWEES	
TUESDAY SEPT. 2	9:00 TO 10:00 P.M.	MAJOR MIDGETS	1959
WEDNESDAY SEPT. 3	6:15 TO 7:45 P.M.	MINOR PEEWEES	1964
THURSDAY SEPT. 4	5:45 TO 6:45 P.M.	MINOR ATOMS	1966
THURS. SEPT. 4	7:00 TO 8:00 P.M.	MINOR BANTAMS	1962
THURSDAY SEPT. 4	8:00 TO 9:00 P.M.	MINOR MIDGETS	1960
FRIDAY SEPT. 5	6:45 TO 7:45 P.M.	MAJOR ATOMS	1965
SUNDAY SEPT. 7	8:00 TO 9:00 P.M.	NOVICE	1967 (8 yrs. & under)
SUNDAY SEPT. 7	9:00 TO 10:00 P.M.	JUVENILE	1957 1958 (17 & 18 years)

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