



It was one of those nights for Mario MacDonald when the Georgetown Raiders lost to the Thorold Athletics in the first game of the playoffs. MacDonald had little help from his teammates and the speedy Thorold forwards buzzed all around him to win 4-1.

Athletics all over Raiders, take easy 4-1 victory here

The Thorold Athletics shocked the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders and their fans by taking a 4-1 win in the opening game of the best of seven Intermediate "A" semi-finals at Alcott Arena on Monday night.

The fact that Thorold won was not shocking, because the Athletics have a very talented team. It was with the ease in which they handled the Raiders in their own backyard.

Thorold took control of the game right from the opening whistle and never let up. Only outstanding goaltending by Mario MacDonald kept the Thorold tally down to four. They had an overwhelming territorial advantage in the first two periods, which were played almost exclusively in the Raider end of the rink.

Athletic general manager Bob Urquhart said after the game that he was not surprised his team won. However, he was surprised that the Raiders were not more physical.

"I thought they were going to come out and try to intimidate us," Urquhart said. "But even if they had, we would have been ready for that too."

Urquhart figures the second game which will be played in Thorold tonight, is the big one.

"If we win tonight I think we can knock them out in four straight," the coach said. "If they win it it could go seven."

Urquhart also said that he will be going with his number one goaltender, Bill Cheropita, throughout the playoffs.

"He's as good a goaltender as has ever been in this league," the coach said of his goalie who has played professional with the Dallas Black Hawks of the Central League.

"If we can score four goals a game we're sure to win."

Urquhart also made sure to mention that the Athletics handled the Raiders with their best scorer, Joe Young, out with the flu.

Raider coach Junior Tibbitts was surprised that his team did not play a tougher game.

"Outside of Juri Kudrasovs," Tibbitts said, "we just did not play a tough, hard-checking game. If you let Thorold skate they're the best team in the league."

Tibbitts chose not to dress centre Ricky Becker, who had

played an excellent game against Fort Erie Mavericks the previous Friday.

Tibbitts wanted to have one more look at Collin Gordon, who had not dressed in the Raiders' previous four games.

"Becker will be for the second game," Tibbitts said. And as for Gordon? "As far as I'm concerned he's finished as a Raider," the coach said.

"He's a heck of a hockey player, but he is not in any kind of shape."

Tibbitts said that Thorold played the type of game he had hoped his team would play.

"They shot the puck in and then got right on the man," he said. "That is what I hoped our team would do."

Tibbitts disagrees with Urquhart's claim that the Raiders are through if they lose tonight's game.

"The Georgetown Raiders have a history of coming back," Tibbitts said. "We've been down worse and come back."

The Raider defensive corps had one of their worst games of the year, Tibbitts said that the wingers were not helping the defencemen out at all. Three of the Athletic goals came when

they had two and three men breaks with only one defender back.

The Raiders started slowly, but a goal by defenceman Bob Elinesty put them on the board first at the 13:07 mark of the opening frame. John Boyce drove a shot from his point position and the rebound off the boards caromed all the way to Elinesty at the other point who fired a blast past Cheropita.

The goal did not faze the Athletics. They kept carrying the play to the Raiders and at the 17:18 mark Howie Doaw and Greg Craig broke in on a two-on-one break. Doaw took the pass from Craig and made no mistakes in beating Mac-

Donald.

The Athletics had a definite edge in play in the first period. They had 13-9 shots on net advantage and were constantly carrying the play.

However, it was in the second period that the visitors really took over. They played the entire period as if enjoying a manpower advantage. MacDonald was like Horatio at the Bridge as he kept the Raiders in the game with some excellent goalkeeping.

number of assists. Ian Syme had three goals and an assist and Ray Inglis had the other goals and added three assists. Bill Humphreys recorded the shutout.

Harley took a 4-0 lead over Movers and never looked back. Curt Brownlee, Reg Benoit, Alan Buser and Terry Crawford handled the winners scoring. Doug Pemberton, Reece Hayes and Terry Crawford replied for Movers.

The Harley win gives them a chance of getting out of the league cellar, where they have been all year. With one game left on the schedule they trail Movers by only one point.

Sandhill may need a win next week in a rematch against Way-Jay to remain in third place. They lead Guelph-Clair by only one point. Guelph-Clair has an easier draw as they faceoff against Harley in their last game.

Constantly Raider blueliners and wingers were caught up and Thorold had an array of two-on-one and three-on-two breaks. MacDonald robbed Robbie Balyk, Doaw and Wayne Gallinger twice before he was finally beaten by Doaw at the 15:39 mark. It was again scored on a two-on-one break.

Thorold went ahead 3-1 with Art Webster in the penalty box at the 15:39 mark. Peter Mara was left in front of MacDonald and he made no mistakes.

The Raiders had a good chance to get back in the game early in the final period while enjoying a two-man advantage. It was at this time that Cheropita was at his best. He stopped Kudrasovs and Doug Barnes when both sharpshooters had good chances.

After they killed off the penalty Thorold was content to run out the clock.

MacDonald made one more big save off the stick of Mara before he was beaten again by Craig.

The win was of course a big one for Thorold. They now have eliminated the Raiders home-ice advantage. If they win their three games in Thorold they take the series in six games.

The win also has to give the Athletics the psychological advantage. They walked into Alcott arena, dumped the Raiders with few problems.

Tibbitts is right. The Athletics have very speedy forwards and if the Raiders try to skate with them they are sure to lose. The Raiders have gotten where they are on tenacious checking and capitalizing on their chances. Both ingredients were missing on Monday night.

There are only a few Raiders who can skate with the Athletics: Kudrasovs, Fotheringham, Tom Gilbert and possibly Gordon when in shape.

