

# Sports beat

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Steve Blundy scored on this play to give Georgetown Raiders a 3-0 lead against Whitby Iroquois in exhibition action at Alcott Arena on Friday. Georgetown eventually defeated the Senior "A" team 5-2. Also in the photograph are Raider forwards Doug Barnes and Tom Daley and Whitby goaltender Dan Lafleur.

Steve Blundy scored two goals Friday night to help the Georgetown Raiders defeat the Senior "A" Whitby Iroquois 5-2, but afterwards the speedy forward was anything but pleased with his play.

"I'm not on this team to score goals," Blundy said. "I'm here to prevent the opponents from doing that."

Blundy was mad at himself because he felt the second Whitby goal could have been prevented had he positioned himself better.

The Raiders have signed 14 players to cards so far. A look down the lineup of players signed and one can see what Blundy is talking about. There seems to be a reason for each signing.

The forwards signed so far are Blundy, Ray Evans, Tom Daley, Colin Gordon, Juri Kudrasovs, Ray Tonelli, John Lunn, Terry Porter and Steve Novis. The defencemen signed are Bill Currie, Brian McBratney, Neil Cotton and Ron Fogal. Goaltender Mario MacDonald has also inked a card.

Among the forwards the scorers will undoubtedly be Daley, the leading scorer last year, Gordon Tonelli and Porter.

Kudrasovs will certainly be doing his share of the scoring, but he, Novis and Evans will be counted on more heavily to set up the wingers for markers.

Blundy worked on the Raiders most potent trio last year with Evans and Daley. He and Evans were the team's most used duo for penalty killing purposes.

If this theory holds true the Raiders have signed four scorers in Daley, Tonelli, Gordon and Porter, three playmakers in Evans, Kudrasovs and Novis and one tough guy in Lunn.

Blundy is the only player signed so far who claims to be a purely defencive minded forward.

Among the players still trying for a spot in the lineup are forwards Bob Fotheringham, Doug Barnes, Chris Milne, Pat Maloney, Doug Tate, Tom Gilbert and Eric Duncan.

Only one of those players can be classified as a defensive forward. Chris Milne proved during his years with the Georgetown Gemini that he is a top faceoff man and also a first-class penalty killer.

Milne played a very aggressive game against Whitby and there was not a better looking Raider forward on the ice. Milne also scored the team's first goal. The young centerman seems to have the inside track for one of the remaining forwards spots on the team. The team seems to have the guys who can put the puck in the net, but Steve Blundy and the defencemen are going to need some help to keep the opposition forwards at bay.

Deciding which forwards to keep is a minor problem for coach Gerry Inglis compared to the dilemma he has on which defencemen to go with.

As previously mentioned four blueliners have been signed to cards. There are four left vying for a position in the lineup. They are Brad Butterworth, Bob Ellinesky, John Boyce and Doug Edwards. All but Edwards played for the team last year.

Butterworth, the team's most consistent defenceman last year, did not dress for the game against Whitby. Inglis said Butterworth had not come out to enough practices. He was back for Sunday's session.

Ellinesky and Boyce both looked very good, as did most of the other Raiders. In the game against Whitby, Edwards also did not look out of place.

Inglis has not given any hints on which and how many of the remaining defencemen he plans on keeping.

If he decides to keep just one of them Ellinesky may have the edge. Aside from being a Gerry Inglis type of hockey player (and everybody knows what that is) Ellinesky can also play forward.

However, it is going to be awfully tough for Inglis to cut players of the quality of Butterworth or Boyce.

Of course the Raiders can sign 30 players to cards. That is the league limit. So Inglis can decide to keep everybody around. He is not however going to be able to play four defense pairs and five forwards lines and the Raiders do not have a farm club they can ship players to. There is a possibility the excess Raider talent can play for the Intermediate "B" Milton Tridents, in which case the Raiders can use them when they need them.

The Raiders have also got a problem in the goal crease area. Once again it is the type of problem a coach lives.

The Raiders have signed MacDonald and former National Hockey League Peter McDuffe looked great against Whitby.

The team also has Bill Masters and Keith Pallitt around trying for a position.

If McDuffe decides to sign the job is his. He told this reporter that he has not signed as of yet because he is looking for a good job before he decides what to do with his hockey career.

The goaltender said he left the Indianapolis Racers of the World Hockey Association midway through last year because the pay cheques were not coming in steadily enough.

