

Raiders cut six, 3 cards remain

The Georgetown Raiders cut six of their players last Wednesday to meet the Intermediate "A" league's limit. As of midnight Wednesday the Raiders had to have only 21 player cards in their possession.

The Raiders began the season with 30 player cards and had used 24 of them as of last Monday. The team had to send nine cards back to the OHA last week. Three of the cards the Raiders sent back are empty.

The other six cards were those of John Lunn, Brian McBratney, Bill Masters, Pierre Pilote, Jr., Gary Barden and Neil Cotton.

MILD SURPRISES

The mild surprises in that group were Masters, Pilote and Barden as they were active members of the team.

Lunn has yet to suit up in regular season games this year. McBratney played in only a few games before he returned to Flint, Michigan, where he had played pro for several years. Cotton left the team early in the year.

The Raiders have the three unsigned cards left and any of those can be used to sign the six players they cut so the careers of those players with the team may not be over.

The final decisions on who to cut were made by coach Gerry Inglis after he consulted general manager Jack Handy and members of the team's executive.

The coach said the decisions on who to let go did not come easily.

The coach said he had to leave himself with at least a

few unsigned cards because he feels he needs a couple of solid defenseman and a good forward to be a legitimate contender for the Hardy Cup.

"If we had a couple of more defensemen and a good forward who could play centre and the wing we would be tough to beat," the coach said. The Raiders have until February 10 to sign players. After that date the only players who they can pick up must be affiliates.

The coach said the club has been in contact with McBratney, who served as the Raider captain until personal reasons forced him to return to Flint.

"We've talked to Brian," Inglis said. "But right now he's 600 miles away and it is tough to play defense for us while he's there."

CONTACTED LUNN

The team has also been in contact with Lunn, who has played most of his hockey in New Brunswick. The tough forward has registered in a helicopter course in Oshawa and it would be impossible for him to make a firm commitment to the Raiders.

Inglis said he decided to cut Cotton, a mainstay in the Raider defense, because the big blueliner walked out on the team.

"As far as I'm concerned Neil signed under the pretense that he would be used as a fill-in because of his other commitments," Inglis said. "When he walked out after being benched it was his decision and when a guy quits as far as I'm concerned he's gone." Cotton left the team between periods in a game because he felt Inglis had unfairly benched him.

The coach said that cutting Masters, who has been the team's backup netminder throughout the season, was a very hard decision.

"Billy has been very faithful and he's a great kid, but I had to go with the goalies who I thought could get us first place," the coach said.

Of the six players cut the most likely to return may be Masters. One of the reasons he was cut was because he picked up a two-game suspension in his last outing in Fort Erie. Masters is not eligible to play even if resigned until January 26.

MACDONALD BUSY

Mario MacDonald, who was the team's number one netminder last year, has had heavy work commitments this year and has been unable to make it to most of the games. He still has a 10-day

trip to Montreal on his work schedule and also a couple of weekend jaunts so the team may have to resign Masters to backup Peter McDuffe.

Inglis said he cut Pilote, who played under him in Millton last year, because he was not adjusting well to Intermediate hockey.

"Pierre came out late and it's been a big jump from Junior "B" to Intermediate "A" for him," the coach said.

Barden is another player right out of Junior "B" and he has been having his trouble holding his own in Intermediate.

"He hasn't come along the way we expected him to," Inglis said. "His job has forced him to miss a lot of practise and many games."

After the cuts the Raiders have 18 players left on their roster and the coach said he would like to sign three more.

League standings

NORTHERN							
Team	G	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Collingwood	22	19	3	0	168	61	38
Port Elgin	23	14	8	1	120	89	29
Owen Sound	24	10	13	1	111	123	21
Orangeville	21	1	20	0	64	210	2

SOUTHERN							
Team	G	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Dundas	22	15	7	0	126	93	30
Georgetown	23	14	8	1	145	83	29
Thorold	22	12	10	0	120	113	24
Port Colborne	23	9	13	1	137	147	19
Fort Erie	22	5	17	0	77	151	10

RESULTS

Georgetown 7 at Fort Erie 6
 Port Colborne 13 at Orangeville 6
 Dundas 7 at Thorold 4
 Thorold 3 at Collingwood 8
 Fort Erie 0 at Georgetown 18
 Thorold 5 at Owen Sound 6

Acton tigers beat Patterson 6-4

The Acton Tigers claimed their first victory in two years over Georgetown's Paterson Insulation by a 6-4 score in action Monday.

The Tigers had to come back from a 3-1 deficit to take the victory over their arch-rivals.

Georgetown's Rob Paton opened the scoring for the Tigers on an unassisted effort.

The Insulators then came back with three straight goals, two in the first and one in the second.

Scoring were S. Harris, from Bill Houle and Wells, Ken Norman, from Walter Arbuckle and Howie Cornfoot from Arbuckle.

The Tigers were not to be denied however as they bounced back with five in a row. Four came before the second period was over. Tim Gilford, unassisted, Ken Dybel, from Wayne Hill and Don Baird.

Rick Stewart, from Kin Simkin, Wayne Munro, from Glen Ferguson and Gilford and Dybel were the scorers.

Dybel's second goal came after the Insulators had pulled netminder Jim Walker in favor of a sixth attacker.

The Georgetown and District Minor Hockey Association announce that the annual PHOTO DAYS will be January 26th, 27th, and 28th.


Each boy and girl playing House League Hockey with the G.D.M.H.A. will receive a team photo and an individual photo if they are with their team at the time the pictures are taken.

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