



The Raiders' Doug Tate opened the scoring against the Thorold Athletics on this play. The Raiders went on to win the

game 4-2 to solidify their first-place standing. The next night however they were thumped 8-2 by the Dundas Merchants.

New Brunswick hockey a 'professional' sport?

Peter Maher is a freelance journalist in New Brunswick, who covers the intermediate hockey in that province extensively. In this special report to The Herald Maher examines the "professionalism" of the Intermediate Hockey in New Brunswick.

New Brunswick will host the Hardy Cup finals this year and the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders, who represented Ontario in the eastern finals last year, may be competing for the title again this year.

last seven years, but it hasn't been until the last three or four years that there has been a big importation of players to bolster teams for this purpose.

For instance the first New Brunswick team to win the Hardy Cup were the Bathurst Alpines in 1971 and they did it completely with local players. The following year the Tigers took all the marbles with only an import goaltender and Saint John won in 1973 with a complete local team.

But by the time Moncton Bears went all the way in 1975 plenty of imports were on the scene and then the Tigers of last year.

Canadian Amateur Hockey Association rules for intermediate teams actually encourage imports. An intermediate team can have four branch-branch transfer players on their roster for a given season and players who have transferred the first year aren't considered imports the following season if they are still in the same province they played in

the previous year.

Rev. Father Paul McGratton who is coach of the Fredericton Chevies, one of the few teams that isn't charged with paying players and consequently has the worst record of the province's nine intermediate teams, feels that ultimately imports will be the ruin of hockey at the intermediate "A" level.

"In the long run if the importing of players continues I foresee the end of our intermediate leagues. This import thing is just a short term endeavor I'm sure on the part of some teams and eventually these teams with big payrolls will be gone, but so will the teams that don't pay because they will find it too difficult to compete," he said.

The Shediac team is perhaps a prime example of what Rev. McGratton is getting at. The Shediacs came into existence just last year and although Gallant claims that he "hustles" the money from local merchants to operate the team

it's common knowledge that wealthy businessman Edmond Gagnon bank rolls the team. The Capitals have few local players on their roster and for each game airlifts a star player over 200 miles from another community in the province and in the playoffs they plan to fly in two or three players from the Montreal-area. How long Gagnon will continue to pour money into his team is a question that has been asked many times, but he has made it clear that the Hardy Cup is his aim.

Campbellton's Tigers represent the other extreme. The Tigers, who from all indications don't have near as heavy a payroll as the Capitals, are into their 54th continuous season of operation and according to their general manager Francois Doucet do not have any financial problems. More than half the team is made up of native players. The team is community owned with a hard working and active executive constantly raising money. The

biggest endeavor being a five-day beer garden in the summer, which reportedly nets close to \$20,000 annually.

Most of the other intermediate teams accused of paying players function in the same manner, but without the lucrative beer garden.

The province has two intermediate leagues — one in the South and one in the North — with an interlocking schedule between the two.

Shediac and Campbellton are the teams to beat in their respective leagues both having already clinched regular season pennants and awaiting the playoffs where they are odds on favorite to meet for the N.B. title, again.

Although the Tigers won the Hardy Cup last year, Shediac is a slight favorite for provincial honors this season, largely on the basis that they've defeated Campbellton twice this year in interlocking play. The scores were 3-1 and 4-1.

The provincial champion will join host Fredericton as the N.B. teams in the Eastern Canada Hardy Cup tournament, April 11-15 at the 5,000-seat Aiken Centre.

According to N.B. Hockey Commissioner Pierre Trudel this may well be the last year that intermediate hockey will be known here in its present form as he too is concerned with the current trend.

Kudrasov's two goals lead Raiders to 4-2 win

Juri Kudrasov scored two goals and added an assist to lead the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders to a 4-2 victory over the third-place Thorold Athletics at Alcott Arena on Friday night.

The Athletics controlled the first period, but the Raiders took over for the remainder of the contest. In that first period the visitors had many more scoring chances than the home side, but missed the net completely on many of them. When they did hit the net Mario MacDonald was there to make the stops for the Raiders.

Mike Purcer opened the evening's scoring for the Athletics with Bob Fotheringham serving a tripping penalty. MacDonald had little chance on the screened drive from the point.

Doug Tate tied it up for Georgetown when he slammed in a loose puck in front of the Athletic net. Kudrasov set up the play with a lot of diligent work behind the Athletic net.

The visitors took the lead again before the period was over. They broke out of their own zone quickly and Rub

Brown rapped home his own rebound.

