

# Raiders CHAMPS



"WE'RE NUMBER ONE", chant the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders after they defeated Fort Erie last Sunday evening to win the OHA Major Intermediate "A" Championship. The Raiders now advance to Hardy Cup play and this weekend play host to the Timmins Northstars.

In Hardy Cup quarter final play. The first game in the best-of-five series is slated for this Friday night, game time 8:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, with the series continuing on succeeding nights until a winner is declared.

## Raiders split Fort Erie games

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders journeyed to Fort Erie for two games last week. Tuesday, March 30 and Wednesday, March 31, sporting a one game lead in the OHA Major Intermediate "A" best-of-seven final playoff series. The

Raiders had won the series opener, 3-1 in overtime, in Georgetown the previous Monday and while the most fervent supporters were rooting for a Raider two game sweep, the realists with the club felt that a split would stand the home-

town favorites in good stead leading to the pair of weekend encounters, slated for Georgetown.

A split was what the Raiders accomplished in Fort Erie and in a reversal of form, from the opener's shootout, both games in Fort Erie were tight, closely contested battles that highlighted the tenacious post-season play. The Tuesday night game was won by the Mavericks, 4-2, while the Raiders captured the Wednesday night tilt by a 3-2 count. The win on Wednesday enabled the Raiders to open up a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven affair, going into the weekend twin bill.

The Georgetown crew barely had time to shake off the travelling stiffness before they found themselves behind 3-0, to the Mavericks, in Tuesday night's game. The weariest Raider traveller was goaltender Mario MacDonald, who had performed so brilliantly against Port Colborne. By the 8:08 mark of the opening frame, Fort Erie had aimed but three shots at MacDonald, but all three slipped past the Raider netminder and it was obvious he was not on top of his game.

### \*\*\*\*\* Sports Comment \*\*\*\*\*



### Don't underestimate Timmins team

By COLIN GIBSON  
Herald Sports Editor

It should be a wild and woolly few days in Georgetown, starting this Friday, when the Timmins North Stars, Northland Intermediate Hockey Champions, invade the Raiders lair (Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena) for best-of-five Hardy Cup quarter-final play. The Northstars bumped off the Sault Ste. Marie Charles for the right to challenge the Raiders, while the Raiders edged the Fort Erie Mavericks 6-5 last Sunday night in Georgetown to gain their Hardy Cup quarter final berth.

It is common knowledge that I am a Northerner, having grown up in Cochrane, a small town roughly 60 miles North of Timmins. While I can't claim residency status in Timmins, my family has lived there for the past six years and I spent two summers in the northern burg while attending University.

During those summers I played fastball in Timmins and got to know some of the area sportsmen. I was familiar with most of them, however, as for the most part, they were Cochrane's opposition in rep team and high school athletics. Ironically, Jim Young, one of the Timmins Northstars goalies lived next door to my parents, in Timmins and Jim and I are acquaintances.

The North has a reputation as a rough-and-ready place and teams from the North, competing in Southern Ontario almost automatically are tarred with the same brush, to wit "dirty, bruising, etc. etc." I had a first hand experience with this kind of reception.

In the mid-sixties, Cochrane's bantam softball team advanced to the All-Ontario finals against Willowdale. As it happened, there were two Indian kids on our team, brother, Dave and George Hester, both fine ball players and the minute we hit the Willowdale field, the razzing started. It was a rough series won by Willowdale, but I have often thought that the pre-conceived Willowdale opinion on our style of play had a lot to do with the problems that arose.

I am happy to say that the Northern boys did have the last word, however.

Our catcher, Dave Warrell, had a squirrel's tail attached to his glove merely because he viewed it as a good luck piece. When asked what the object was Dave calmly replied that it was a walrus mustache that he had taken off an animal he had killed, while cruising in his kayak one day after school. The Willowdale lads scoffed at this, of course, but throughout the series, they gave Warrell a wide berth.

