



GORD AND LINDA McCALLUM manoeuvre their Fiat 124 Coupe over a slick section of the road. The McCallums

### Sports Comment A certain view on our sports

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The brickbats have been laid aside, temporarily, and this week's sports sojourn will travel the reminiscent route. In glancing at the calendar, last week, I realized that the glut of time had felt fit to remind me of a milestone. Perhaps milestones might be a better term, in some of my reader's opinions, but it struck me that I had just passed two years as the Sport Editor of The Herald. "Struck", believe me, is the right terminology, because I happened to be standing under Caesar's creation when it decided to fall.

I must admit, in a sense, I was shanghaied into the job as I was attending Sheridan College in Oakville, at the time I was hired and had no presumptions about accepting a job in any newspaper capacity, albeit, Sports Editor for the now, Huron Hills Herald.

The opportunity arose, I accepted, and in all truthfulness, I have never regretted my decision. I have always been both a participant and I must admit, an observer of athletic goings-on and in Georgetown I found, and am still discovering, a veritable goldmine of athletic achievements. That I put the rap on a particular aspect of the Georgetown sporting spectrum, from time to time, should not be digested as a judgement on the feast, as a whole. Rather, it should be accepted as a seltzer offered to allow the rest of the local sports banquet a more amenable time to filter through the voracious area athletic appetite.

I am at times critical and I feel rightly so, because I am of the opinion that sports in Canada, are treated as the unwanted, yet at times unavoidable, burdensome child. The only way to remedy this situation, is to make people aware. On the local level, fitness, sports achievements and the lifelong increments that accumulate through being healthy allow one to carry on an active life. If, in demanding the streets I am wrong, then, "Caveat Emptor" let the buyer beware, because I can assure you, I will always be selling these wares.

In one sense I am against the ultra-organized aspect of sport but then again, one realizes that perhaps this is the only way that fitness can be brought to the masses. The word "masses" will no doubt raise some hackles, but before jumping to conclusions and conclusions, think for a bit.

Although I detest generalities, I suppose I must now be considered an adult. In public school, truthfully, in Northern Ontario, our Physical Education classes consisted of: in winter, playing dodge ball in the school basement, once a day, and in summer, perhaps getting out to play softball. Admittedly, it depended on the teacher and one female member of the staff used to dread taking us out on the playground as she used to act as the umpire and to my recollection, not one ball was swung at, and the game (if it could be called one) was terminated time and again, because of a bloody nose; the teacher's.

Thanks to my father, through rather subtle and in fact now, rather ingenious methods, I feel I learned the value of sport. Sport (or a game in a specific instance) should not be dwelt upon, whether in victory or defeat. Instead, the moments should be savored and reminisced over, not in bitterness or in arrogance but in the sense that one was a participant.

In sports, as well as other walks of life, including politics, too many people are observers rather than participants and this, I feel, is at the crux of a plethora of problems.

Sports can be played, reshaped, debated, criticized and lauded. However, the final score, regardless of the game, must be accepted. Perhaps the sports axiom, "It's not if you win, but how the game is played" can and should run counter to the final result.

These thoughts that I have thrown out, in some pythagorean way, hopefully explain my philosophy on sport. I don't consider myself an expert, at times, I consider it a privilege to report on sporting achievements. However I try to maintain an unbiased perspective and in so doing, leave myself open to the "flings and arrows" which undoubtedly, will give me even more fuel for "Sports Comment".

#### SPORTS BITS AND BITES

Claire Galbraith of the GDHS Junior Rebelettes basketball team is having quite a year. She had on 30 point game and last Monday, scored 25 points and grabbed 18 rebounds as the GDHS crew dropped Perdue, 47-37. Louis D'Orazio, of Guelph-Clair of the GJHL is on a scoring spree. In the past two games, Louie had potted six goals. See where Kent Robinson is back conducting dry-land training sessions for the Geminis. Wonder if they'll be allowed to wear shoes.

Students and children get in for 50 cents at this Monday's Raiders vs Thorold game. Rumour is that Rob Stewart, the outstanding goaler last year for Port Colborne Sailors has switched teams. Port will be hardpressed to find an adequate replacement. Still with the Intermediates, no standings have yet been released by league statistician Jack Searle of Dundas. Perhaps he's just taken the \$50 from each team for the job, and absconded. High School basketball action next Tuesday will feature a Junior-Senior doubleheader. Play gets underway, 4:00 p.m. at the GDHS gym. Still with GDHS, the Junior Rebelettes have advanced to Halton semifinal play.

