



ACTION IN FRONT OF THE PORT COLBORNE NET, in last Friday's game between the Raiders and the Port Colborne Raiders. Unfortunately for the Raiders, they were frustrated for most of the evening around the Port net and

the Raiders posted a 4-2 win. This was the first game of the best-of-seven league semifinals. The two teams do battle again this Friday night, game time, 8:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

# Chrysler Raiders lose 4-2 team continues to slump

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders were slated to play Dundas last Friday in their last regularly scheduled game of the 1976-77 OHA Major Intermediate "A" season, however, Dundas defaulted and the Raiders got into semi-final play with the Port Colborne Raiders. The Raiders undoubtedly would have preferred to be going against Dundas as the Georgetowners played a sloppy mistake-filled game and Port Colborne posted a handy 4-2 win. Port now leads the best-of-seven semi final playoff series, one game to nil.

The game was a fast-flowing affair and possibly the pace of the game, helped to disguise numerous Raider miscues. The locals hit the scoreboard first, however, when Steve Blundy, off passes from Ray Evans and Neil Colton scored a shorthanded goal at the 6:41 mark of the opening frame. This was how things stood leading into the second period. It was the second stanza that saw the Raiders suffer from their mistakes. Port Colborne scored twice in the second, both goals coming off Raider errors and opened up a 2-1 lead, which they carried into the third period. Bob Goss and Fraser Rice (with his first of a pair) scored for the Raiders. The third period didn't help

the Raider cause any and barely a minute-and-a-half into the period, Port Colborne's Rice counted again, for what eventually proved to be the winning marker, to give the Raiders a 3-1 lead and virtually seal the Georgetowners fate. At the 15:46 mark, Port Colborne's Ted DeRuller blinched the red light to run the count to 4-1, in the Sailor's favor and that, as they say, was the whole ball game. The Raiders Pat Maloney, combined with Craig Simpson,

for another shorthanded goal at the 18:54 mark of the third and final period, but by that time, the brief resurgence was too late to really matter. **FRIDAY'S LINEUP** ... Mario MacDonald, Bill Currie, Neil Colton, Tom Daley, Doug Tate, Art Webster, Brad Butterworth, Craig Simpson, Steve Blundy, Ray Evans, Bob Fotheringham, Doug Barnes, Pat Maloney, Tom Gilbert, Bob Clarke, Bob Elmesky and Gregg Hooper. The Raiders could be bounc-

ed out of post season play in short order if they don't get their game together, but this week's action will tell the tale. The Raiders played in Port Colborne Tuesday night, at press time, the score was not available, this Friday night, Port Colborne journey's to Georgetown, for the third game of the series, slated to get under way, 8:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Arena, with the fourth game of the series scheduled for this Sunday, 7 p.m. in Port Colborne.

## Raiders lose to Thorold, championship hopes gone

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders blew a chance to virtually clinch their first ever OHA Major Intermediate "A" regular season crown last Wednesday night, when they were blown out 7-2 by the Thorold Athletics, in Thorold.

The Athletics had popped in four more goals and held a more than comfortable 6-0 lead. At the 15:00 minute mark, Doug Barnes (a Junior player) scored on an unassisted effort to finally get the "Red and White" crew on the scoreboard. A little more than three minutes later, Ray Evans clinched for a goal, off passes from Bob Fotheringham and Steve Blundy, so at the end of two periods, Thorold's lead had been cut to 6-2, plenty of time for the Raiders to mount another rally.

Unfortunately, for the Georgetowners the rally failed to materialize and the Athletics drove home the point, with their final game marker at the 4:28 mark of the final stanza to run their winning margin to 7-2.

Gino Farnacci had two goals for Thorold, as did Howie Dean, while single counters were registered by Gerry Maney, Brian Campbell and Larry Jacques. **WEDNESDAY'S LINEUP** ... Mario MacDonald, Bill Currie, Bob Elmesky, Neil Colton, Tom Daley, Doug Tate, Brad Butterworth, Terry Turner, Steve Blundy, Chris Milne, Bob Clarke, Tom Gilbert, Pat Maloney, Craig Simpson, Bob Fotheringham, Doug Barnes, Larry Peterson, Ray Evans and Dick Tomkinson.

### COACH BLASTS RAIDERS

Georgetown Chrysler Raider Coach, Junior Tibbitts, lashed out at his player, "following their disappointing loss to the Port Colborne Raiders last Friday night at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, in the first game of a best-of-seven OHA Major Intermediate "A" playoff series. "They (Port Colborne) were digging," he fumed, "we weren't. They wanted a win, and we didn't, it's as simple as that." Tibbitts was obviously concerned about the team's poor showing in its last two outings, but was at a loss to pinpoint the reason. "They could have tried harder," he claimed, "they just didn't seem to have the desire. I've never been with a club that's played like that, maybe it's my fault. But," he stated, "I am a winner, I do anything to win, in fact, I'll only play the players that want to win. We'll come back, I'm sure of that." The Raiders will have a chance to get back on the good side of their Coach this week: On Tuesday, the Raiders played in Port Colborne, at press time the score was not available; this coming Friday, the third game of the series will be played in Georgetown, game time 8:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. The fourth game of the series is slated for this coming Sunday, 7:00 p.m. in Port Colborne.