Living in Northern Ontario with the wilds and the weather, does tend to give one a perhaps more physical outlook on sports. I can attest to this. However, to underestimate the talents of Northern Ontario athletes, would be a grievous mistake. Especially in hockey.

NHL rosters are liberally dotted with Northern boys three who have more recently made the big step include, Eric Vail, Don Lever and Wilf Paiement. Vail was the NHL's Rookie of the Year, with the Atlanta Flames and Lever has just been named to Team Canada, 1977. Both Vail and Lever come from the Timmins area and both have friends and ex-teammates on the Northstars.

The word has filtered down that the Northland Intermediate League is a chippy, no-holds-barred loop with brawls highlighting almost every game. It is a rough league, I have seen several games while visiting my parents, but it is also a league that features a number of talented hockey players, several of whom toil for the Northstars.

The Raider-Northstar series will be a highly entertaining affair, of this I am certain. And, as with any other sport, it will depend on the players as to how the games will be played. Both squads, I am certain, will not hesitate to resort to the rough stuff should the need arise. However, I am equally certain that both teams are capable of sticking to the finer points of the game, again if this is called for.

Hopefully what Georgetowners will see, is a good brand of hockey that will highlight all aspects of the game.

At the 5:10 mark of the third period, Pat Maloney converted passes from Bill Currie and Tom Daley to pull the Raiders to within one goal of Fort Erie but this proved the last Raider hurrah in Tuesday's game.

At the 5:32 mark of the third period, Owen Held scored his second of the match to seal up the Fort Erie win. This tied the best-of-seven series at one game apiece and set the stage for the Wednesday confrontation.

The Wednesday night 3-2 Raider win, saw Mario MacDonald return to top form. Possibly urged on by their netminder's performance, the Raiders jumped out to a 3-0 lead by the midway mark of the second stanza. Tommy

Gilbert took a pass from Doug Tate at the 4:37 mark of the opening period that allowed the Raiders to draw first blood. This was how things stood through 20 minutes of play.

At the 39 second mark of the second, Neil Colton took a Doug Tate pass and the power-play goal moved the Raiders in front, 2-0. The Raider power-play continued with its effectiveness at the 7:27 mark of the second, when Tom Gilbert notched his second counter of the game, on passes from Ray Evans and Brad Butterworth.

Owen Held continued to hold a hot hand for the Mavericks and his marker at 12:39 narrowed the Raider lead to 3-1. After two periods, the Raiders led 3-1 and this proved to be enough for Fort Erie goaler, Myles Bosnak. In the third period he was replaced by Rich Walpole. Walpole settled into the task at hand with confidence, but his mates were continuously foiled by Mario MacDonald's magic.

Fort Erie were able to best MacDonald once in the third, but when they did, at the 18:15 mark, all it did was provide some game ending excitement. Dave O'Banion was the occasion.

The Wednesday win, allowed the Raiders to enter the weekend play with an added boost of confidence.

By COLIN GIBSON  
Herald Sports Editor

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders emerged as OHA Champions for the eighth time when they edged a plucky, gallant Fort Erie Maverick team, 6-5 last Sunday in Georgetown to wrap up the best-of-seven OHA Major Intermediate "A" championship series in five games.

The Mavericks were odds-on underdogs in the championship series, but they couldn't be taken that lightly, as they had ousted regular season champion, Thorold Athletic, 4-2 in a best-of-seven semifinal. The Raiders advanced to the championship round, when they edged defending league champion, Port Colborne Sailors, 4-3 in their best-of-seven semifinal.

The best-of-seven final got under way last Monday evening in Georgetown and in a Wild West shootout, the Raiders took the opening tilt, 9-8 in overtime. The next two games, slated for Fort Erie, last Tuesday (March 29) and Wednesday saw the respective goal-tenders polish up their strong points and Fort Erie claimed a 4-2 win on Tuesday, while the Raiders emerged victorious with a 3-2 win on Wednesday.