Masters has also looked very good at the practise sessions, but there is only room for two goaltenders on a hockey team. If McDuffe signs, Masters could possibly head down the road and play for Milton and be ready if and when the Raiders call comes. Then again he could head up the road to Orangeville and play for the new Intermediate "A" outfit there.

# SPORTS

## Geminis lose opener to Oak Ridges 8-3

The Georgetown Geminis began their regular schedule by dropping an 8-3 decision to Oak Ridges on the road Monday night.

Gem general manager Bob Toast said the score was not indicative of the way his team played.

"I was very happy with some of the things I saw," Toast said. "They scored some opportunistic goals and that was the difference. I don't think they were five goals better than us."

Greg Halliday and Earl Deamond scored for the host club in the first half of the first period.

The Gems got goals by Mark Falby, from Andy Broadbent, and Steve Crossman, from Paul Martin, later in the period to tie the game up. Crossman missed the last few exhibition games because of a hurt hand, but he played with a cast on it Monday night.

Oak Ridges regained their two-goal lead when Dave Baker scored twice in the first half of the second period. Broadbent was in the penalty box for the second goal.

At the 16:45 mark of the period the Gems got a power play marker of their own when Mike McMenemy tallied from Tony Giannini and Mark Euteneier.

With only 32 seconds remaining to be played in the period Gen Wright scored for Oak Ridges to put them back ahead by two.

"That goal was a real heart-breaker," Toast said. "Our guys had played hard and got the goal to bring us back to within one and then just as we were about to go into the dressing room they scored."

Then to further deject the Gem players Oak Ridges scored very early in the final period to put them ahead by three for the first time in the game.

"I would say those two goals were the big difference in the game," Toast said. "If we could have gone into the dressing room trailing by one we would have had a chance."

Gary White scored two more goals in the third to finish off the night's scoring.

"Other than the score there were a lot of things out there that I liked," Toast said. "Our defense played well and McMenemy and Billy Taylor looked very good killing penalties."

Toast said goalkeeper Steve Garry was not as sharp as he had looked in exhibition play. "He was wearing a new mask and that could have had something to do with it," the general manager said.

Garry played the first two periods of the game and Brad Miller came on in the third. Toast said Miller looked good.

Both teams took 13 minor penalties in the game. The Falby and McMenemy goals came on Gem power plays.

Toast said Oak Ridges has a good skating club and moved

the puck out of their zone very well.

"I think they have had more practice than we have had," he said. "We haven't been able to practise in the last couple of weeks. The team will have a practise tonight."

This Saturday night the Gems hosted the Dixie Beehives. The Beehives finished second to Streetsville during the regular season last year and Toast said he hears they have a good, young club again this year. Last year the Gems played the Beehives very tough and all the contests were very entertaining.

## Coaching clinic this Saturday

In a continuing program of assistance to their coaches, the Georgetown and District Minor Hockey Association is hosting an NCCP Level 11 Coaches Clinic this coming Saturday at Gordon Alcott Arena.

This clinic is a full day program, covering such topics as role of coach, game techniques, conditioning, injuries, workshop, skating, puck control, shooting, checking and team play. Two of the instructors coming are Eric Smith, coach of the Oakville Blades and Gerry Pettit from Durham College and who is central Ontario clinic co-ordinator.

Registration for Saturday's clinic will be at 8:00 a.m. at the arena with the session starting immediately. Further info can be obtained from Joe Pentoseo at 877-3451 or Bill Richmond at 877-4378.

## Clark takes third at Springbank

Jon Lancaster, also of GDHS ran a very strong race finishing tenth. He was representing the high school. Arnold Brakel and Lynn Chapman also represented the high school and finished further up the pack.

All four runners will be in action this week as the Rebels will compete in two meets.

Today the team is running in the East York meet and on Saturday they will travel to York University to compete at the meet there.

## Red-hot Sabres still winning

The red-hot Acton Sabres, playing the best hockey in their brief history, defeated Elmira 9-6 on Saturday to improve their preseason mark to four wins and two losses. The game was played in Elmira.

Last Thursday the Sabres were nipped 4-3 by New Hamburg despite three goals from Jeff Shields.

In the game against Elmira the offense was led by David McGiloway and Dave Hoy. Each player scored two goals. Single markers went to Neil Anderson, Kelly Shaw, Mark Schinkel, Glenn Murray, and Shields.

