

Yesteryears' Raider heroes revisited

This week Raider Raps begins a new feature in which a player from the team's illustrious past will be featured.

Doug "Smokey" Richardson was according to many hockey fans around town Georgetown's answer to Eddie Shack. That is, the fans just fell in love with him and chanted for his appearance every time he missed a shift.

Richardson, who was born and raised in Georgetown, started with the Raiders Intermediate "A" team in 1960 and he retired after the 1971-72 season. Three of the years in that stretch Richardson played out of town.

"When I was a kid I was a great Raider fan," Richardson told The Herald. "They had

some real colorful players.

Richardson said he always enjoyed watching Nick Ferris and Ken Nash play. "Nash was probably the best hockey player I ever saw in a Raider uniform."

Richardson played right wing for the Raiders and through his career he filled many roles.

"When I first came up to the Raiders I was a goal scorer," he said. "As time went on I became more of a checker."

In his time with the Raiders, Richardson played under three coaches, Scully Patterson, Elmer Lee and Gerry Inglis.

"Scully was definitely the best coach I ever played for," Richardson said.

One of the biggest lines to play for the Raiders in that era



Doug 'Smokey' Richardson

was composed of Richardson, Blake Inglis and Junior Beaumont. All three are among the best prospects Georgetown has produced.

In 1964, several Raider players, including Richardson and Blake Inglis, went and played Intermediate "A" hockey in Bradford, Georgetown did not have an Intermediate "A" club that year.

It was in Bradford that Richardson was a member of his first OHA Intermediate "A" champion.

"My biggest thrill was scoring the winning goal in the seventh game against Collingwood that year," he said. "It came in the second overtime session and Harry Lumley was in net for them." Lumley of course was a National Hockey League veteran.

When Georgetown got back in the Intermediate "A" league Richardson rejoined the team. After playing in Bradford Richardson also put in a couple of years with the Acton Intermediate "C" league.

In 1971-72 which was Richardson's last year, the Raiders went all the way and won the

OHA Intermediate "A" title. It was the first of several the Raiders captured in the 70s.

"After we won the championship I decided to hang them up," Richardson said.

Since he left the game Richardson has not been back to the arena very often to see the Raiders play. "Once I hung them up, I hung them up."

He is around the arenas enough however, as two of his sons play rep hockey. Jeff, Smokey III, plays with the Juveniles and Joey is with the Major Pee Wees.

The original Smokey, Walt, Doug's dad, also put in some time with the Raiders.

Doug and his family live on Dayfoot Drive near Memorial Arena.



Raider scoring

Juri Kudrasovs is still the leading Georgetown Raider point getter, a position he has held since the season began.

The Raiders have a very potent offense this year as no less than nine of their players are averaging at least one point a game.

Before the season is out the Raiders could have eight 20-goal shooters in the lineup. A few of the players are going to have to get hot, but it is still a remote possibility. This would be over a 36-game schedule.

So far seven players have already hit double figures and Tom Daley has nine goals. Daley is capable of scoring goals in bunches, so it is still very possible that he can score 20. Don't forget the Raiders still have a game left with Orangeville and they may all hit 20 on that night.

Ray Evans and Daley are the club's top playmakers with 25 assists apiece.

Kudrasovs is leading the team with 19 goals, but Patrick "Hat Trick" Maloney is right on his heels with 15. Maloney has average one goal a game since finally joining the team.

The Raiders leading penalty man is Ron Fogal although the rugged defenseman has only played in 11 of the team's 21 games.

Player	GP	PM	G	A	P
Juri Kudrasovs	18	6	19	22	41
Ray Evans	20	17	13	25	38
Ray Tonelli	21	31	14	23	37
Tom Daley	21	16	9	25	34
Terry Porter	19	25	10	17	27
Collin Gordon	20	16	12	14	26
Steve Novis	18	32	11	13	24
Pat Maloney	15	2	15	4	19
Chris Milne	21	37	3	11	14
Gary Barden	15	30	2	7	9
Peter Sturgeon	5	10	4	5	9
John Boyce	17	37	0	8	8
Ron Twiss	14	18	4	4	8
Steve Blundy	8	2	0	7	7
Bob Elinesky	9	35	2	4	6
Pierre Pilote	6	6	1	2	3
Ron Fogal	11	41	0	1	1

Ask the coach...

This week's winning question comes from Brian James of 9 William St. in Georgetown. He asked Raider coach Gerry Inglis the following question and will receive two free coupons from Mr. Submarine. Q. Which is the best Intermediate "A" team you think you have met this year and why? A. Collingwood is definitely the toughest team we have played this year.

Their main strength is they

have a lot of older guys who do not miss when they get a good scoring chance.

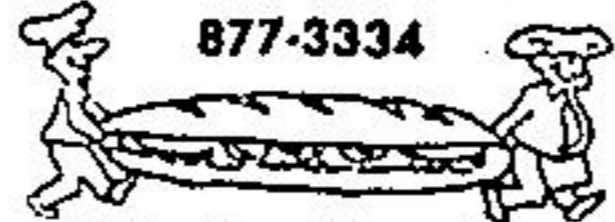
As far as I can see the Collingwood team has no noticeable weaknesses and they are the team to beat.

ED note: Georgetown has played Collingwood twice this year and have lost by 8-6 and 5-2 scores. They will not face each other again unless both win their divisions and meet in the final.

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At writing time the Raiders hold first place in the Intermediate A Southern Division and although we did not expect to be in this position a month ago we are glad to be there.

It would appear at this time that to be the highest point team of all Int. A teams by seasons end may be hard to achieve as Collingwood as a real power house and have only lost one game.

For the Raiders to be number one in the South means a lot of exciting hockey for the fans as every team playing the Raiders wants to be the one to bump them off.

It would appear that if the Raiders can find at least 2 more defencemen in the next month our chances of winning the championship are very good and to go on to the Canadian finals even better. I sincerely hope that the Raiders are giving your winter season a little merriment.

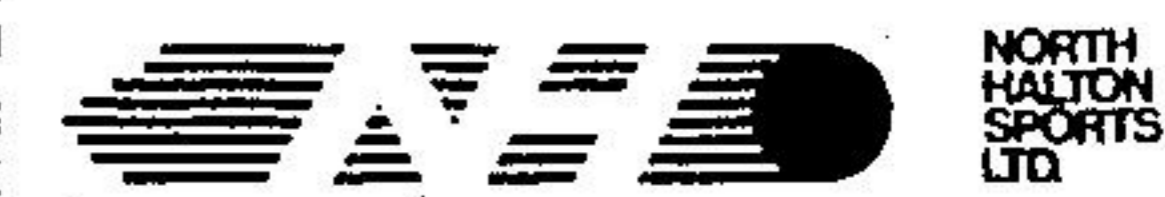
As you have read the Austrian Game will be on Friday and the tickets are moving well, we have only printed enough tickets to fill the arena comfortably and so I suggest you do purchase tickets prior to game time as their will be no additional tickets sold.

Don't forget to keep Jan. 19, 1979 Open for Raiders Mens Night, the tickets are well over half sold — buy early.

I won't say much about the Heritage Dinner on Feb. 13, except that it looks as it will be a block buster.

Anyone having any suggestions regarding the Raiders or anyone wishing to join the Raiders executive please feel free to make yourself known to myself or any Raider persons.

See you at the rink
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