This set the stage for last weekend's twin bill and the spectators that took in the games, at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, got more than their money's worth. The Raiders triumphed on Friday night by a 5-4 count and wrapped up the league pennant with the 6-5 overtime win on Sunday but in the interim, rousing action action was the byword.

In the Friday night set-to, two Raiders, defenceman, Bill Currie and forward, Doug Tate were towers of strength for the Georgetown crew. Currie, who must have been on the ice for at least 40 minutes, was lauded by Coach, Junior Tibbitts both for his on ice play and his leadership qualities. Tate played with more confidence as the game wore on, and was a thorn in the Mavericks' side throughout the contest.

The game started out a bit on the scrambly side and in the very early going, the Raiders had three good scoring chances but failed to capitalize on them. Fort Erie's Pat O'Banion drew first blood for the Mavericks with his marker at the 2:02 mark but just over three minutes later, Steve Blundy converted a pass from Doug Tate for a power-play goal that knotted the contest at 1-1.

The teams traded goals at around the 15 minute mark, Doug Tate, from Neil Colton for the Raiders and Pat O'Banion with his second of the game.

for the Mavericks and that's how things stood after 20 minutes of play.

The second period nearly proved disastrous for the Raiders as through the first 12 minutes or so they appeared confused and disorganized and Fort Erie took full advantage to pop in two goals and jump in front, 4-2. Coach Tibbitts was at a loss to explain his team's lapse but needless to say, was relieved when they got their game together near the 15 minute mark. Whatever momentum Fort Erie had been gathering, was rudely swept aside when the Raiders scored twice within 11 seconds at the 14:39 mark to deadlock the game at 4-4.

Pat Maloney got the first marker, when he squirmed through the Maverick defense and was in perfect position to slap home a rebound. Tom Gilbert and Tom Daley earned assists on this goal. Bill Currie notched the fourth Raider goal as play carried right back into the Fort Erie end and Currie converted passes from Tom Daley and Pat Maloney for the marker.

As the third period got under way, the Raider crowd came alive with chants of "Go Raiders Go" and this seemed to spur the hometown favorites on Junior Tibbitts felt that the turning point in the game was the tying goal. "We're front-runners," he exclaimed, "and after that fourth goal, it just seemed that the team smelled a win."

The third period was dominated by the Raiders and at the 2:42 mark, Doug Tate a stand-out all game, scored what proved to be the winning marker, on passes from Neil Colton and Tommy Gilbert. The Raiders had been applying pressure in the Fort Erie Zone for a full minute and it appeared to be only a matter of time, before they found the mark. Tate provided the touch, a fitting end to a tremendous individual game effort.

The Raiders went into the Sunday night game knowing full well that they had an opportunity to wrap up the provincial title before their hometown fans. Through 20 minutes of play, the "Red and White" crew couldn't be faulted as they thoroughly dominated play and opened up a 2-0 lead after 20 minutes.

Through most of the second period, however, as in the Friday game, the Raiders forgot how to play hockey and again, had it not been for a late Raider resurgence, Fort Erie could have skated off to a win.

Owen Held, Terry Forrester and Danny Blair hit for Fort Erie and by the 8:44 mark of the second, Fort Erie had moved in front by a 3-2 count.

At the 18:34 mark, Tom Daley, off a pass from Art Webster drew the Raiders even at 3-3 then less than a minute later, Doug Tate moved the Raiders in front once again. Tate converted a Bill Currie pass to give the Raiders the 4-3 lead and this topped off another fine game by Tate as he collected the hatrick after potting the two early Raider markers.

The Raiders were by no means out of the woods yet but appeared to be firmly in command by the 10:49 mark when Art Webster took passes from Steve Blundy and John Boyce to give the Raiders a seemingly insurmountable, 5-3 lead.

