

# Port Elgin surprises Collingwood in six

Port Elgin will offer the competition for the Georgetown Raiders (or the overall OHA Intermediate "A" title) after surprising Collingwood in six games in the northern division final round.

The victory by Port Elgin may have come as a surprise for many southern watchers, but the team's general manager Doug Dudgeon said no true hockey fan up north was surprised by his club's victory.

"We were even with Collingwood throughout the year," he said. "They won five and we won five".

In the final game of the series, Port Elgin wrapped it up with a 12-3 victory at home.

### HOT GOALIE

"Their goalie (Ron Patterson) kept them in some of the early games," Dudgeon said. "Once we broke through his armour it was no contest."

After Port Elgin won the first three games in the series, Collingwood came on to win the next two.

"Wayne Carlton played really well in their two wins," Dudgeon said. "But it was Patterson who won the games for them."

Dudgeon went on to say that his club won the series on pure guts.

"We had much more desire than they did," he said. "We wanted more than they did".

The general manager also said the fact his club is on the average much younger than Collingwood's figured in the win.

"They had the advantage in experience," Dudgeon said. "But having the younger legs helped us as the series went on."

Dudgeon said he also figures the weak opening series Collingwood had against the

hapless Orangeville Cougars hindered them.

"We had a tough series against Owen Sound in the opening round," he said, "and it got us ready for Collingwood."

Port Elgin has added one big name since the last time they played the Raiders. Joe Ens, a former pro, is playing left wing for the club.

Dudgeon said that the leader against the Shipbuilders was the line of Scarf, McKinnon and Howe, who scored six goals in the last win.

What really took the wind

out of the Shipbuilders' sails were the four goals Port Elgin scored in 34 seconds which broke a 2-2 tie.

Collingwood went into the series without the services of Ian McKeown, who along with Steve Sly is the team's best defenseman.

### CLEAN SERIES

Dudgeon said it was a very clean series. He said there was only one fight in the seven games.

Port Elgin won the two meetings they had with the Raiders during the regular season. In fact the only southern division team to defeat Port Elgin was Port Colborne, who pulled off the trick twice.

"However, we know that

the Raiders have added a lot of talent since our games with them," said Dudgeon. "I think it should be a great series".

Dudgeon said his club likes to play a fast, skating game, but that if it gets physical he has the players who can take care of themselves. Scarf was known as one of the best fighters in his years in the World Hockey Association.

The general manager said he did not have a preference as to which team his club met in the final.

"Dundas, Georgetown and Thorold all played well against us," he said. "We didn't care which one we met in the final".

# Raiders draw even with 5-4

The Georgetown Raiders went into Thorold last Wednesday needing a win to tie up the southern division final and they did not disappoint their fans defeating the Athletics 5-4.

The Raiders flew through the first 40 minutes and built a 4-1 lead and tried to coast the rest of the way. The move almost backfired as Georgetown needed a late third-period goal from Tom Daley to squeak out the win.

### NEWLINE

In this game coach Gerry Inglis introduced a new line which may become his most explosive.

Inglis combined the talents of centre Ray Evans and rightwinger Tom Daley, who have been together for years, with those of leftwinger Ray Tonelli. The three looked as they'd been together forever as they controlled the puck on almost every shift.

All three of the players like to play a good, passing game and in the second game they scored some of the season's classiest goals.

Daley is also showing the kind of quickness that did not seem existent during most of the season.

The trio opened the scoring at the 1:30 mark of the first period when Daley threw a drop pass to Tonelli who fired it past Bill Cheropita in the Athletic net. Brad Pirie also earned an assist.

Aside from the forward line previously mentioned the Raider shooters were not up to par.

Juri Kudrasovs and Colin Gordon have not been a factor in the first two games. In the second game they skated with Pete Sturgeon on the left wing. Sturgeon was the only of the three who played his game.

The second Raider goal, later in the first period was a giveaway. Heslop stole the puck behind the Athletic net and moved in front to beat a startled Cheropita.

Before the first frame was out Peter Mara, undoubtedly Thorold's best player, put his club on the board when he beat McDuffe, who was out of position after making two saves.

The Raiders went ahead 3-1 at the 3:53 point of the second frame when Fogal blasted a shot in. Cheropita was screened on the play. Fogal played an excellent game on the blueline and stayed relatively free of the penalty box.

### PRETTY GOAL

Later in the period the Raiders scored one of the season's prettiest goals. The Daley-Evans-Tonelli line moved the puck all the way up ice with pin-point passing and when they got close Daley found the mark.

The second period was very entertaining as the lack of penalties and whistles made for good, crisp play.

The third period suffered greatly by comparison. The Raiders came out apparently happy to sit on their lead and their protective style slowed the game down to a walk.

Early in the period it appeared the style might be successful as the Athletics had few scoring chances.

However at the 8:56 mark of the period the Athletics got on the board when Robbie Balyk put home a Mara rebound. Mara's hard shot had hit the post dead on.

Midway through the period the Athletics got back to within one as Gino Farinace

scored after McDuffe had made three great saves.

With just under four minutes to be played the Athletics completed the comeback when Mark Kita fired a bomb by McDuffe.

At this point in the game it looked like the Athletics would go onto win their second in a row, but Daley tallied at 17:35 to give the Raiders the lead once more.

In the final two and half minutes of the game the Athletics pressed, but McDuffe was equal to the task as the former pro would not let the puck get by him. In the dying minutes McDuffe displayed some of the best goaltending the league has ever seen.

Fogal took a penalty at the 18 minute mark and with a minute left Cheropita was pulled in favor of a sixth attacker. Again Daley came to the rescue as he kept the puck in the Athletic end in the last 20 seconds of the game and just missed completing his hat trick.

Daley played with the enthusiasm of rookie and know-how of a veteran as he was by far the most impressive skater on the ice.

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4. Glad Kitchen Catchers 12's sale price should read...59c

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## Playoffs begin tonight

The Georgetown Raiders will begin their Intermediate "A" championship round against Port Elgin tonight at 8:30 p.m. up north.

Before the opening faceoff takes place there will be a very important flip of the coin. The winner of the coin toss will get the extra home game if a seventh and deciding game is needed.

The second game of the series will be at Alcott Arena Friday night with a 8:30 p.m. start.

The teams will head up north again for a 7 p.m. starter on Sunday.

The fourth game will be back here next Tuesday with a 8 p.m. start.

The remainder of the dates will be set as soon as it is decided which club gets the extra home game.

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