# Raiders defeat Whitby with little trouble

The Georgetown Raiders had very little trouble Friday night at Alcott Arena in defeating the O.H.A. Senior "A" Whitby Iroquois 5-2 in exhibition play before approximately 350 of the faithful.

The Raiders got two goals from Steve Blundy and two assists each from Doug Barnes and Doug Tate as they built a 5-0 lead before Whitby could get the puck by Peter McDuffe, who was outstanding in the Georgetown net.

After it was over Iroquois assistant coach Rick Kessell said he was impressed with the Raiders' showing, but also mentioned that the Whitby players dressed for the match were not the team's best.

"We only had a few players dressed who will be with the team when we open the season in Welland," Kessell said. Missing from the lineup were the likes of former pros Tim Appleford, player-coach Peter Vipond, Kessell, Gord Cullen, Jim Bratton, Larry Mavily and goalie Ken Crouch.

However Dan Walker, John Cook, Peter Titanic, Don Nicholson, Mike Noonan and goaltender Dan Lafleur, all starters on last year's team, were dressed.

How would the Raiders do against Whitby's number one club?

"We'd beat them," Kessell said. "But it would be a very good game."

Kessell said that the team has only four exhibition games lined up before the season begins in Welland this Friday so he and Urpund want to get a good look at all the players.

The night before Whitby defeated the Orillia Terriers 7-4 in more exhibition action.

With less than two minutes remaining to be played in the period Steve Novis gave the Raiders a commanding 4-0 lead when he took another excellent Barnes pass and whipped it by Brian Wilson who had taken over in the Whitby net.

The Raiders also made a goaltending change midway through the period, but rookie Bill Masters only handled two shots before he injured his shoulder and had to leave the game. McDuffe re-entered the game.

The highlight for the Raiders in the period came when Blundy and defencemen Doug Edwards and Neil Cotton did a superb job while the team was playing two-men short. The three players did not allow any shots on the Georgetown net.

Bill Currie also looked good in that middle frame as he handed out a couple of punishing bodychecks.

The Raiders went up 5-0 on Blundy's second goal of the night at the 7:28 point of the second period. Tate and Eric Duncan earned the assists.

Ironically it was a comparatively easy shot that McDuffe let get by him to ruin his shutout bid. Whitby's Walker fired a shot from outside the Raider blueline and it somehow eluded McDuffe, who had made great saves off much more difficult shots earlier.

Whitby made the score 5-2 late in the game when Wayne Ormson beat a sprawling McDuffe.

Kessell said he was very impressed with the Raider team. "They got a good club," he said. "That McBratney is a very tough defenseman to beat."

Raider coach Gerry Inglis also said he was pleased with his team's work, but he did say that improvements could be made.

Inglis had 22 players dressed for the game so he used various forward combinations. There were a couple of surprising moves. Tom Daley played most of the game at center between Barnes and Milne. Daley played the right wing all of last year. Inglis also had defencemen Ellinesky and

## Six NHLers in Barrie lineup

Also in the lineup will be former pros Gary MacMillan (Central League) and Jeff Green (International League).

The young legs will be provided by the likes of Jeff Green, Gord Wilson and Vygas Ursdas.

Cripps promises that all his big guns will be in the lineup against the Raiders.

The Flyers defeated the Whitby Iroquois 9-5 in exhibition play. Cripps said Whitby had their best on the ice for that game. They also tied Orillia.

Cripps also said that he plans on adding five or six players, who are at present attending pro camps, when the season begins.

The Flyers are also trying to have Wayne Carlton returned to them. Cripps said the winger is trying out for Collingwood without a release form from Barrie.

## Ontario Outdoors

Duck hunting got off to a good start last weekend. There were plenty of ducks around, and the weather held good. I realize that wet weather is often an indicator of good duck hunting, but the good weather seems to make for good hunting on marshes.

An error in last weeks column stated the season opened the 13th it should have read the 23rd. The special program on duck identification was well received on Halton Cable T.V. and my thanks to Bruce Buckland, Wildlife Management Officer with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Cambridge Office for his guest appearance.

The books we showed on that program were DUCKS AT A DISTANCE by the Canadian Wildlife Service showing coloured pictures of ducks and geese with samples of lock formations, habitats and habits. There is no charge for this booklet and it may be obtained by writing to CWS c/o M.N.R. MAPLE ONT. or by phoning 291-2580.