The game was sent into overtime, when Fort Erie Coach, Gerry Roussel pulled off a coaching coup that still has fans buzzing. With his team down by two goals, and a little over three minutes left to play, Roussel pulled his goalie for a sixth attacker. The play worked, as Pat O'Banion scored to move the Mavericks to within one of the lead, but the tactic had it's nerve-racking moments. The Raiders had at least four opportunities to put the game out of reach, by counting into the empty net, but they failed on each occasion. Doug Tate brought an anguished moan from the crowd when he hit the post.

With 1:12 to play, Myles Bosnak was inserted back into the Maverick goal and 12 seconds later, Jack Ashworth scored for Fort Erie to put the game into overtime.

The first 20 minutes overtime period saw both teams draw into a defensive shell and wait for scoring opportunities. The Raiders had several good chances, as did Fort Erie, but the game remained tied at 4-4 after the first overtime frame.

As the second overtime period got under way, the Raiders hopes received a jolt, when John Boyce was sent to the penalty box for a questionable tripping penalty. The Mavericks moved the puck into the Raider zone, but were unable to set up a cohesive scoring unit. The puck skittered down to the Fort Erie end and Ray Evans, rushed in to try and bottle up the puck. His fore-checking tactics pruned the puck loose and it skipped behind the Fort Erie net.

At this point, the Mavericks froze. While they were going through their popticle routine, Evans retrieved the puck, moved in front of the Fort Erie net and slipped a backhand shot for the championship win.

The Raiders were definitely a better-calibre team than the Mavericks, but Fort Erie must be given full marks for the tenaciousness. They never gave up, rallied time and again and proved worthy championship opponents.

Haider Coach, Junior Tibbitts expressed the feelings of his players and a majority of the spectators when he noted, in the jubilant Raider dressing room, "Fort Erie is one hell of a hockey team." Tibbitts was at a loss to describe his feelings when Ray Evans bagged the winner, but couldn't say enough about the efforts of his players. "Maybe we're not the best hockey team in the world," he cried, "but we're sure a good one."

The Raiders now advance against the Timmins Northstars in Hardy Cup quarter final play. The first game of the best-of-five series will get under way this Friday evening game time 8:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, with the series continuing on succeeding nights until a winner is declared.

CHAMPIONSHIP LINEUP  
Mario MacDonald, John Boyce, Brad Butterworth, Neil Colton, Doug Tate, Tom Gilbert, Bill Currie, Steve Blundy, Pat Maloney, Ray Evans, Bob Clarke, Chris Milne, Art Webster, Tom Daley, John Longstreet, Bob Fotheringham and Gregg Hooper.

### Series with Timmins now best-of-five

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders team president, Neil Colton, informed the Herald on Monday that a last-minute change in plans has come up in the Raiders Hardy Cup quarter final series slated for this weekend against the Timmins Northstars, Champions of the Northland Intermediate Hockey League.

The series was to have been a best-of-three affair, but the powers-that-be have decreed that it will now be a best three-out-of-five series to determine which team will advance to Hardy Cup semifinal play.

The Raiders defeated Fort Erie, four games to one, in the OHA Intermediate "A" championship series, while Timmins defeated the Sault Ste. Marie Charles three games to one in their best-of-five Northland Intermediate Hockey final series.

If the Raiders get past Timmins, then they will play host to the winner of the Embarras Panthers-Val D'Or Hardy Cup quarter final series, beginning in Georgetown, the weekend of April 15th. It is expected that the semifinal series will also be a best three-out-of-five.

The Maritimes Champion will host the Eastern Canadian Finals, while the Hardy Cup Championship series will be played in Eastern Canada.

The series against Timmins will get under way this Friday, at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena with games on succeeding nights until a winner is decided. All games at the Alcott will get under way at 8:30 p.m. with the same ticket prices in effect as in the Intermediate league playoffs.

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RAIDERS CELEBRATE TITLE

## Hicks, Anderson lead League

By BRUCE CLARKE  
PEEWEEES

Debbie Pentecost holds girls high average with 94 while Terry Grievson has boys high average with 87.

TEAM STANDINGS (AFTER 1ST SERIES)  
SHIFT NO. 1  
Bomber (12), Maple Leafs (10), Striking Strollers (10), Gettin' Better (6), Midgels (4).

