

Community support, the key to Little NHL's success

One of the main reasons for the success of and the flourishing of the Little NHL in Georgetown, was the support given the organization by the community of Georgetown.

Del (Sylvanus Apps) Beaumont played for the New York Americans in the league's first year. Del was 13 years old when the league was formed and he and his mates were Glen Williams lads.

The Little NHL represented Del's first sojourn into organized hockey and he still can recall the feeling it generated amongst the boys.

"It was the greatest thing that had ever happened to us," he said. "We felt on top of the world."

"Sure we were the little version of the NHL, but when they gave us those sweaters, with the names of the real pros on them, it became a special source of pride to us."

The "Glen Gang" like the other groups of Georgetown youngsters who filled out the rosters of the original Little NHL teams, had their own area in the village where, prior to the league organizing, the boys staged their games.

Near the Anglican Church in Glen Williams, there used to be a dam on the Credit River.

"When the ice formed on the river," recalled Del, "usually by late October or early November, we would be out there with our shovels, clearing off an area of the river so we could play."

The change from the riverfront stadium to the Georgetown Arena meant a big step up for the Glen boys and the whole village rallied behind the team when league play got under way.

"I couldn't say enough about the support given us by the people of Glen Williams," commented Del. "The team, I think, was viewed as a community project. Of course, the sports rivalry that existed between Glen Williams and Georgetown no doubt had a lot to do with it, but the old Georgetown arena used to be packed when we played."

It was hard for Del to really pick a highlight of the first year of operation because as he noted.

"The whole first year was a highlight in itself, from the opening games, when King Clancy and Charlie Conacher sweaters on, with the pro referees, to the wind up and the realization that the season had ended."

Aside from happenings within the league, Del pro, whose name he carried on remembered when he and his teammates visited Maple Leaf Gardens. "We were invited to attend a game between the real New York Americans and the Toronto Maple Leafs."

"We all had our Little NHL players names on them," he said.

"After the game we were taken down to the dressing room and each boy met the pro, whose name he carried on his sweater. It was unforgettable event."

The original team rosters

The rosters appearing here are the first original rosters released for publication. Teams changed players even in the initial year of the Little NHL, 1936, so bear in mind that the rosters printed here might not necessarily reflect the year-end rosters.

CANADIENS

Sponsor - Royal Canadian Legion
 Manager - Cliff Stacey
 Goal; Steamer Emmerson
 Defence; Jim Emmerson, Ab Kemshead
 Centre; Bob Wylie
 Right Wing; Bill Murphy
 Left Wing; Bill Armstrong
 Alternates; Alva Grieves, Mike Cummins

MAPLE LEAFS

Sponsor - Georgetown Lions
 Manager - Eddy Lunan
 Team -
 Goal; Ralph Whitmee
 Defence; Bob Mackenzie, Doug Sargent
 Centre; Donald Early
 Right Wing; Bud James
 Left Wing; Jack Morrow
 Alternates; Charley Hill, Dick Crichton.

MAROONS

Sponsor - Alliance Paper Mills
 Manager - Ken Richardson, Coach - Janet Walter
 Goal; Jim King
 Defence - Lloyd Keir, Bob Early, Orville Patterson
 Centre - Donald Sanderson
 Right Wing - Lorne Hunter, Claude Dillon
 Left Wing - Jimmy Cofell
 Alternates - Lorne Cross, Jim Lyons, Doug Thompson

BLACK HAWKS

Sponsor - Provincial Paper Mills
 Manager - Bill Ritchie
 Goal; Bruce Gummer, Frankie Connelly
 Defence; John Keir, Eddie Stapleton
 Centre; Walker Cleave, Isaac Bullivant
 Right Wing; Gordie Lane, Bruce Collins
 Left Wing; Dave Woods
 Alternates; Joe Walker, Johnny Collier, George Ferry