The other book was a hard cover edition of DUCKS, GESE and SWANS of North America by Frank L. Bellrose. This is an expansion of Kortright's work and is available from STACKPOLE Books or at the Book Shop on Main St. in Georgetown. With the advent of the Hunting Season comes the 1979 edition of the GUN DIGEST from DBI BOOKS INC. and gives almost all aspects of hunting and collectors guns. Each issue of Gun Digest has a story of interest to the gun enthusiast, and this one is on J.M. PYNE, the well known gunsmith of past days. Well worth obtaining a copy of this book 1979 GUN DIGEST.

I was talking to John Shadbolt of Acton recently and he tells me it is difficult to get guns in the sports goods stores these days. The new laws scare them off and they don't want the " hassle " of carrying guns in stock.

Apparently the police go into the stores to buy ammunition in order to check out the operation. These officers are in plain clothes and it is hard to prove, but it seems they are provincial police and one told the store owner, "We are going to put you out of business". But once again, try and prove it. Mind you this is in an area 100 miles from Toronto, but it has an effect on the stores carrying guns and ammo, as the stores carrying these items are getting fewer.

## Haines tosses a beauty to keep Rexway alive

Terry Haines of Rexway Towing pitched a great game Monday night to help his team stave off elimination in the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League semi-final against Georgetown Chrysler.

Haines pitched a one-hitter and did not walk any batters as Rexway won 2-0 in the third game of the series after Chrysler had taken the first two games.

In the other series Harley Motors leads Linehouse two games to one after winning 8-1 on Monday night.

Larry Peterson was the lead off hitter for Rexway on Monday night and he started things off right with a double. However, it was the last hit off Haines on the night.

Haines, who led all pitchers in the all-star voting this year, struck out 13 batters in the game.

Two Chrysler players got on after through Rexway errors in the third. After that it was all Haines as he did not allow a base runner from the fourth inning through the ninth.

Hay See pitched a strong game for Chrysler, but allowed runs to be scored by Barry James and Phil Dobbins and that proved to be enough.

Chrysler had jumped off to a lead in the series by taking the first game 4-3 and the second 4-1.

In other series, Harley took the first game 9-0 behind the strong pitching of Bob McGowan.

Linehouse tied up the series by winning the second 5-4 in 10 innings.

Harley got another strong pitching performance in the 8-1

victory. This time Dan Engleby was in the pitcher's circle.

Harley and Chrysler will try to wrap up the series tonight. Chrysler and Rexway will play at 6:30 p.m. and Harley and Linehouse will square off at 8:30.

## Georgettes ousted by Milton in two

The Armstrong insurance Georgettes were mauled in the league semi-final as they dropped 13-5 and 16-1 contests to the Milton Mall Dolls, who will now face Hillsburgh for the league championship.

The Georgettes were red-hot heading into the semi-final, as

## Soccer's bantam girls team wins Halton championship



The Georgetown soccer Bantams girls team trailed 3-0 against Burlington in the Halton championship game. However, coach Ken Jones' team stormed back and won it 4-3 in overtime. Above Elaine Taylor scored the tying goal off this corner kick late in regulation time.

they took Glen Williams in two straight games. However, they never quite got things together against Milton.

The Georgettes had finished in fourth place during the regular schedule and Milton, was second to Hillsburgh.

As all Georgetown and only a matter of time before they scored. In the eleventh minute of play Lynne Cunningham scored from a corner kick by Jenny Smith.

Burlington realizing that the tide had turned started running scared and deliberately kept kicking the ball outside and with the urging of the home crowd, screaming from the top of their lungs, play picked up and our prolific goal scorer Capt. Sherril Crossman cut the margin to one by scoring with a sizzler.

From that moment onwards the Georgetown girls sensing victory gave everything they had and kept the ball in the visitors half. They were rewarded with the tying goal by Elaine Taylor during a goal-mouth scramble.

Special mention should go to our stalwart defence of goalkeeper Janet Vanderwall, defence players Jean and Karen Wilson, Vera Vanlitem, Rose Wilcox, Andrea Stapleton, Kathleen Torwick, Kamella Jones, Carolyn Defries and Lynne Cunningham who continually frustrated the efforts of the Burlington forwards and the sterling offence of Sherril, Jenny, Elaine and Penny for their never-say-die efforts that made what seemed like a walkover by Burlington into a great victory for the underdogs.

Again many thanks to the parents for their wholehearted support and rides, and we look forward to another successful 1979 soccer season.

In the league standings Georgetown was fourth with 21 points behind Guelph and Oakville who were tied with 24 points apiece. Burlington led with 27.