### Minor Bants rolling— win two in a row

The Georgetown Minor Bantams are starting to show their stuff as they picked up two wins in recent play. They bumped Chinguacousy, 3-1 and humbled Burlington, 7-0.

In the Ching game, the Georgetowners displayed a good hustling effort combined with some solid defensive work. Keith Ledger in the Georgetown nets faced 18 shots while the Minor Bants fired 24 shots at the Ching goaler, Gerry Milne, Rick Poot and

Bob Dean were the Georgetown sharpshooters.

The win over Burlington, while a total team effort, highlighted the play of Bob Dean. Bob potted four goals and assisted on another, to pace the Georgetown attack, that saw the locals pepper the Burlington goaler with 63 shots while their netminder, Benny Beckett was only called upon to handle nine drives. Mack Hamilton, Russ Power and Shawn Hutt were the other Minor Bantam goal scorers.

### Raiders lose 6-5 penalties costly

Last Thursday the Georgetown Raiders journeyed to Dunnville for a game with the Mudcats and while Coach, Ron Dixon, felt the team played well for 50 game minutes, a combination of circumstances allowed the hometown Mudcats to claim a 6-5 win.

Four of the six Mudecat goals came on power play opportunities and Dixon felt that the penalties, for the most part, were foolish ones. Another circumstance that led to the Raider defeat happened even before the game had gotten under way. Three Raiders missed a turn and arrived late for the game and this, possibly more than anything else, allowed Dunnville to hold a 2-1 first period lead.

The Raiders got on even footing after forty minutes of play, by rallying for two goals, while limiting Dunnville to but one counter and the game was knotted, 3-3 leading into the third and final frame.

Two of the three Dunnville goals scored in the third period came with their powerplay unit and in an understatement, Dixon stated that this was "one area we'll have to work on."

To the Raiders credit, they kept pressing, even after falling behind, 5-3 barely

### Major Bants split pair

The Georgetown DRG Stationery Major Bantams played 500 hockey last week when they dumped Burlington 3-2 and lost to Milton 4-1.

Jim McNeven, assistant manager and coach, took on the coaching duties last Thursday when the DRG's hosted Burlington and guided his troops to a 3-2 hard won victory. Playing a solid two way game, the Bantams had to play catch-up hockey until Danny Reynolds and Scott Osborne combined to set up Glen Cunningham for the winner when he waited in through the defenders late in the game.

Dave Veitch potted the first goal, unassisted, on a nice wrist shot from the blue line that handicuffed the goalie. Rick Knight to John Lehman to Reynolds, back to Lehman on the fly accounted for the second tally. Scott Osborne, converted to defence to replace the injured Ripley, Steve Robbins, Barry Simpson and Herb Kewley played a steady game up front. Brian Bombolt worked the nets for the win.

Sunday's game against Milton was a turn-around when Milton turned a close two period game of hockey into a victory in the final frame. Hit goalposts and missed open nets plagued the DRG's as they went down to a 4-1 defeat. Mark Bingham and Dave Veitch assisted on the lone marker scored by John Lehman. Kevin Thompson played a good game on the forward line, Steve Robbins returned to the blue line in the absence of Cunningham and along with Osborne threw some solid bodychecks.

### Gibson addresses Sheridan students

Colin Gibson, Herald Sports Editor, has been asked to address first and second year journalism students, this Wednesday (today) at Sheridan College in Oakville.

Gibson, who has been with the Herald two years, majored in History and Minored in Political Science while attending Laurentian University in Sudbury and was a High School supply teacher with the Sudbury Board of Education. He also attended Aberdeen University, in Aberdeen, Scotland, where he was enrolled in the Asian Studies course. His father, Walter Gibson, is the author of two books, The Boat and Highland Laddie; the former, published in 17 languages and excerpted in Readers Digest.

seven minutes into the third. The score was tied, 5-5 at the 13:31 mark, but then a tripping penalty to John Longstreet allowed the Mudcats to pot the winner. Tom Daley was assessed a roughing penalty at the time of the goal and that meant that just when the Raiders might have staged a final offensive push, they were forced to play a man short.

Coach Dixon, while not overly disappointed in the win, was not too pleased with the costly penalties. He did however, find some bright spots in the loss. Craig Hooper played in goal for the Raiders and had a fine game. He did allow six goals, however with four being the result of power plays. He can't be overly faulted. Similarly, it seems that the Raiders have found a solid second line.

Dixon united Art Webster, Craig Simpson and Glen Robinson and this line produced two of the team's three goals. Late in the game, the Raider mentor formed another offensive trio, with Doug Tate, Tom Daley, and John Longstreet combining efforts and this worked out well. Dixon felt that Tate, in particular, had a good game.

