

# Sports Beat

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Unlike that of the Georgetown Raiders, the lineup of the Dundas Merchants will not alter from the one that paid a visit to Alcott Arena Friday night.

The Raiders still have three players coming. Brad Pirie, Scott McKenzie and Doug Heaslip will all join the Raiders once their season as members of the Guelph University Gryphons ends.

The Gryphons are doing very well in the playoffs. They play tomorrow night. If Guelph loses the sudden-death game the three players could be in the lineup Friday in Dundas.

After Friday night's game in which the Raiders edged the Merchants 3-2, Dundas coach Gil Eyre said that he has no one signed who is not already playing for the team. In fact the Merchants did not even sign anyone between January 10, the cutting deadline, and February 10, the signing curfew.

"I don't believe in signing players midway through the season," Eyre told this reporter. "If you can't win with the players you went most of the season with then forget it."

The Raiders on the other hand have signed five players, and cut eight, between January 10 and February 10.

Gone from the lineup which started the season are Neil Cotton, John Lunn, Brian McBratney, Pierre Pilote Jr., Bill Masters, Gary Barden, Bob Elinecky and Mario MacDonald.

Signed between those two dates were Pirie, McKenzie, Heaslip, Archie Chase and backup netminder Bill Humphreys.

If all goes as expected in the playoffs the Raiders and Merchants should meet in the southern division championship round.

The two teams met for the league championship last year and the Merchants won it in five games.

The Raiders went with the same basic lineup throughout last year.

It will be interesting to see how the Raiders, who have changed their philosophy in regard to cutting and signing players midway through the season, fare against the Merchants, whose philosophy has stayed the same.

According to Will Brownlow, who is Gerry Inglis' guru, the prize catch among the four university players signed is Pirie.

Brownlow has ventured out to Guelph several times to see the future Raiders play. He said Pirie, who at 150 pounds is small for a blueliner, was excellent in every game.

"He'll be like Bobby Orr in this league," said Brownlow.

Steve Blundy has had just a luckless year. Early in the season he suffered a ruptured spleen and had to sit for six weeks while he recovered from the injury.

In Thorold a couple of weeks ago Blundy recorded five scoring points, by far his best output of the season. He had finally worked himself back into condition.

So what happens? While playing hockey at Sheridan College, where he works, he tore ligaments in his knee.

He was at Friday's game with a cast on his leg. He will not return to the Raiders this year.

"I could rush it and possibly be back in the lineup before the season is over," Blundy said. "But Gerry has a lot of forwards now and he won't be able to allow me to play myself back into condition once the playoffs start."

So as the Raiders make their dash for as many championships as they can grab, Blundy will have to satisfy himself with watching all the action from the stands.

"I'll be around to watch most of the games," he said. "It's hard to stand by and just watch, but I can't miss the playoffs."

Blundy said he goes four or five years injury free and then suddenly he will be hit by a rash of them. This year has been the worst.

Will Blundy be back next year?

"I'll be back trying to earn a spot on the team," the 33-year-old veteran said. "If nothing else I want to prove that I am not brittle."

Blundy was one of the draw winners at the Hockey Heritage Dinner a couple of weeks back. "Yeah, it was the only time I was lucky this year," he said.

Here's hoping referee John McCauley is back in striped shirt before too long. The Georgetown resident, a veteran official in the NHL, was felled in a New York restaurant by a man who attacked him from behind.

The attacker hit McCauley in the eye and jaw. The one to the eye is the serious injury as McCauley had to undergo surgery to repair the damage.

If all goes as expected he should be back on the ice within the next couple of weeks.

# Hoddinott and Eastwood go to quarters in squash tournament

The Georgetown Racquet Club's first venture at hosting a squash tournament was very successful as there were many fans in the galleries of the Armstrong Avenue complex and some excellent squash on the courts.

There were 64 competitors taking part in the action including seven from the local club.

The eventual winner of the tournament was Norm Platt, a squash instructor from Markham. He defeated Stephene Rowe of Oakville in the final.

## "C" CLASSED

The tournament was for "C" classed players or less. Players making it to the semi-finals or better are now eligible to be moved into a "B" classification.

None of the Georgetown players made it to the semis, but Boyd Hoddinott and Rod Eastwood both came close.

Both players made it to the quarter-finals before being eliminated.

Hoddinott was very impressive as he won his first three matches. Two of the victories were by 3-0 scores and in the other he squeaked out a 3-2 win. He was finally eliminated in the quarters by a 0-3 score.

Eastwood was in a different draw and he only had to win two to get to the quarters. His victories were both by 3-1 scores. In the quarters he lost 0-3 to Rowe.