There were a few Raiders who did look good Monday night: Both MacDonald and Kudrasovs played solid games and Tom Daley and Brad Butterworth also played their games.

The Athletics have a very good lineup led by former pros Cheropita, Ron Anderson and Mara and if the Raiders are to take the series they will have to play like they did against the Yugoslavian National Team when all of them were on top of their games.

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The Georgetown high school Senior Basketball Rebels, with help from the Juniors won the Peel-Halton "AA" championship with a 37-36 win over Mayfield here last Wednesday. They will now go on to the All-Ontario Championships in Belleville. In the front row, left to right, are Gord Miller, Doug Lamb, Bill Rivers, Rick Fisher and Rob Hatcher. In the back row are senior coach Bob Auld, Norm Ibuki, Mark Neistrop, Steve Kesick, Phil Della and junior coach Moe Leeking.

It's on to the championships for Rebels after a 37-36 win

The Georgetown district high school senior basketball Rebels won a barnburner 37-36 at home against Mayfield of Brampton last Wednesday in the "AA" Peel-Halton final. The Rebels will now advance to the "AA" All-Ontario Championships to be played in Belleville March 16-18.

It appeared Mayfield coach, Jim Costigan, who coached here before going to Brampton, was going to take a victory when his team led by seven with only three minutes to play in the final quarter. The Rebels however forced several turnovers with their press and took victory out of Costigan's grasp.

Rebel coach Bob Auld said he started with a 1-3-1 zone defense but it did not prove effective. He switched to a full-court press which confused Mayfield. The Rebels also used a half-court press.

The first quarter was very slow with the teams managing to get only 10 points between them. Mayfield had six of them.

The Rebels came on stronger in the second quarter in which they out-scored Mayfield 10-4 to take a 18-16 lead at the half.

The second half was not much different as again there

was not much scoring done. The two teams traded the lead throughout the half with Mayfield taking the biggest lead at seven.

The Rebels were going with five seniors and six juniors in the contest. The players took a little time getting used to each

others styles as they had not played together for very long. They should be more cohesive in Belleville after practicing with each other for a week and a half.

Doug Lamb again led the attack for the Rebels as he scored 14 points. Juniors Scott

Turner and Gord Miller had seven points each. Bill Rivers had three and Rob Hatcher, Rick Fisher and Steve Kesick had two each.

Turner was also the leading rebounder as the guard pulled down five. Lamb and Miller had four each.

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Royalettes begin workouts

Georgetown Legion Br. 120 will again sponsor the Royalettes Fastball team.

The legion has sponsored the team since its start in 1972.

Royalettes play in the Central Ontario Junior Ladies Fastball League and will compete for Ontario and Canadian honours. Indoor workouts have started and are open to anyone who enjoys competitive sports.

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Four N. Halton rinks split their two games

North Halton's mixed curling section had a surprise visitor Friday evening when Johnny Cornelius turned out to visit some old friends and watch the curling, the game he enjoyed for so many years, he was around reminding everyone that his bonspiel was next month and he'd be here to act as host. It was good to see him looking so well.

Last week the two ladies rinks of skip Doris Zilio, Joan Mustard, Bev Eastwood and Norma Carlisle and skip Ann Hartford, Lynne Gerrard, Heather Knight and Ellen

Burns travelled to a bonspiel in Brampton where they both had a win and a defeat.

The two teams of skip Vivian Kruger, Betty Hull, Cathy Ferego and Mary Hand and skip Norma Wilson, Sandra Timlock, Alice Frazar and Enid Muir journeyed to Milton where they split the difference too.

On Saturday Peggy Fischer took her rink of Lena Burns, Mary Ellen Bridge and Joan Trimble to Acton where they had a win and a loss which was good for third prize. Congratulations girls!

Skip Sharon Wood and her rink of Lynn Gerrard, Sally Skelton and Patti MacLaren

and skip Bea Embling with Jean Chappel, Sandra Timlock and Sandra Capling journeyed to the Boulevard Club in Toronto where they reported the effects of the winter storm were still very evident, especially in the locker rooms. Oh, they had a split decision too! - won one, lost one!

There are a few things to watch for at the club in the near future - March 11 Business Girls open Bonspiel - March 18 St. Patrick's Day Dance and Curling Party (bring along your friends to the mini-spiel) and the Ladies Open Winter Break Bonspiel Wednesday, March 22.

Good curling - see you on the ice!

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Atherley, Terry Paddle, "Freight Train" Fisher, Mike Chlovitti and Jamie Warnock. Captain Steve Doucette was absent from the practice.

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Way-Jay defeats Sandhill 5-4 to stay in league's top spot

Way-Jay stayed on top of the Georgetown Industrial Hockey League standings by nipping Sandhill 5-4 in action Sunday. In other games Norval shutout Guelph-Clair Texaco 7-0 and Harley Motors doubled the score on DeBoer's Movers 6-3.

Way-Jay had to battle back from a 3-1 deficit to take the victory over the stubborn Sandhill team. Grant Bodnar notched the winning goal with only 1:07 left on the clock. Other scorers for Way-Jay were Max Korzak, Jerry Neil, Blake Inglis and Finn Arnold. Scoring for Sandhill were Rod Halls, Rick Rodgers, Bill Finlay and Jim Kerr.

Grant and Greg Bodnar each had two assists and Kevin Jucker picked up two for Sandhill.

Brian Beaumont leaped to the top of the league scoring race with a big game against Texaco. He figured in six of the seven goals as he got three goals and added the same

number of assists. Ian Syme had three goals and an assist and Ray Inglis had the other goals and added three assists. Bill Humphreys recorded the shutout.

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