Raider goals were scored by Craig Simpson, who netted a pair, while single markers went to John Boyce, Brad Butterworth and Doug Tate. Butterworth also assisted on two other scoring plays, while Tom Dacey, summarily, picked up two assists.

Public school sports, theme of meeting

Sport Ontario's semi-annual general meeting will be held this Saturday, November 20 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Chelsea Inn, Toronto. The theme of the meeting "Broadening the Base" is expected to attract experts from outside Canada, who will discuss pre-teen involvement in sports as well as administrators from various levels in the elementary school system, who will comment on the problems and opportunities, they face.

Space, although limited, is available for those interested in sports at this educational level and those interested in attending, should contact Ms. Naismith at (416) 964-2263.

Bob Reid, Ruby Titchman, Q.C., Dr. John Richardson and Dr. Phil Jones, Directors of Sport Ontario will act as moderators for various sessions in the program.

Jack Donahue, U.S. born coach of Canada's National basketball team and Sash Smushkin, Russian hockey coach, teaching in Canada, are two of the invited guest speakers.

Opinions will be expressed on what is required to get young Canadians turned on to sports in relation to the number of young international stars currently holding the athletic spotlight.

In the afternoon session, a public school principal, the director of physical education for a school system and other executives from the elementary school hierarchy in Ontario, will present their view of the scene as it exists, with emphasis on facilities, coaching, competition and sociological attitudes, as they see them.

### Minor Midgets post third win

The Fubert Minor Midgets won their third game in a row, last week, downing Milton, 3-0. It was a solid team effort that saw the locals post the win, with Howie Hulme, in the Georgetown nets, getting his second shutout of the year.

The Georgetown goal was scored by Jeff Hubert on passes from Ed Dwyer and Jim Pearson.

# Team McCallum completes very satisfying season

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For Gord and Linda McCallum, of Georgetown, their eighth place finish in last weekend's International Tall Pines Rally staged in Orillia, capped what truly could be termed, "an amazing season."

Gord and Linda had been out of active car rallying for the past three years, but decided to once more enter the fray in 1976. They competed in five of the six races that determine the Molson's Auto Sport Rally Championship and Gord did double duty as he was the co-ordinator for the circuit, a post, he still maintains.

The McCallums had been very much into the sport prior to their three-year sabbatical and in 1969, Gord was the factory driver for Fiat.

In the five races that the local team did compete in, on the Molson's circuit, their car, a Fiat 124 Coupe, placed 12th, 10th, 6th, with Randy Black at the wheel, and third. They were forced to withdraw from their fifth competition because of car problems but were very much in the race for the lead, prior to the malfunction.

The third place finish and their good showing prior to withdrawal in the fifth event prompted them to enter the Tall Pines International Rally, but then circumstances, lent much more meaning to their rallying endeavour.

The Tall Pines rally, was the 12th and final event in the Castrol Rally Championship of Canada. Jean-Paul Perusse, the driver for Fiat, had already wrapped up the individual driving championship and had departed earlier in the week for Sweden where he was to test drive the Saab that he would be driving in the upcoming Royal Automobile Club Rally of Great Britain. Fiat had allowed him to leave, but were more than a little concerned because they held a mere 14 point lead over Datsun in the manufacturers championship standings. This is where the McCallums came in to the picture.

Fiat contacted Gord and asked him if he would carry the manufacturers colors. They informed Gord of the battle between themselves and Datsun and stated that a substantial bonus would be made

available to the McCallums if the point spread could be held.

Gord accepted the Fiat offer and the trial was on. The Tall Pines Rally was run over a course, 400 miles in length, with 130 miles of the course designated as "special stages" over which, the penalty point system would be tabulated. The weather came in to play at this point, as 60 per cent of the "special stages" course, was covered with glare ice, a factor that caused a moment of anxiety to the McCallums.

The race strategy, for the Georgetown couple, was to pace themselves so that the car would place within the top nine in the field. Anything up to a ninth place finish would give Fiat the manufacturers championship but a lower placing would throw the coveted championship in jeopardy.

The McCallums plan worked well over the early part of the race, but then an unplanned for quirk of fate, ripped away the strategy. Gord developed food poisoning, but decided to press on and the car slipped from seventh place to 13th overall.

The effects of the bout with

food poisoning gradually wore off, but it was obvious that speed was of the essence.

Speed almost heralded disaster in the third leg, as the car hit an icy patch, slid sideways and clipped a tree before Gord finally regained control. The tree, it happens was a fortunate obstacle as it was the only barricade between the road and an ice covered river, 60 feet below.