## Town gymnastic team holds exciting meet

Sunday, March 13, 1977 Halton Hills Recreation Dept. held its first all Halton Hill Gymnastic meet hosted by the Halton Hills Gymnastic Club. There were 210 individual ribbons given out, certificates for all gymnasts with full scores marked on, and participant ribbons for all recreational gymnasts. It made for a happy day for all 92 gymnasts who competed in the meet.

As the individual winners are numerous to cover stated below are the all round winners in the eight different levels. There were two tiny divisions, Acton and Georgetown.

All around winners in Acton Division: 1 Penny Suher, 2 Martha Armstrong, 3 Kiri Gudgeon, 4 Jennifer Lusby, 5 Elaine Easdale and 6 Adrienne Kaucka. All around in Georgetown Tiny Group: 1 Patti Graham Smith, 2 Jenny Gallagher, 3 Jennifer Henwood, Cindy Capling, 5 Christine Schirk and 6 Terri Cornfoot. The Cadet group combined both of Acton and Georgetown gymnasts girls placing all around: 1 Elizabeth Majurey, 2 Michelle Dupuis, 3 Andrea Armstrong, 4 Christine Hughes, 5 Kelly Bogart and 6 Carman Lamonte. Argo group again were combined with Georgetown and Acton: 1 Susan Auty, 2

Penne Velhoff, 3 Linda Gouden, 4 Michelle Migue, 5 Kim Craik and 6 Kelly Whaling. As the Tyro-Argo group had a lot less competitors this group placed out of three: Ann Graham Smith, Rhonda De Zeew and Karen Sparks. Novice first, Kelly George. The club divided their girls into two groups Cadet and Tiny group which were the smaller of the two. 1 Lisa Frank, 2 Debra Dougal and a tie for third Gail Cook and Michelle Bailey. The Tyro-Argo and Novice group from the club all competed as a team. 1 Katherine Aggiss, 2 Andrea Stafford, 3 Louise Morwick, 4 Donna Bussey, 5 Terri Lamb and 6 Maurine McGowan.

## Prepare now for summer

By VIC STODDART The Halton Hills Swim Team hosted a swim meet against the Caledon Swim Club last Sunday at Acton. Once again the Caledon team amassed more points than the Halton Hills team. However, each time we swim against them the point gap is getting smaller. We hope by the time the Tri-meet comes along in May that we will have closed the gap. Looking back, it was a good swim meet with some very exciting races. Congratulations to all the swim team members. We have had a swimathon to raise money to purchase lane line, all the money is not yet in but results so far look very good.

I would like to say thank you to the following people who counted lengths for the swimmers during the swimathon; Mr. Smith, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Pepper, Mr. Elson, Mary Lynn Morrow, Scott Morrow, Tracy Leggett, Cayley Creswell. Thanks again. Spring is just around the corner. These last few warm days make you think of hot summer days by the pool or lake. Have you worn your swim suit recently? Is it a little tight in the wrong places? Now is the time to do a little exercise in readiness for the summer. Come to the recreational swims either family, adult or public. Swim a little each week and by summertime that swim suit will fit just right. If you do not swim, now

would be the time to think about taking lessons. The spring swim lesson session, starts in April, by the time the lessons are over you will be able to face the summer and enjoy the water instead of just watching it. Registration Day for spring lessons is Saturday April 2nd at 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the pool. The disposition of outstanding funds from the Wintario grants committee was discussed behind closed doors Monday. It is believed the committee discussed an increase in tennis fees along with combined membership for Moore Park and Joseph Gibbons tennis clubs.

# HERALD sports

COLIN GIBSON, SPORTS EDITOR



SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMERS demonstrate their aquatic skills at the Georgetown Indoor Pool Aquatic Show on Saturday. Swimmers are Beth Stewart, Saskia Post, Carla Hickey, Jo-Anne Primerano and Roberta Burke.

## Al Pilutti Atoms win playoff opener

The Al Pilutti Minor Atoms continued with their hectic pace, last week as the team saw action three times and picked up two wins and a tie. In an exhibition game, the Georgetowners tied Brampton "AAA" 3-3 in a league game, the locals dropped Guelph, 5-2 and in their first game of the Tri-County playoffs, the Minor Atoms whipped Brampton, 5-1. Against the Brampton "AAA" club, missed scoring chances again prevented the Al Pilutti crew from picking up a win. Georgetown led, 2-1 after the first period but Brampton rebounded to count a goal in the second and tie the game at 2-2 after two periods. Brampton went one up, early in the final frame, but the Georgetowners rallied to gain the tie. John Barclay, Brent