The Raiders came out storming in the second period and completely owned it. Good work by Thorold netminder Bill Cheropita limited them to two goals.

Kudrasov tied the game at the 8:03 mark when his weak shot caught Cheropita off guard. Tate and Bob Fotheringham earned assists on the play.

With less than two minutes remaining in the period Tom Daley put the Raiders ahead for the first time in the game. His blast from the slot hand-cuffed the Thorold netminder.

The final period was the most offensive of the night. The Athletics got 10 shots on net, but could not get one by MacDonald, who was unbeatable after the first period.

The Raiders fired 16 shots at Cheropita and managed to beat him once. Kudrasov scored his second goal at the 6:03 mark with Fotheringham and Bob Elinesty earning assists.

Cheropita and MacDonald both put on excellent goaltending displays. Cheropita was especially excellent in the second

Intermediate 'A' top scorers

After 24 games of the O.H.A. Intermediate "A" schedule the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders' Tom Daley has a two-point lead in the league's scoring parade.

Two other Raiders, Ray Evans and Juri Kudrasov, are also among the league's top scorers.

The Port Colborne Sailors have three players in the top 10 and Fort Erie Mavericks and Dundas Merchants have two each to round out the top scorers.

TOP SCORERS

	GP	G	A	P
Tom Daley, G	24	26	21	47
Dave Groulx, PC	22	21	24	45
Tim Matel, PC	24	21	23	44
Juri Kudrasov, G	23	14	25	39
Kevin Cornforth, D	20	20	18	38
Dan Blair, FE	20	18	19	37
Ray Evans, G	23	16	21	37
Joe McKenna, D	23	17	19	36
Gary Hill, FE	24	12	24	36
Mike Soucie, PC	23	14	21	35

Fotheringham's goal gives Raiders win

Bob Fotheringham scored just over two minutes into overtime to give the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders a 4-3 win over the Fort Erie Mavericks last Tuesday.

Gregg Hooper made one of his infrequent starts in the Raider net and he performed admirably. He had 33 shots to handle compared to only 21 for the Mavericks' Myles Bosnak.

The Mavericks are having lineup problems as they only had 11 skaters and their two goaltenders dressed for the game. Brad Butterworth and Collin Gordon were not dressed for the Raiders.

The first period was very defensive with the Maverick's Bob Hanna being the only marksman.

The Raiders tied the score less than a minute into the



Sports beat
By Tony Panucci

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders will be the most mature team to oppose the Yugoslavian National Team so far on their tour.

The Raiders have a very seasoned team with only one player, Bob Fotheringham, still of junior age.

Many of the Raider stars are seasoned veterans. The defense will be anchored by Bill Currie, Neil Cotton and John Boyce, all veteran performers. Currie and Cotton are both hard hitters who will certainly give the Yugoslavians stiffer jolts than they have received from the members of the junior clubs and university teams. Bob Elinesty, Brad Butterworth and Larry Peterson round out the solid defensive corps.

All three of the Raider centres also have experience. Ray Evans led the league in scoring last year and Juri Kudrasov and Collin Gordon have both played pro hockey.

By the sounds of it the Yugoslavians have a very fast team. Kudrasov and Fotheringham have to be the two fastest players on the Georgetown squad so it should be wide open hockey when those two players are on the ice. They play on line with Doug Tate, who is also an excellent skater.

Evans and his linemates Tom Daley and Steve Blundy are not as fast as the Kudrasov trio, but they are the Raiders' most productive line. They complement one another perfectly and do not make many mistakes. All three are also excellent goal scorers who do not miss on good chances.

The Raiders third line is composed of Collin Gordon, Art Webster and Tom Gilbert. Gordon is new to the lineup, having joined the club about a month ago, and his talent so far is untapped. He seems to have all the tools and can undoubtedly be a superstar in the league. Webster is a hard-rock type who will keep the Yugoslavs off balance in their own zone. Gilbert is a good skater and shooter who could eventually be the scorer on the line. Expect this trio to show well against the Yugoslavs.

In net the Raiders have Marlo MacDonald and Gregg Hooper. Expect MacDonald to start in net. He had his only real bad game of the season in Dundas the other night. He has to be considered the top goalie in the league.

In conclusion the Raiders have a very solid lineup and by all reports they are up for the game tonight.

D.R.G. Major Bantams Win Series Opener 4-2

The D.R.G. Stationery Major Bantams won their opener here against Owen Sound, with a convincing 4-2 victory.