SHIFT NO. 2  
Gogletters (4), Happy Gang (3), Pee Wee Pros (2), Trouble Shooters (1).

BANTAMS  
Kelly McCorry holds girls high average with 172 while Stephen Turner holds boys with 158.

TEAMS STANDINGS (AFTER 2ND SERIES)  
Pinkettes (26%), Flintstones (25%), Alley Kats (20%), Bombers (20), Red Barons (20),

Spinners (15), Skippy Dippers (15), Stars (13%), Wild Cats (11), Pinballs (10), Strikes, Spares and Misses (9%), New Ones (4%), Puppeters (3).

LUCKY 'E-LEVEN  
Bill Hay threw the top triple with 598 and a 227 solo. Next were Kelly McCorry 585 (232), Charlie Weatherall 517 (207), Drew Fenlon 517 (207), Julie McCorry 506 (193), Stephen Turner 488 (199), Scott Grievson 460 (201), Brian Collier 429 (182), Jim Carpenter, 422 (156), Robert Campbell 422 (158), Suzanne Carpenter 416 (149).

JUNIORS  
Lisa Burke holds girls high average with 196 while Russell Gaurlie holds boys high average with 192.

TEAM STANDINGS  
Burke's Babes (38), Sweet Hogs (28), Alley Sweepers (28) W.H.C.P.'s (26), Argos (27), Little Bears (25), Bay City

Bowlers (24), Super Jets (23), Cougars (18), Gutter Girls (12) Bowling Beauties (14), Aces: 1 (14), Bowlerettes (12), Pinners (2).

TOP SIX  
Roberta Burke was girls top bowler with 710 and a nice 289 solo. Next were Cheryl Jackson 645 (239), Brian Coleman 601 (234), Russell Gaurlie 643 (244), Lenard Fisher 580 (256), Jerome Stone 579 (210).

SENIORS  
Colin Hicks holds boys high average with 217 while Sheila Anderson holds girls high average with 199.

Grant Richardson 736 (301), Brian Carlson 709 (289), Gord Kennedy 670 (259), Janet Hicks 613 (229), Hobin Hillock 615 (234), Janet Hicks 613 (229), Glen Collier 611 (219), Kim Beckett 606 (213), Wendy Chaplin 602 (222).

## Team effort

The sports cliché that a total team effort resulted in a win is a well-worn phrase. However, it is completely accurate in describing the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders 1977 OHA Major Intermediate "A" pennant drive.

In the two post-season playoff series, the semifinal triumph over the vaunted Fort Colborne Sailors and the silverware series win over the Fort Erie Mavericks, the Raiders received yeoman-like service from all hands.

Playoff scoring statistics show that fully seven players hit four double figures in points. Similarly, six players, Doug Tate, Pat Maloney, Tommy Gilbert, Tom Daley, Art Webster and Steve Blundy scored five or more goals over the two series span.

PLAYOFF SCORING

PLAYER	G	A	PTS
Tom Daley	8	8	16
Tom Gilbert	9	6	15
Pat Maloney	9	5	14
Art Webster	6	7	13
Doug Tate	9	4	13
Steve Blundy	5	6	11
Neil Colton	1	10	11
Ray Evans	3	6	9
Bill Currie	1	6	7
Brad Butterworth	1	6	7
John Boyce	0	6	6
Bob Fotheringham	3	1	4
John Longstreet	1	2	3
Doug Barnes	0	3	3
Bob Clarke	0	1	1

## Hoddinott takes title

Doctor Boyd Hoddinott, of Georgetown, captured the Bloor Park Squash Club "C" Division Championship at a competition held in Toronto over the weekend.

The three day affair attracted 32 competitors for the final draw and Hoddinott turned aside challenges from five players to claim the title. Other members of the Georgetown Squash Club who competed in the competition, included, Mart Hughes, Pete Pomeroy and Sam Gilmour.



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