The brush with catastrophe only steeled the McCallum's minds to the task at hand and they roared on, gradually moving up through the pack, for their very satisfying eighth place finish.

The race was won by the team of Taisto Hienonen and Tom Burgess of Vancouver, for the third straight year. Five time Canadian rally champion, Walter Boyce, placed sixth overall, so the McCallums' two hours 13:49 seconds penalty points, over the "special stages," marked a tremendous run.

There were 36 starters in the field, including a team from the United States and Great Britain, and it must be stated, competition was keen, especially since Perusse had decided not to compete.

The Tall Pines run was a very satisfactory end to the comeback season, for the McCallums but their future plans still remain hazy. The rally season starts in January and Gord has been toying with the idea of competing in the Castrol series. This year, the 12 race series will have two categories, Open and Production and Gord has given some thought to constructing a car that would compete in the Production Class. However, the final decision has yet to be made.

McCallum feels that the sport of rallying is attracting an ever increasing field of supporters in North America and that both the North American trend to smaller cars and the fact that rallying is a much more relevant auto sport to North American drivers, lies behind its increase in popularity.

The McCallum team's success this year, however, has brought the sport closer home to Georgetowners and their achievements mark yet another chapter in the Georgetown athletic journal.



THOROLD HERE MONDAY

## Raiders beat Dunnville, 3-1 in best game of the season



Last Friday night, in Georgetown, the Georgetown Raiders put on their most impressive showing of the year, in handing the Dunnville Mudcats, a 3-1 setback. Dunnville had edged the Raiders, 6-5, in a previous night's encounter, so Friday's victory was doubly sweet.

Dunnville, the laughing stock of the league last year, are a much improved squad this time around and most definitely must be classed as a contender. They have added defenceman, Jean Latulippe, from last year's league champion, Port Colborne and he, along with several Juniors and other new faces have given the club a spirit that was lacking last year.

This spirit was very much in evidence in Friday's tilt and in fact, erupted into a full-scale brouhaha in the dying minutes of the game. In the third and final period, Dunnville, perhaps realizing that they were definitely outclassed, began to display a chippy style of hockey.

Raider stalwart, Neil Cotton and Mudecat, Brian Barnett appeared fed up with the preliminaries and staged a main event with but 37 seconds left to play. For their efforts, both Cotton and Barnett received two minor penalties, 10 minutes misconducts and game misconducts and while the Raiders and Cotton both came out on top, it is expected that Neil will be forced to watch from the sidelines for several games, as a result of the battle.

The game itself, as termed by Raider Coach, Ron Dixon was "the best 60 minutes of team effort of the year." Dixon lauded praise on three phases of the Raiders game, the offence, the defence and the goaltending and could find little fault anywhere in his charges performance.

It appears that the Raiders have found three solid lines with which to blitz their off-enders and in Friday's win, all three pairing produced a goal.

The line of Doug Tate, Tom Daley and John Longstreet had a hand in giving the Raiders a 1-0 first period lead. Tate converted passes from John Boyce and Neil Cotton at the 10:28 mark of the opening frame, to draw first blood for the hometown favourites.

Craig Simpson on a pass from Bill Currie, opened up a 2-0 Raider lead, barely 2:37 into the sandwich frame and although the Mudcats narrowed the Georgetown lead, to 2-1 with a counter at the 16:41 mark, the Raiders clearly controlled play. In the second period, Georgetown outshot Dunnville, 12-6 and this statistic clearly illustrates who carried the play.

Hay Evans added the insurance marker on passes from Steve Blundy and Bob Fotheringham in the third period and with the Mudecat game stymied, the visitors resorted to cheap-shot tactics.

Tom Daley, the league's leading scorer last year when he totted for Oakville, had perhaps his best game of the 1976-77 Intermediate "A" campaign, to date.

The three stars of Friday's game were Bill Currie, Doug Tate, and Ray Evans.

FRIDAY'S LINEUP  
Mario MacDonald, John


Boyce, Brad Butterworth, John Longstreet, Doug Tate, Tom Daley, Neil Cotton, Bill Currie, Glen Robinson, Art Webster, Craig Simpson, Ray Evans, Steve Blundy, Bob Fotheringham, Pete Fendley and Craig Hooper.

This week's games represent a crucial period for the Raiders. Thorold is in first place in the loop's standings


and the Raiders face them twice in four days.

Friday, the Raiders journey to Thorold for an away encounter, while this coming Monday, they play host to Thorold, game time, 8:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. For Monday's game, students and children will be charged just 50 cents.

## ANNOUNCEMENT PARK TOYOTA




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