Mark Shearer opened the scoring with an unassisted goal at the 19:09 mark of the first period. Dave Pilote and Bob Dean made it 3-0 with an unassisted goal each during the second period. Lance Doucette ended the scoring for Georgetown on a slick

HERALD sports

World Champion squash player will perform at open house

The Georgetown Racquet Club will hold an open house this coming Saturday (February 18) and Heather McKay, the world champion squash player, will be the featured performer for the evening segment of the program.

There will be free admission to the afternoon segment for both children and adults into the nine-acre club located at Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown.

There will be an open house at which the facilities the club offers and the game of squash will be introduced to the public. There will also be a fun fitness test for all ages, two quarter final matches, under 14 years division, of the Ontario Junior Squash Championship (at 2:30 p.m.), a number of other teams in the province are also guilty of paying their player's expenses.

professionals at the Toronto Squash Club.

The evening's events will culminate with another display of the club's proposed expansion and a social and bar at the lounge.

The Georgetown racquet club is a non-profit facility owned on a share basis by its

[45 members. Last fall the members agreed in principle to expand the facilities to include two inter-national squash courts (one to include a spectator gallery), a women's change and locker room and more lounge and activity space. Final approval of the expansion is expected soon and

Harrison is recognized for 50 years in hockey

Last night the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders and the community paid tribute to a man who has been on the hockey scene in this area for approximately 50 years.

If you go to any Raider game or practice you will be sure to see the same face. Jack Harrison has not missed a Raider game or practice this season.

Last night at the Heritage Hockey Dinner Harrison was

acknowledged for his work with the Raiders. For most of his years he has served as a Raider trainer. This year he is helping out Reg Benoit, who is the head Raider trainer.

William Evdokimoff, publisher of The Halton Hills Herald, presented Harrison with a photograph. The photograph of Harrison, which is 16 inches by 24 inches, will hang at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

Danny Cammy, trainer of the Boston Bruins and also the head of all National Hockey League trainers, also presented Harrison with a present on behalf of his association.

Apparently the Raiders plan to give special presentations to other people like the one to Harrison at future Hockey Heritage Dinners. It is people like Jack Harrison who have made hockey the success it is in Georgetown.

Province-wide entries in bantam tournament

Halton Hills' biggest annual sporting event will shortly be taking place in Georgetown and, with the support of local residents, it is bound to be another great success.

The 18th International Bantam Hockey Tournament gets underway on Saturday March 18 and continues through to and including Saturday March 25th, except for Sunday, March 19. All preliminary games will take place at the Georgetown Memorial Arena and the finals, on March 25th, will be played at the Gordon Alcott Arena. Play starts at 7:30 a.m. and continues until about 10:30 p.m. daily.

This year's tournament has so far attracted 114 applications for the 44 available places and among those accepted are all last year's winners, Belleville, Burlington, Beamsville and Bradford local residents, it is bound to be another great success.

The international flavour is added by teams from the States such as Michigan Stars, Royal Oak and Paddock Pools. From the local area, Brampton, Milton, Acton and of course Georgetown will all be well represented. Among some of the new comers will be teams from Sudbury, St. Thomas, Sturgeon Falls, Huntsville, Borden, Beamsville and Minden.

Preparations for this year's tournament started early last Fall and the organisational pace has been picking up since that time. The Georgetown Referees Association under the very capable leadership of Jerry Perkins are gearing themselves for heavy duty. Catering for the hungry hordes will be well supervised by Jessie Hayes and finding billets for our hockey guests is the task of Eleanor Hayward.

Help is still needed in our catering department and new billets are always in demand. If you can offer your services in either of these areas, please contact the supervisors or the writer.

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Turner suspended in 4-1 Gem loss

