

Hoddinott retains his title

Boyd Hoddinott retained his heavyweight squash title in "A" division play at the Georgetown Racquet Club championships with an exciting narrow victory over Al Kogon in the final Saturday night.

The club has been around since 1975. In the first year

Barry Kirkness won the "A" division squash title. In the four years since Hoddinott has taken the title in the premier division.

It was the second year in a row that Hoddinott and Kogon, the top ranked players at the club, faced each other in the championship with a 9-10, 10-9 and 9-7 scores.

In the "B" division Garry Kirkpatrick took the championship with a 9-10, 9-3, 9-7, 9-1 win over Tom Farrugan.

The "C" title went to Trev Toyne who took Ian Crichton 9-6, 4-9, 9-4 and 9-3 in the final.

Ed Rieger was the champ in the "D" play downing

Wayne Taylor 9-6, 9-7, and 9-4.

The most exciting match of the day may have been in the women's final as it was the only final to go a full five games.

Mary McEwen took the title with a 9-5, 9-4, 6-9, 5-9, 9-5 victory over Doreen Thompson.

Sunocos only win in coin toss

The Port Elgin Sunocos, although down four points to none, did emerge out of last week's action with one major victory.

In the flip to determine who gets the extra home game the Sunocos called it right and the seventh and possible deciding game, if it is needed will be played in Port Elgin.

The coin flip was originally scheduled to take place in the second game at Georgetown. The Port Elgin team representatives refused to stage the flip here during Saturday night's game because there

were no OHA officials present.

So the flip took place in Port Elgin and they came out on top.

EIGHTH GAME

There is still a chance that there will be four games in Georgetown. If any games end in a tie, after a one overtime period is played, an eighth game would have to be played in Georgetown.

The series third game went in Georgetown last night. The next two games are scheduled for Port Elgin. Tomorrow night the two

teams faceoff at 8:30 p.m. and the next night the fourth game gets underway at 8 p.m.

If a sixth game is needed it would be played at Alcott Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night.

If that seventh game is needed it will be up north Sunday with either a 3 p.m. or 7 p.m. start.

The winning of the flip may be important for two reasons for Port Elgin. Aside from the fact they do get the extra home date, it also gives them two games at home in a row, the fourth and fifth, if need-

ed, games.

That made last night's encounter here last night all the more important.

If Georgetown won last night they now lead the series six points to none and even two victories in a row by Port Elgin at home would leave them two points behind with the two teams coming back down south.

However, if Port Elgin won last night it is going to be an entirely different ball game.

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Raiders control second period

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The Sunocos continues to dominate the period, but midway through it they ran into some penalty problems of their own.

Daley put the Raiders on the board when he scored from Tonelli and Sturgeon just past the halfway point of the period. The Raiders had the manpower advantage when the goal was scored.

Gordon tied the score at 16:32 when he tallied on another Raider power play. Sturgeon was again the playmaker.

As was the case in the first game, the Raiders took control of the game with an excellent second period.

Kudrasovs, showing the form that won him the southern division scoring title, put the Raiders in front for the first time only 1:11 into the second frame.

Only 23 seconds later the line of Archie Chase centring Daley and Tonelli put the Raiders up by two. Chase was on the end of an excellent three-way passing play.

However, as pretty as the Kudrasova goal was, Bill Buckton's marker to notch the score for Port Elgin bettered it.

Buckton went up the right wing, beat Fogal. In alone on McDuffe, Buckton waited until the last possible moment and just as the netminder went down he flipped it high. It was the prettiest goal of the series thus far.

It appeared the period was going to end with the Raiders leading by one goal.

However, late in the period Claude Foy went after the Raiders' Doug Heslip. Heslip was not in the least bit interested in an altercation and just covered up and let Foy bang his hand against his helmet. Aside from sporting a bloody hand from the altercation, Foy also received the extra penalty.

The Raiders took advantage of the power play with only 48 seconds showing on the clock when Sturgeon beat Blair on a shot, which was hard, but fired from a bad angle.

According to Dandeno the Raiders got 23 of 36 faceoffs in this period and had six very good scoring chances to Sunoco's three. Particularly strong on the faceoffs was Scott McKenzie who did not lose any of the six he took.

Blair made a couple of good saves off Terry Porter early in the third period, but he was not called upon to do much else after that.

STUNNING SAVES

It was strictly the Peter McDuffe Show. The netminder made several stunning saves, but the best was off Port Elgin captain Buckton. Buckton was in front of the net and apparently had the whole cage to fire at. He directed the disc towards the open net and it appeared certain that it was going to be a one-goal game. However, McDuffe dove back in the net and stopped it from going in.

"It was the biggest save of the game," said Raider general manager Jack Handy. "If they had scored there, they would have had the momentum and probably at least forced overtime."

The Raiders took the only two penalties in the third

period. During both power plays the Sunocos had good scoring chances, but they could not beat McDuffe.

When the final shots were tallied McDuffe stopped 36 while Blair, who was shakey and took some abuse from the hometown fans, stopped 24.

The game also marked the playoff debut of Steve Blundy as the Raider coach.

Blundy dressed for the first period, but he decided not to skate because of his injured leg. To begin the second period Blundy was back in street clothes and behind the bench calling the shots.

Blundy showed the potential of becoming an excellent coach as his players maintained their cool and he also made full use of the limited bench.

Aside from Boyce, not playing were Ray Evans, whose place was again filled by Archie Chase, and Brad Pirie, still bothered by a leg injury.

Raiders win 5-2 in first

The Georgetown Raiders jumped in front in the OHA Intermediate "A" final against Port Elgin Sunocos with an impressive 5-2 victory at home Saturday night in front of approximately 900 screaming fans.

As the teams lined up for the national anthem it was very evident the Raiders had a big advantage in one department. The Georgetown players for the most part tower over their northern opponents.

SLOW START

The game started out very slowly with the two teams not willing to take any chances right off the bat.

As the period wore on the Raiders began to take control, but they were unable to beat former Georgetown John Blair, who manned the Port Elgin net.

Blair came up with a couple of excellent saves off the sticks of Sturgeon and Tom Daley.

The two teams ended the first frame still tied at zero. Referee Murray Darroch handed out five minors with three of those going to the homeside. The Raiders got excellent penalty killing, especially by Sturgeon and Daley.

Midway through the period the Raiders broke through the Sunoco's armour. Chase fired a blast from the right faceoff circle and the hard drive got by Blair. The Raiders had a manpower advantage when Chase tallied. Sturgeon set him up.

That goal seemed to open the flood gate as soon after Doug Heslip put Georgetown up by two.

Heslip took a backhand from 10 feet out and it deflected off a Port Elgin defenseman who was attempting to block the shot. Blair could not react in time to stop the deflection. Scott McKenzie earned the assist.

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