

Lorusso wins Harrison award

Soft spoken and hard working Stan Lorusso claimed the top prize at the Georgetown Raiders' Awards banquet Friday night at St. George's Hall as he was named the 1978-79 recipient of the Jack Harrison Award.

After the dinner Lorusso, who is a fourth vice-president of the hockey club, said it was the biggest thrill of his life to be named the winner of the award.

"I've won a lot of bowling trophies," Lorusso said, "but this has to be the biggest and most prized award I have ever taken."

In presenting the award to Lorusso, Raider president Bob Hooper said it was through the efforts and hard work of people like Lorusso that make it possible for the club to enjoy successful seasons. This past season has been one of the Raiders' most successful ever, both on and off the ice.

RAIDER SPIRIT

Lorusso is the sixth recipient of the award since it was instituted in 1972-73. The award goes annually to the member of the Raiders who through his efforts best exemplifies the "Raider spirit."

The first winner of the award was Blake Inglis in 1972-73. The next year Will Brownlow received it.

The award was not given out for the 1973-74 season. That was the year the Raiders were suspended by the Ontario Hockey Association.

In 1975-76 Hooper took home the award. In 1976-77 Neil Cotton, who was the team president and also a player that year, was named the winner and last year

Mario MacDonald was named the recipient.

The team's executive members all have a vote on who should receive the trophy.

Lorusso, whose main function with the team is as chairman of the Booster Club committee, was obviously a very popular choice. As he walked up to receive his trophy and plaque the approximate 175 people in attendance gave him a standing ovation.

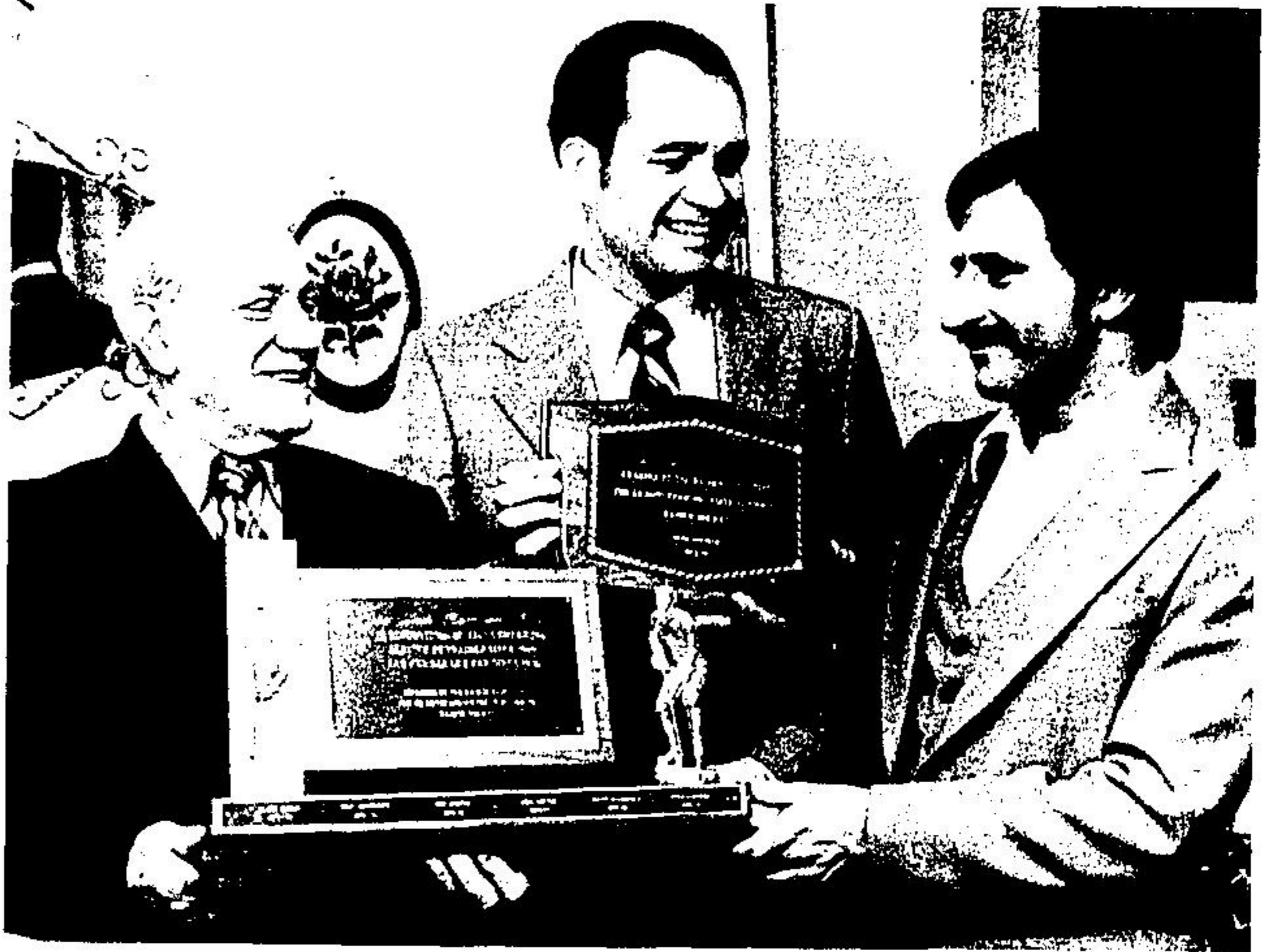
LAST YEAR

Lorusso said he had planned to make this past year his last on the Raider executive. He said he had hoped to devote more time to other activities such as skiing. However, on Monday he said he will be with the team in some capacity next season.

Juri Kudrasovs was another big winner of the evening as he received the Radical Car Club Trophy as the club's Most Valuable Player and also took the plaque which goes to the highest scorer in the Intermediate "A" southern division.

"I've just had one of those seasons where the puck has bounced right for me," Kudrasovs, a former pro, said in accepting his trophies. He also said that Colin Gordon, who skated on Kudrasovs' right wing throughout the campaign had a lot to do with the fine season the centreman had. He had a host of left wingers during the season.

Veteran John Boyce, who played the latter part of the season on a broken ankle, was awarded the David Lyons' Memorial Trophy, which goes to the Raider showing



(Herald photo)

Stan Lorusso, right, was presented with the Jack Harrison Award at the Georgetown Raiders' awards night

at St. George's Hall Friday night. With Lorusso are Jack Harrison, left, and Raider president Bob Hooper.

the most improvement.

"I'm very pleased to accept this award because David Lyons was a great Raider fan," Boyce said. "He would come out to almost every Raider home and away game and it is a great honor to win a trophy named for him."

David Lyons was the service manager at Georgetown Chrysler, the Raiders' sponsor, who died in an automobile accident two years ago.

Peter McDuffe and his backup Bill Humphreys also received their silver trays for having the best goals, against average in the southern division of the Intermediate "A" loop.

The dinner and last night's meeting to elect the team's new executive will officially end the season for the Raiders.

As is the case with most teams which enjoy a successful campaign, many Raiders watchers are hoping there are not many changes in the talent on the ice and the talent behind the scenes.

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Juri Kudrasovs received two trophies at the Awards night. He was named the team's Most Valuable Player for the season and also received his trophy for leading the OHA Intermediate "A" southern division in scoring. (Herald photo)

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