BOSTON BRUINS

Sponsor - Smith and Stone Ltd.
 Manager - Ab Reeves
 Goal; Jamle Boyle, Gordon James
 Defence; Herb Arnold, William Boyle
 Centre; John Wilson
 Right Wing; Jim Yates, Gordie King
 Left Wing; Edward Wilson
 Alternates; Ken Davidson, Brian Ferry, Mike Lorusso

AMERICANS

Sponsor - Glen Williams Village
 Manager - Tom Norton
 Goal; Stu Jordan, Johnny Wagstaffe
 Defence; Jack Crawford, Vern Kirby
 Centre; Del Beaumont, Gordon Fricker
 Right Wing; Harold Schenk, Joe McMenemy
 Left Wing; George Blyth
 Alternates; Norm Davidson, Bob Davidson, Ray Addy, Cliff Davidson



Real Pointmaker
 "Sylvanus Apps" Beaumont (above) is the main reason Georgetown is so hot in the "midget N.H.L." playoffs at Stanley Stadium. In two games last week he scored 11 goals and got two assists as Georgetown broke even with Copper Cliff. Georgetown lost the first game 10-9 Friday and won 8-1 on Saturday.

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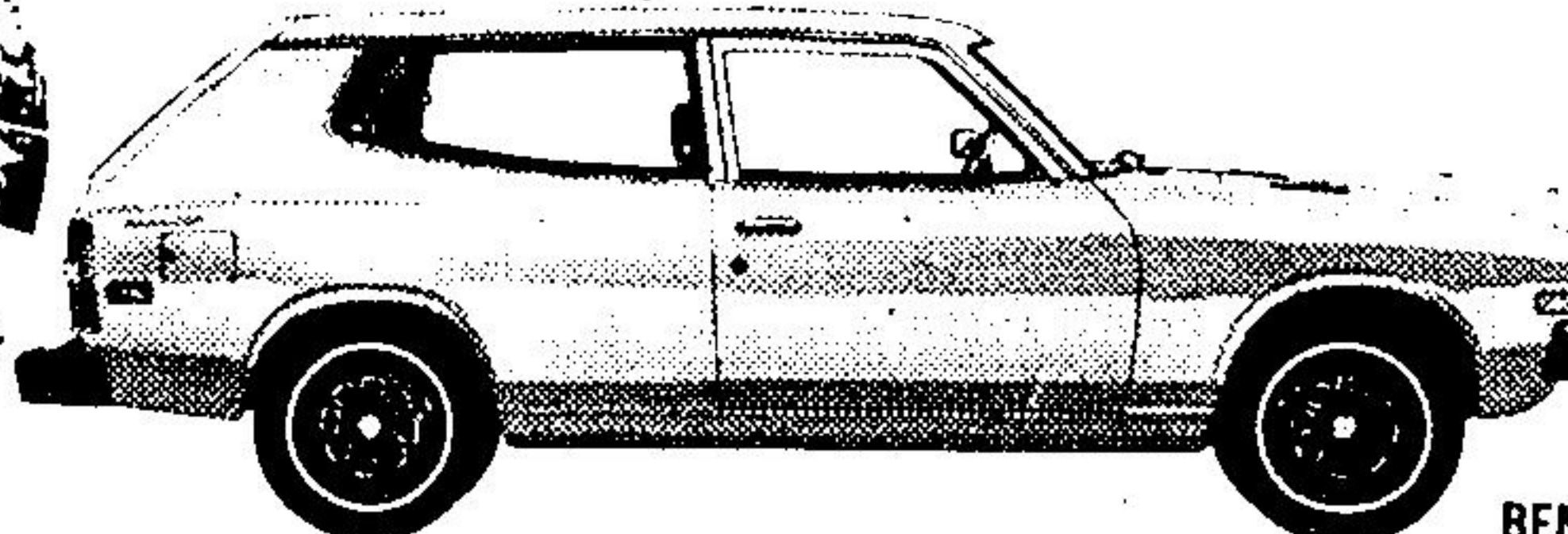
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