



YET ANOTHER RAIDER tests the Thorold defense in last Friday's game between the Georgetown Raiders and the Thorold Athletics. The Thorold defenders were found sadly lacking any semblance of the art of protection and Georgetown romped to a 14-2 win.

Raiders regain lost ground

For the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders, of the OHA Intermediate "A" League, the comeback is in full bloom. The Raiders travelled to Thorold Monday night for the fourth game in their best-of-five series with the hometown Athletics and the journey home was that much shorter on the heels of Georgetown's 5-4 victory.

A combination of consistent offensive punch coupled with some fine goaltending by Raider netminder, Keith Pallett, can be credited for Monday night's win. The Raiders were one step ahead of Thorold throughout the game and didn't let up through the full 60 minutes.

The game was deadlocked twice, but the constant Raider pressure gave them the edge.

Junior Doug Barnes opened the Georgetown scoring at 16:04 of the first frame, but Thorold tied it up less than two minutes later on a counter by Fred Laselva.

In the dying seconds of the opening period, Tommy Gilbert counted his first of two, to give the Raiders a 2-1 lead after 20 minutes. Thorold came right back in the opening minutes of the second, on a goal by Bill McNamara, to

The Raiders got off on the wrong foot in this first round

Monday night's Raider win in Thorold means that the fifth and final series match will be played this Friday evening in

Georgetown.

once again tie the game. The turning point in the game came about midway through the second, when Tommy Gilbert and Neil Cotton scored to open up a two-goal gap for the Raiders.

Thorold counted once more in the second period, Gerry Mancy got credit for the marker, but the Raiders led, 4-3 after 40 minutes of play. Doug Barnes scored the winner for Georgetown at the

1:56 mark of the third and although Thorold narrowed the margin to one goal, on Fred Laselva's second red lighter, this was as close as they got. Again, the play of Keith Pallett must be mentioned. He faced 35 drives, to 26 for Thorold's Rick Upper, and it was his performance that spelled the difference.

An instant killer

by Colin Gibson
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Regardless of what one thinks, spring is just around the corner and a new recreation season lies waiting in the wings. The vagaries of Mother Nature notwithstanding, fishing junkies are being planned, camping gear is being refurbished and the old standby, the knapsack, is being yanked pitilessly from its winter hibernation hole in the closet in readiness for its masters hiking sojourns.

Spring weather, at best, can be termed unpredictable and many uninitiated outdoorsmen have met with tragic ends simply because they didn't appreciate this fact. It's great being out in the boon docks, or silently guiding a canoe through what you facetiously think is uncharted waters, but a change in the weather or an unforeseen accident could find a person courting disaster.

Too often throughout the spring months one hears reports of death through exposure or shock. The medical term used in describing these fatalities is hypothermia. The term describes the lowering of the body's inner heat, the core heat. This condition occurs the moment the body begins losing heat faster than it produces it.

The frightening thing about this condition is that it can happen anywhere. In the water, in a boat on a wind-swept lake, in a car that runs out of gas, in a house without heat and even in the woods where one would think that ample protection is available.

The main cause of hypothermia, plainly speaking, is that people foolishly didn't prepare properly for outdoor conditions and suffered the consequences. A man hiking all day, suddenly feels the temperature drop and his fatigue, coupled with the weather change, affects him dangerously. A fisherman without adequate clothing finds himself capsize and at the mercy of the elements.

The examples can go on and on but the crux of the matter is, "the lowering of body heat". There is hypothermia danger even in mild weather. Thirty to 50 degrees Fahrenheit might seem pleasant but throw in precipitation and a wind factor and the results could be fatal.

There are ways to combat hypothermia and the best way is to realize when it occurs. Hypothermia victims have been known to die within half an hour and similarly, unless the condition is treated, death will surely occur within three hours.

The temperature of the hands and feet can drop to 40 and even 50 degrees below their normal temperature without any lasting harm but a person could succumb if his body temperature dropped as little as six degrees.

The speed at which hypothermia develops depends on the amount of energy a person has available when struck by the condition, but warning signs are apparent. Intense shivering heralds the start of danger and from here, unless treated, it's all downhill. Poor co-ordination, stumbling, thickness of speech and loss of memory follow in rapid succession and in the latter stages, the victim will not even attempt to help himself.

If a victim has a mild case of hypothermia, get him to shelter, make him warm and feed him quarts of hot, sugared water or beef broth. If the victim is in the field however, and has a severe case of hypothermia, he shouldn't be moved and the ministrations should be performed on the spot.

It cannot be emphasized enough that, in most cases, hypothermia can be avoided if the proper clothing is worn. Jeans are poor for outdoor trekking as they afford little or no protection at all. In a similar sense, duck down, while good for stopping wind, is of no use when wet.

