

# Sports Beat

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## Inglis will not be back

the Thorold series. John Boyce, who Inglis says is his best defensive defenseman, has been doing a Bob Baun impersonation and taken a shift although he has a broken bone in the ankle.

"There is no telling how long John's ankle will stand up," Inglis said. However, the Raiders will also have many pluses in Timmins.

It is now very apparent that the Raider former pros in lineup play their best hockey against tough competition. Sturgeon, Tonelli, Kudrasovs, Peter McDuffe and Gordon all seem to love the pressure situations.

### BIGGEST PLUS

The biggest plus however, is big Tom Daley. It is hard to believe, watching Daley dominate games now, that earlier this season he was on the cutting block.

Daley was the best Raider on the ice in many games against The Thorold Athletics and also against the Sunocos.

The Raiders will also have a very talented supporting cast with Scott McKenzie, Doug Heslip, Archie Chase a very potent third line. Chase will probably take Evans' place should the veteran centreman not be able to dress.

Also on the bench will be proven goal scorers Pat Maloney and Terry Porter. And Chris Milne can hold his own if called upon.

### BIG FEAR

Inglis does have one big fear, which in the end may do his club in. The Raiders could certainly use one more good defenseman to give them a very good chance.

Patrolling the blueline now are Boyce, Ron Twiss, Ron Fogal, Brad Pirie, Bill Currie and if called upon Peter Sturgeon. However, Inglis says he would rather use both Sturgeon and Twiss up front.

"If Boyce's ankle gives out we could really be short on defense," the coach said. "We could use one more big, tough defenseman."

However, with or without the addition of a big, tough defenseman the Raiders have enough talent to give any Intermediate team a lot of trouble. The players all know that this is Inglis' last year. It may be the added incentive they need to go all the way.

After his team was eliminated by the Georgetown Raiders, Port Elgin coach Al Blair was asked what he thought of the southern division champions.

"They are a well-bought hockey club," Blair, a Georgetown native said.

"They got players from all over playing for them and they did not come cheap," he said.

Blair said if the Raiders went with strictly

homebrews, as he says his club does, they wouldn't stand a chance.

"If they went with strictly Georgetown area players they wouldn't come close to us," Blair said.

### ALL LOCALS

The Sunoco coach claims that all the players in on the Port Elgin roster either live in Port Elgin or the Southampton areas.

Would his club consider imported talent?

"No," came Blair's quick answer. "We wouldn't do it. We offer to get players a job, but that's as far as we go and the fans like to see local players".

Last year the Raiders went with a predominantly-homebrew lineup and they were defeated by the Dundas Merchants, a team which had trouble making the then homebrew limit of five.

When he was asked what he thought of having homebrews as opposed to imports in the lineup Inglis said, "I just want to win and to do that you need the best players".

A look down the Raider lineup shows that only Juri Kudrasovs, John Boyce, Chris Milne, Ron Fogal and Bill Humphreys have Georgetown area addresses.

Inglis said that Blair's comments about "A" well-bought hockey club" are just sour grapes on the Sunoco coaches part.

"I don't believe for a second that he is paying all his players the same money," Inglis said. "I doubt that Ted Scarf (a former World Hockey Association player) is making the same as those local kids".

### LARGE DEBATE

The debate of whether to go with local players or imports is certainly a large one. However, there is no doubt that the Georgetown Raiders fans have been treated to excellent hockey this year and that the likes of Peter Sturgeon, Peter McDuffe, Ray Tonelli and Ron Twiss have been adopted as their own.

Another arguments in the debate is that it is much more difficult for Port Elgin to sign players who do not live in the area. They are a much more isolated entity than Georgetown. If players choose to play for the Sunocos they would almost have to go up there to live and then they would be (under last year's import rule) be classified as homebrews.

The Raiders announced late yesterday that they will be taking goaltender Ron Patterson of the Collingwood Shipbuilders to Timmins with them.

They are allowed by CAHA rules to take one spare player and that player must be an Intermediate "A" goaltender.

Patterson had the best goals-against average in the league this year. He is expected to backup McDuffe.

Win or lose this will be Gerry Inglis' last year as a coach in hockey.

Last night Inglis and his Georgetown Raiders headed for Timmins to compete in the Eastern Canadian Intermediate "A" championships.

If the Raiders emerge as the champions in that tournament they will host the western Canadian champions in the battle for the Hardy Cup.

"This will be my last year as a coach, win or lose," Inglis told The Herald. "I'd like to go out winning the Hardy Cup".

### MUCH-TRAVELLED

Inglis has been a much-travelled coach in the last several years. After leaving the Raiders five years ago he spent a couple of seasons with the Dixie Bees and two more with the Milton Flyers, both junior clubs.

This year he returned to the Raiders, who had led to three consecutive OHA Intermediate "A" titles, and his goal from the outset was very clear.

"I'm here to win the Hardy Cup," he told his players.

The Raiders chances of being the best Intermediate "A" team in the country have never been better than they are right now.

In past years, after winning the OHA title, the Raiders have been trounced by the powerful eastern clubs.

If this year's team gets trounced anywhere along the line it would be a major story.

"It is going to take a very good hockey team to beat us," said Inglis, who has some very good talent in the lineup.

When asked if he will go with just his top players, leaving his lesser knowns on the bench in Timmins Inglis replied, "I'm going there to win".

