

Sports beat



By Tony Panacci

Darryl Sly still hanging in

A hockey fan would be hard pressed to find a player who has logged as many miles as Darryl Sly.

Sly spent almost 20 years of his life as a professional hockey player. Many of the miles he logged were not by luxurious 747s, but rather in buses travelling to the likes of Baltimore, Rochester and Providence.

The defenseman did spend some time in the big leagues, possibly best remembered as a member of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Most of his professional career Sly was the property of the Toronto Maple Leafs and he spent many of his years with the Rochester Americans. He was a member of the Leaf chain when they had the likes of Allan Stanley, Tim Horton, Carl Brewer and Bob "Boomer" Baun patrolling the blueline. Trying to crack that lineup was no easy feat.

Sly was a member of the Americans when they had powerhouse American Hockey League teams. Remember when Mike Walton and Jim Pappin were burning up that League.

Sly now is almost 40 and is still very much involved with hockey as the player-coach of the Collingwood Shipbuilders, who are eating up the competition in the OHA Intermediate "A" loop so far this year.

Sly and his troops paid a visit to Alcott Arena last Friday night to do battle with the Raiders. Collingwood emerged with a 5-2 victory in the very entertaining game.

Sly was the epitome of an old wily veteran in the contest against the Raiders. He did not waste any energy. For every move there was a reason.

"I'm 40 years old now," he said after the game. "But I still feel very good. There is still 10 pounds I have to lose before playoff time."

How long before you hang up the skates?
"As soon as someone comes along who can do the job better I'll call it quits," he said. "But like I said I still feel very good."

This is Sly's first year playing Intermediate hockey and he was asked to compare the league to the others he has toiled in.

"This is a very good brand of hockey," he said. "In hockey there are very tiny steps between each of the levels."

He said that the major difference between the American Hockey League and Intermediate "A" is that in the former it is a full-time job for the players.

"In the American Hockey League it's your job to play hockey," he said. "Here you play a couple of times a week and practise once, but it is all done after you've already put in a full day's work."

"Sure, they're a step or two quicker in the pros," he continued, "But I think that's mainly to do with the amount of time they put into it."

This is Collingwood's first year in Intermediate "A" and it appears at this point that they are the team to beat.

Sly said that the team that beat the Raiders Friday night is far from the one he hopes it to be by the end of the season.

Several of the Shipbuilder's top players were not in uniform Friday night. Missing were Wayne Carleton, Bob Montieth, Bill Switzer and Bob Baird. All of them are accomplished veterans who have played Senior "A" or better.

Collingwood's philosophy has definitely been to go for a winner right away. They have the oldest club in the league, and most of the players on the roster have played at least Senior "A" and many have tried their luck in the pro ranks.

The most recognizable name on the roster is definitely Wayne Carleton. He too put in some time with the Toronto Maple Leafs, but his best years in the NHL came as a member of the Boston Bruins and California Golden Seals.

"Steve has only played two games with us so far," Sly said. "But by the time the playoffs roll around he'll be regularly turning out."

Carleton was ready to make the trip to Georgetown, but on the afternoon of the game the water pipes in his barn froze up and he stayed in Collingwood to repair them.

Montieth is another familiar name on the roster. He signed recently and the perennial Senior "A" all-star has only played one game.

"Bob owns a hotel and right now is the busy season," Sly said. "He'll be playing regularly in the New Year."

Although Collingwood has a 17 wins, two losses record, Sly said he plans to sign three more players.

The biggest name is that of a centreman, but he was not ready to divulge the player's name.

This is just a guess, but that centreman might turn out to be Hank Montieth, another former NHLer.

With his brother on the club, Montieth might be swayed to put the skates back on.

Bob Montieth was ready to be player-coach of the Midland entry before it was forced to fold and apparently Hank was ready to play for them. Don't be too surprised if Hank Montieth joins the Shipbuilder's already talented crew.

Sly said he sees the Dundas Merchants and the Raiders as the two teams his club will have to beat out.

"From what I've seen I think those two teams are

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Sports Flashback

Taken from January 14, 1959 Herald.

Hunter's Realtors have slipped from their vantage point atop the Central Ontario Intermediate "B" hockey standing in spite of the fact they are winning.

Playing a crowded schedule for the past week Bradford has now played two more games than the locals and have recaptured the lead. A gap of three points separates the two top clubs.