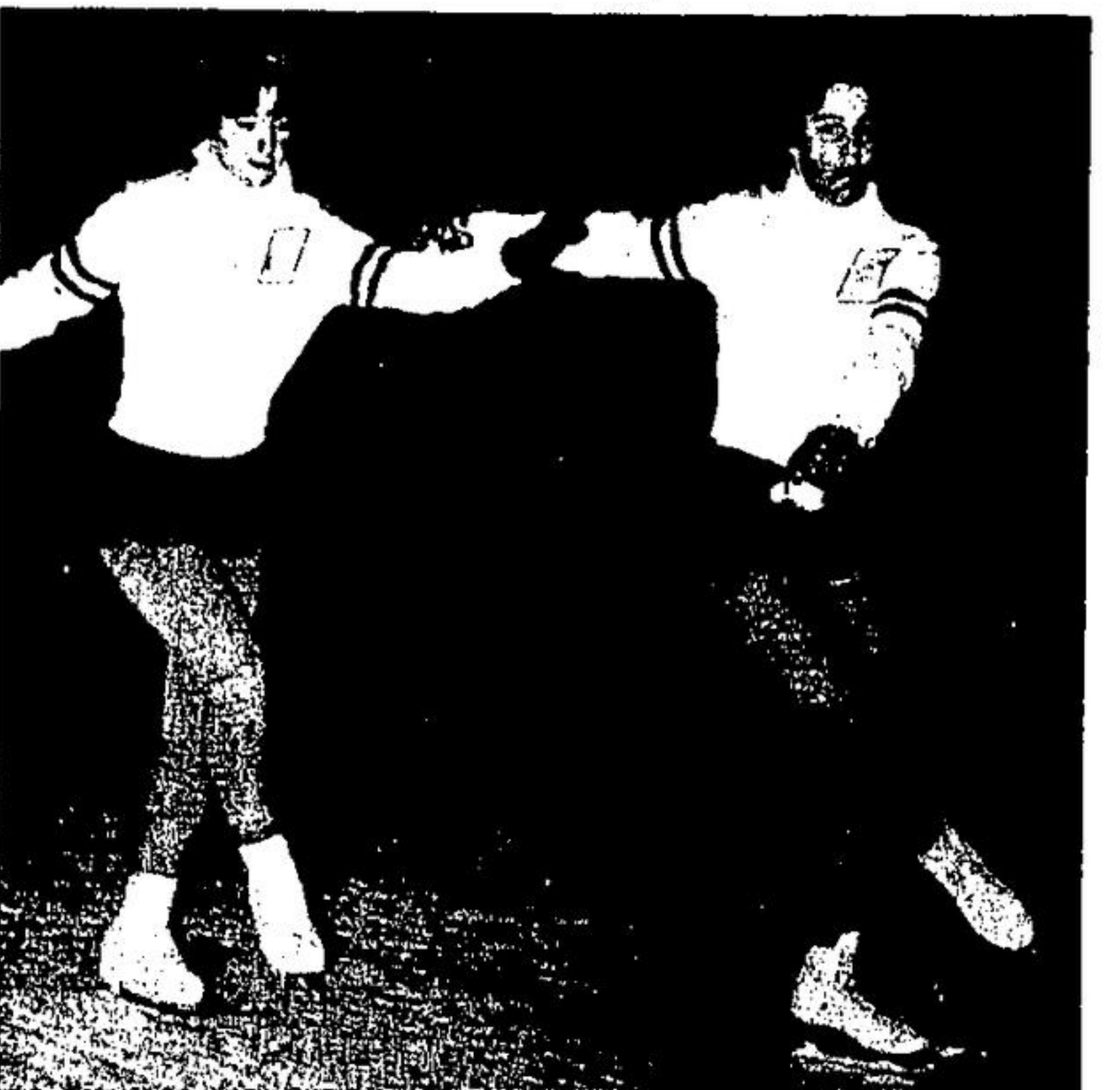
The Georgetown Gemini dropped a 4-1 decision to the Beelives in Dixie on Thursday.

One Georgetown fan who ventured to the game said it was a "horrible contest". "Both teams were awful", the fan said.

The game meant nothing to either club. Dixie was assured of a second place showing and the Gems had sixth spot wrapped up.

The Gems did suffer a blow, aside from the loss of the game, when talented forward Tim Turner received a game misconduct after arguing vigorously with one of the linemen and the referee.

The game misconduct carried an automatic two-game suspension. The first game of the suspension was served on Saturday when the Gems hosted the Milton Flyers. It was however the Gems last game



Janet Shepherd, left, and Leslie Pritchard practice for the pairs competition at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena next Saturday afternoon. There will be 87 entries in the competition, which is being hosted for the first time by the Georgetown Figure Skating Club.

Yugoslavs need win to have 3-3 record

The Yugoslavian national team will need a win in Georgetown tonight to draw even in their tour. So far they have lost three while winning only twice.

They won against Beauport, Quebec 6-4 to open the tour, and the Rockland 1978 All-Stars 7-5. Their losses came against Theford Mines 6-3; Pembroke 4-2 and to the University of St. Lawrence by the same score.

Georgetown was actually supposed to be the seventh stop on the Yugoslavians tour, but

the University of Western Ontario dropped out approximately two weeks ago.

Jean-Marc LaLonde, who is the co-ordinator of the tour, said Western could not come up with the guaranteed sum of money so they had to drop out.

Apparently the Yugoslavs were outplayed in their win against Rockland, but they got spectacular goaltending to carry them to the victory.

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