"Does that mean you'll be using two lines?" he was asked.

"I'll be going there to win," came the quick reply.

### TOP HANDS

There is no doubt the Raiders' top hands, Ray Tonelli, Peter Sturgeon, Colin Gordon, Juri Kudrasovs, Tom Daley, Steve Blundy and Ray Evans, if he is healthy, will be seeing the bulk of the ice time. Tonelli and Sturgeon in particular may need a couple of weeks of pure rest after returning from Timmins.

Inglis will not be going to Timmins without major problems. Evans' injury has been of major concern since

# Strong second period spells the difference

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interests and purposes it was all over.

The Sunocos actually got the first goal of the frame when Dean Symons scored at the 4:11 mark of the period.

At the 7:22 mark the Raider takeover started as Tonelli got his second of the game on the power play. Sturgeon and Kudrasovs were the playmakers.

Just over a minute later Gordon flew up the right wing and let a sizzling drive go from the top of the faceoff circle which easily beat Blair. Kudrasovs and Ron Twiss, who also turned in another solid performance, assisted.

### MALONEY BACK

Pat Maloney made his return to the Raider lineup in this game and the goal scoring touch which had been his main asset before a slump late in the season was also back.

Maloney got the fifth Raider goal as he was on the end of an excellent passing play with Doug Heslip and Scott McKenzie.

Sturgeon showed his vast talent on the Raider sixth goal as he moved in around a couple of defensemen and then made a beautiful deek to move around Blair. Brad Pirie and Bill Currie drew the assists.

In between the Maloney and Sturgeon goals McDuffe came up with his biggest save of the night. Doug Woods moved in alone on the Raider netminder but he was denied pay dirt as McDuffe outguessed him.

The last Raider goal of the period came with just 1:07 remaining in the period with Tonelli completing his hat trick. The assist on the play went to Kudrasovs.

### FIGHT HARD

To the Sunocos credit they did not throw in the towel and lie down for the Raiders in the third period. They came out and battled until the siren sounded to end the game and series.

"Our guys have a lot of heart," Blair said. "They would never give in like Thorold did." In the last game of the southern final the Thorold Athletics lost to the Raiders 14-4 with the majority of the goals coming in the third period.

The third period also saw the only two real fights of the series. In the first battle Tonelli got into a rare scrap as he took on Glen Morningstar, the Sunocos' answer to Pat Boutette. Morningstar was in a little over his head against Tonelli, but he did hold his own.

The other matchup saw Pirie tackle Ted Scarf, who is revered as the best scrapper

in the league. Pirie held his own before the officials moved in.

### RESPECTABLE

In between the fighting and faceoffs Foy scored his second of the game to make the score more respectable for the visitors.

# Norval one game from title

Norval is two points away from capturing the Georgetown Industrial Hockey League championship after taking a 4-1 victory over Philp Publishing in the second game last Thursday.

Norval had jumped ahead in the series with a 6-3 in the first game of the series.

Due to the Easter weekend and the Georgetown Raiders' playoff schedule the Industrial final has been prolonged. The two games were played more than a week apart.

The third game in the series was played last night and a fourth game if necessary will be played tomorrow night starting at 7 p.m.

### STOP CENTRES

Before the series began it was stated in this paper that Philp would have to stop Norval's two big centres, Brian Beaumont and Dave

The victory was all important for the Raiders as they would have been very hard pressed to win in the small and noisy Port Elgin rink if a seventh game were needed.

"I don't think there is any doubt that we would have won the seventh game," said Blair.

Holmes, to have a chance of upsetting Norval.

In the first game Philp limited the two centres to one goal between them, but Doug Anderson destroyed them by scoring five goals. Beaumont or Holmes assisted on each of the five goals.

In the second game Holmes and Beaumont were again prominent as each recorded two points.

It was Philp that got off the mark first in the second game at 8:35 into the first period Roger Chapman connected from Brian Osborne.

Approximately five minutes later Norval captain Ray Inglis tallied the equalizer on a play set up by Larry Peterson and Beaumont.

Only 25 seconds into the second period Ray Inglis tallied his second of the game from Holmes and Blake In-

glis and Norval was on top to stay.

Holmes then fed defenseman Bill Kirby a pass and the big blueliner made no mistakes in beating Glenn Tost in the Philp cage. It came exactly 50 seconds after Inglis' marker.

BEAUMONT TALLIED

At the 13:57 mark of the period Beaumont got his second goal of the series to put the game out of reach. Kirby was the playmaker on the goal.

In the third period Tost and his counterpart in the Norval net, Rick Tomkinson, kept their respective opponents off the board and the game

ended 4-1.

Unless Philp came on strong last night or the game was cancelled again the series may be over as you are reading this.

However, two of Norval's biggest guns, Beaumont and Ray Inglis, are hurting. If they were unable to play last night Philp could have gotten back into it.

If Philp won last night and then win again tomorrow night the fifth and deciding game would probably be played next Tuesday.

Norval is heading to a tournament in Sudbury this coming weekend, so the game will not be played Sunday.

Inglis analysis of the game was that his players played their best and that's what was needed for the win.

"They don't matchup to us individually," the Raider coach said. "They don't have a really good all-round hockey player on that team".

### FUTURE GAMES

April 15  
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April 19

Game Cancelled  
7:00 p.m. Philp vs Norval  
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(If necessary)