An enthusiastic crowd at Stouffville arena last night witnessed probably the best played game of the campaign as their Clippers fell 4-2 to Georgetown.

Georgetown wiped out a two-goal deficit to take the victory. Georgetown's first goal was

scored by playing coach Nick Ferri on a sizzling drive that found the open corner. Irons and Voyce picked up the assists.

In the second stanza Blake Inglis tallied from Grasby and Bud Varey to tie the score.

After just 1:37 of the third period Ron Dixon potted the winner for Georgetown with Inglis and Bud Varey setting him up.

Irons then added an insurance marker with only 28 seconds left in the game.

Jack "Rabbit" Rhodes guarded the Georgetown cage superbly, holding Stouffville to only two goals.

Taken from the same issue: The Branch 120 bowling team won the Zone B7 champ-

ionship in Acton last Saturday. Members of the team are Harb Chappel, who had the high triple, Gord King, Scotty Patterson, Nick Brown, Albert Stapleton, Herb Arnold and Archie Pollack, who had the high single.

Taken from the January 12, 1948 Herald:

The fast skating Raiders defeated Bridgeport Veterans 8-5 here Thursday night in a fast, rugged game.

The Raiders carried the play for two periods and gave Woolner in goal for Bridgeport a hot time of it.

The game featured fine performances by Ferri, Chappel and Melanson.

Chappel was the high man of the game with five points, one goal and four assists. The

flashy Melanson had two goals and one assist.

Other Georgetown markers went to Ferri, Storey, Bradbury and Kemshead.

The following taken from the same issue features a letter to Wheldon Emmerson, and his reply:

Dear Sportswriter:
How about coming out in the open and telling us the inside dope on the hockey team this year. Why has Georgetown passed up two or three chances to sign good hockey players and why the Intermediate "B" stuff, when it would be just as easy to play "A" hockey. There are lots of things happening around the fans should know about. Forget the gossip and give us the real low-down.
A Hockey Fan

Rob Masson wins three medals at Winter Games

Georgetown's Rob Masson made an excellent showing at the Ontario Winter Games in

Kingston over the weekend winning in two swimming events and finishing second in

another.

Masson won the gold medals in the 1,500-and metres and 400 freestyles. His silver medal was taken in the 200 butterfly event.

The swimmer was competing in the 15-18 years class.

Masson was one of five swimmers chosen to represent Central Ontario.

The fine swimmer does not know where he will be competing next, but he said he will continue to train hard. He swims out of the Etobicoke Club.

Rob's younger sister Susan, 12, also made the trip to Kingston as an alternate. She too swims out of the Oakville club.

Defenseman Currie back with Raiders

Bill Currie is expected to rejoin the Georgetown Raiders squad in the very near future.

Currie, who has yet to play in a regular season match this year, was at practice Tuesday night and may be in the lineup against the Austrian National Team this Friday.

The big, rugged defenseman who some say is the best in the Intermediate "A" loop when in top form, will be a welcome addition to the team.

loss to the Collingwood Shipbuilders.



Bill Currie

The Raiders one big problem so far this year has been on the blueline and never was it more evident than in Friday's 5-2

Minor Pee Wees go to semi-finals

The Georgetown United Rent-All Minor Pee Wees went to the semi-finals of the Don Mills invitational tournament before losing 3-0 to Ajax.

There were eight teams in the "AA" class and Georgetown made it to the semi-finals by virtue of having a two wins one loss record in the preliminary round-robin play.

In the first game Georgetown went up against Thornhill and emerged from the tough game with a 1-0 win.

Marc Bertrand was in net for the shutout and the only goal was tallied by Brent Smith with Todd Cull and Keith Rieger setting him up. The goal was not scored until the 6:49 of the third period.

In the second game Georgetown took an easy 7-1 win over Etobicoke.

Cull was red-hot in this game as scored four times. Smith, Wayne Morrow, Glen Leslie with two and Shawn Coffey had the other Georgetown markers.

Georgetown's first loss came in the third game as they were 6-0 victims of a strong East York squad.

However, Georgetown's record was still good enough to advance them to the semi-final.

Georgetown outplayed Ajax for two periods, but did not have any luck around the net. Ajax scored one goal in the second period and two more in the third to take the victory.

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