Dave Steen and Norm Hertz were both successful in their first games of the tournament, but were eliminated in the second round of championship play. Hertz lost a heart-breaker by a 2-3 score.

Bob Marchand and Jim Frank both lost their first games and were knocked into the consolation section. Marchand won his first game in consolation play 3-1 and Frank took his by default. The two then met in the second round and Frank took his club mate by a 3-1 score. He was then eliminated in the next round by the same score.

Doug Richardson was the other competitor and he lost his first two matches.

Each of the players was guaranteed at least two matches.

Tournament chairman Al Kogon said he was very pleased with the support from the club members as well as the public that the tournament received.

Many of the players from the other clubs said it was one of the best tournaments they had attended.

Helping Kogon out were Wayne and Judy Reed, Jack and Wendy Buykes, Barry Manhire, Graham Smith, Erwin Schandelmeyer, Graham Tyler, Barry Griffiths, Ben Lindberg and what Kogon termed as host of other volunteers.

There were competitors from all over southern Ontario including London, Kingston, Belleville and

Trenton. There were 15 to 20 clubs represented.

Kogon said that the best match of the day was between champion Platt and Ray Baker in the quarter-finals.

There is a "D" tournament scheduled for the club in May. Georgetown players will be trying to earn a provincial ranking in that one. To date three Georgetown players, Kogon, Hoddinott and Hertz, have provincial rankings.

## Two local teams are defeated

The "B" and "D" squash teams were both defeated by the Oakville Club in action last week.

The "B" team went down to a five matches to none loss. Al Kogon lost 0-3, Rod Eastwood, Rod Presswood and Boyd Hoddinott were all downed 1-3 and Jim Frank was nipped 2-3.

The "B" team has had an excellent year and they still

have a chance of finishing third in the nine-team league. They have two games left on their schedule.

The "D" team lost three matches to two.

Barry Griffiths and Tom Kankainen both won by impressive 3-0 scores, but Doug Farruggan, Dave McEwen and Erwin Schandelmeyer were all defeated 2-3.

# Newfoundland team in tourney

With the opening of the Georgetown International Bantam Tournament quickly

approaching, chairman Harry Levy reports that things are moving along very well

but there is still billeting needed.

The big news this week is

that a team from Clarendville, Newfoundland has been entered into the tournament. Levy said the team will play in the "C" division.

The Newfoundland team will be staying for the whole week and thus the need for more billeting.

People interested in billeting players can contact Howard Murphy at 877-9938.

Levy also said that 14 of the teams entered are still competing in OMHA play. Teams are not allowed to enter tournaments if they are taking part in the playdowns.

One of the teams still alive in OMHA play is the Georgetown DRG Stationery Bantams. If they go by their next round it is doubtful that they will be able to take part in the tournament.

"The rules state that any team in OMHA play cannot enter tournament," Levy said.

However, Georgetown will be represented in the tournament. If the Major Bantams survive their next round, the minor bantams will probably get a berth in the tournament. There has been a Georgetown representative in every tournament since it began.

Levy said the Sudbury team will be able to make it to the tournament. There had been speculation that they would be unable to enter.

Levy is certain that he will lose at least a few teams by the time the tournament rolls around, but he has a long list of teams on standby waiting for an opportunity to compete.

## Cougars defeat Derbys in series opener

The Burlington Cougars defeated the Streetsville Derbys 7-6 in the opening game of their OHA Central Junior "B" semi-final.

In the other semi-final Oak

Ridges will meet Oakville. It will begin this Friday in Oakville.

There were absolutely no surprises in the quarter-finals.

## Oakville star takes two awards

Frank Carnevale of the Oakville Blades won two of the major awards in the OHA Central Junior "B" loop.

Carnevale, who broke the league's scoring record with 130 points, took the trophy going to the leading scorer as well as the Most Valuable Player award.

All the individual awards went to players on the Burlington Cougars, Streetsville Derbys or Blades. Those three teams were without a doubt the class of the loop this year.

Jim Lockhurst and Lea Williams took the award for goalkeepers allowing the least goals against.

Jim Cocharan of Burlington was selected as the

league's top defenseman. Joe South of the Georgetown Geminals was the winner of that award last year.

Goalkeeper Ian Roberts of the Blades was awarded with the trophy going to the league's most improved player.

The Cougar's Mark Litton was selected rookie of the year and Rob McConnell of the same squad was chosen the most gentlemanly player.

Each manager and coach nominated players from their roster for each of the awards. The managers and coaches then voted on the nominees. They were not allowed to select players from their own teams.