The outdoorsman should be dressed in layers and the old standard, wool, still affords the best protection. If one doesn't have the proper apparel and is in danger of developing hypothermia, dry grass, moss, cattail down and milkweed afford some relief. Dry clothing and adequate shelter are the keys to survival.

It's a joy to take in the splendours of our outdoors but one must be aware that dangers are perhaps surprisingly close. Statistics mean little to anyone and provide little relief to a bereaved family. If taking to the woods, don't end up as a statistic, use common sense and be prepared.

Raiders have a lark at Athletics' expense

The hometown supporters were restless prior to last Friday night's game between the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders and the Thorold Athletics. They had a right to be not only restless but somewhat disconcerted as well.

The Raiders were embroiled in first round playoff action with Thorold and already were being threatened with elimination. Thorold had stunned the Raiders and their supporters by taking a 6-4 decision away from the hometown favourites the previous Friday and had followed this up with a 4-2 win back in Thorold the next Wednesday.

The first round playoff format in the OHA Intermediate "A" loop has the clubs, other than the first and last place finishers in the regular season, playing in a best-of-five series and the Raiders had their backs against the wall.

An old sports saying intimates that "When the going gets tough, the tough get going", and last Friday, the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders

got going and going and going, and in the end, they won. The Athletics to the tune of 14-2. It was a game in which the locals could do no wrong and the Athletics, bless their hearts, had a tough time even getting the seating arrangement on their bench right.

The Raiders displayed an awesome offensive attack combined with a bone crunching defense that completely demoralized Thorold. The Raider forwards forechecked with a vengeance and their backchecking efforts were equally as tenacious and this allowed the "Red and White" defensive stalwarts to meet the Thorold attackers head-on at the blue line and snuff out potential scoring drives.

Keith Pallett, in the Raider nets had one of his better games and nullified, for the most part, any Thorold scoring opportunity that arose. It was a total team win for the Raiders and they had all aspects of their game in high gear.

Bill Reid potted both Thorold goals.

Wednesday night's game in Thorold was something of a lethargic affair as neither team seemed especially up for the contest. Thorold led at one point, 2-0, but the Raiders came back on goals by Art Webster and Doug Tate to knot the contest.

Thorold got back on track however, in the third period to take the game, 4-2.

A league of champions

Inglewood girls enter East York League

Of interest to area fastball fans is the story coming out of Inglewood concerning their ladies fastball team. Actually, the story has been percolating for several years but is just now reaching a near climax.

Inglewood's team is presently a member of the Southern Ontario Ladies Softball League but a successful application was made to enable the team to join the higher calibre, East York Ladies League.

The teams in the latter league fall into either Intermediate or Senior categories, while the teams in the Southern Ontario Ladies loop are ranked somewhat lower.

That the team could be competitive in the higher league is due mainly to the time and effort devoted to the team by one man, coach and manager, Gary Boyce.

Boyce moved to the Inglewood area in the late 1960's and became involved in putting together a ladies fastball team comprised mainly of young, talented, and highly competitive players.

He is no stranger to the coaching ranks as he led Tottenham's Intermediate "C" team to a provincial title in 1966.

His coaching prowess has not diminished over the years as he has led his Inglewood team to five first place regular season titles and two league championships (they were the league champions last year) in the six years that the team has been in the league. The team

Cressman Rams coach

The Acton Rams, of the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Junior "C" division are beginning to get the wheels in motion in preparation for their summer campaign. However, the club will have a slightly different look this year.

Doug Cressman of Guelph, has been named as the new head coach, replacing Dave Manes, who handled the club at the tail end of last season when regular coach, Rob Poole, became unavailable.

Cressman has his job cut out for him.

The Rams finished in sixth position in regular league play last year but then made it to their group's semifinals before succumbing, two games to one, to Rexdale. This year the Rams will be without five veterans, gonler Gary Turkosz, Paul Wilson Bruce Cooksley, Bill Fox and Bruce Green, because they are overage, so the composition of the team will be altered.

According to team president, Howard Dwyer, the Rams will be starting training sessions shortly and arena hopefuls are welcome. Further information regarding the team and their training schedule can be obtained by contacting Dwyer at 853-0436.

Gage Bantams squeak by Oakville

In a round-robin, Tri-County playoff action, the Georgetown Gage Stationary Major Bantams slipped past Oakville, 3-2 last Tuesday night.

Oakville led 1-0 after the first period of play and opened up a 2-0 lead by the midway mark of the second.

Bill Taylor narrowed the Oakville lead to 2-1, converting passes from Marty Power and John Barnes, then with only 18 seconds left in the middle frame, Mike McMenemy counted to knot the contest.

The two teams battled up and down the ice in the final

period, then with but 44 seconds remaining in the game, Mark Falby scored to give Georgetown the win. Bruce McCandless and Mark Eutenier assisted on the winning marker.

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