Smith and David Montague scored the Georgetown markers, with Wayne Morrow and Mike Moore earning assists. The minor atoms ran their season's record 24 wins and a single loss, for 48 points, in the league 5-2 win over Guelph. Guelph opened the game scoring, but the locals potted two goals, within two minutes, to lead, 2-1 after the first period. The Georgetowners held a 3-2 lead after two periods, then turned on the after-burners in the final frame, to leave Guelph, far behind. David Montague had two goals, while singles were counted by Mike O'Brien, John Barclay and Keith Reiger. The Minor Atoms Tri-County playoff game against Brampton was a close affair through two periods. Then, Brampton

started to get chippy and the Al Pilutti gang were able to take over control of the game. Georgetown led, 1-0 after the first period and were in front, 2-1 after two periods of play. Just three minutes into the final period, the Georgetowners made it 3-1 and that, for all intents and purposes was the game. John Barclay scored twice in this match, with Mike Moore, Stephen Marcolini and Brent Smith adding singles. Games two and three of the playoff series are slated for Georgetown the third if necessary) this Saturday, the Al Pilutti bunch will be participating in the Timmy Tyke Tournament, and they will be going against the Toronto Red Wings game time 10:45 a.m. at the Scarborough Arena.

## Georgetown in league finals

Peter Thompson and Merve McNamara were outstanding in Sunday's non-contact hockey finals playoff game. Peter Thompson scored the hat-trick and Merve McNamara scored on two sensational individual efforts as Georgetown defeated Hillsburgh Country Gents by the score 6-3, to tie the best of five finals, one game each. McNamara's first goal was spectacular as he stickkanded through the entire team, split the defence, pulled the goalie out and tucked the puck into the net.

The whole team played a sound defensive game in contrast to their season free wheeling style. Bill Wells scored the other goal. The third game of the finals was played Tuesday night, 10:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. The fourth game will be played Sunday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. in Erin. A fifth game if necessary will be played March 29, 10:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. **TUES. MARCH 8** Hillsburgh Country Gents

defeated Georgetown 3-2 in sudden death overtime. Harry Warrington scored all three goals for Hillsburgh while Brian Quinn and Merve McNamara each scored singles for Georgetown.

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**Sports Comment**  
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**Future stars in Georgetown**

BY COLIN GIBSON  
Herald Sports Editor

The 17th Annual Georgetown International Bantam Tournament will officially get under way this Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. when the first puck is dropped signalling the start of the game between two "A" Division teams, Brampton and Hamilton.

The week long affair will wind up the following Saturday with the championship game and the awards presentation but in between and in fact, all week long hockey buffs from throughout the area and points east, west, north and south, will be treated to a hockey spectacular that is gaining prestige among knowledgeable hockey people.

Aside from the spectators scouts will arrive to have a look at promising young players who quite possibly could be making headlines in professional ranks in just a few years. A host of high calibre professionals playing now, have participated in the Georgetown International Bantam Tournament and it is expected that a few gems will be plucked from this year's batch of players.

The Tournament originated in 1961, was taken over by the Kinsmen Club of Georgetown in 1967 and has grown bigger and better with each passing year. Peterborough "A" won the inaugural event and through the succeeding 15 years, leading up to the 1977 tournament "A" Division domination has only been challenged twice.

In 1967, the Georgetown entry, a "C" Division team, lit the lights of the town for all hours when they defeated Levaek to capture the Grand Championship. In 1974, Chinguacousy, a "B" Division team won the Grand Championship. All the other Grand Champions were "A" Division teams and several have copped the championship silverware, more than once.

Winnipeg, who regularly competed in the tournament until the late 60's, have won the Grand Championship three times, twice in succession, in 1965 and 1966. The Toronto Young Nationals and the Toronto Marlboro Bantams have won the Grand Championship twice.

American teams have had relative success in the tourney, as Detroit Myr Metal won the Grand Championship in 1968 and the Detroit Bosquet Bantams emerged as the Grand Champions last year.

All the afore-mentioned teams had classy, poised squads, but in most people's minds, it is the stylish individuals who have competed in Georgetown that truly have added to the affair's growing prestige.

Twenty former participants in the Georgetown International Bantam Hockey Tournament have made their mark in the NHL and nine others have played in the WHA. The American Hockey League as well, as the International Hockey League and the various Junior loops have placed tournament alumni on their rosters.

Marcel Dionne, of the Los Angeles Kings, played in the local tournament, as did Darryl Sittler now the Captain and star of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Dick Iredmond, Boston's Brad Park and the Philadelphia Flyer's, Rick MacLeish have been tournament participants. Georgetown's Jan and Paul Popell, of the WHA starred in the Bantam Tournament as did the Houston Aero's Mark Howe. Howe in fact, was the Tournament Most Valuable Player in 1968.

Other professionals who have played in the tournament include, Bill Lochead, Gary Smith, Chris Odeifson, John Grisdale, Gary Edwards, Butch Goring, Rick Middleton and Bill Fairbairn. The Montreal Canadiens, Doug Risebrough was a participant, as was Chuck Leffley, Tom Martin, Handy Manery, Bryan Lefley, Joey Johnston, Syl Apps, Mike Pelyk, Ken Murray, Darryl Maggs, Brian Morenz, Ron Climie, Steve Cuddie and Bill Prentice.

A tremendous amount of hockey talent has participated in the Georgetown International Bantam Tournament and needless to say, this year's event will prove no exception.

The future stars of professional hockey are at present toiling in the minor systems and the Georgetown International Bantam Tournament has always had more than the usual tournament quota of future stars.

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