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## Peter Sturgeon faces Rockie road

Peter Sturgeon, a Georgetown Raider last year, is home from Fort Worth with a knee injury. He spoke with the Daily Times last week.

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This is Minor Hockey Week and Peter Sturgeon offers some sound advice.

"You got to listen to your coach even though it's things you don't want to hear. For a long time in my life, I couldn't accept a lot of things. I did what I wanted and it cost me deeply," explained the Brampton resident.

Sturgeon, who has a two-year contract with the Colorado Rockies of the National Hockey League, has spent the last month in Brampton recuperating from a knee injury that could end his hockey career. He also wanted to be near his wife (Bonnie) when she gave birth to their first child. Angela Audrey arrived a week ago Monday.

Peter is scheduled to fly back to Fort Worth, Texas, this week to have his cast/brace removed from his left knee.

The injury came in early December and it took major surgery to correct the torn ligaments on both sides of his knee as well as across the top not to mention the cartilage damage. Part of the thigh muscle had to be transplanted.

The injury came when the Fort Worth Texan winger took a hip check at the blue line from Cincinnati Stingers' Jamie Master during a Central Hockey League game.

Sturgeon played two games with the Rockies, including starting in Toronto Maple Leaf Gardens before being sent down to Fort Worth.

### SECOND CHANCE

For Sturgeon, who played junior B hockey two years in Brampton, it is his second opportunity at pro hockey.

After moving to Brampton in 1969, Peter played with the old Rockets and Credit Jeweller teams, before going on to play Major Junior A hockey for Kitchener Rangers.

In his final year of junior, 1974, Sturgeon scored 39 goals with a three-year contract from the Boston Bruins, after they selected him in the second round of the amateur draft.

Heavy drinking, however, cost the big left winger any chance of playing for the Bruins.

In his first year, he was sent to the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League. He needed surgery in January of 1975 to correct torn ligaments in his right knee.

His second year in professional hockey saw Peter make quick stops at both Rochester and Baltimore, before finally ending up in Binghamton, N.Y., of the North American League.

Still hampered by the knee injury and his confidence going fast, Sturgeon admits to just putting in time for the remainder of the season.

After a month in Rochester the next season, the Bruins bought out the rest of his contract, but offered him another that would allow him to play for Columbus of the International League.

### WHA TRYOUTS

The fall of 1977 saw Sturgeon in the camp of the Edmonton Oilers of the World Hockey Association. After only a brief stay, the left winger found himself in Dayton - the Columbus franchise had been moved.

The IHL ruled him ineligible because of a contract technically and it was back to Rochester. After helping Rochester over an injury prone period, Sturgeon hit his hockey low when he was sent to Phoenix of the newly formed Pacific Coast League. When he was told he was no longer needed there, Peter decided to give up pro hockey and came back to Brampton.

He then decided to beat his drinking problem and hasn't touched a drink since last February.

With his drinking problem beaten, Sturgeon helped the Georgetown Raiders to the Eastern Canadian intermediate championship.

Fort Worth coach, Ron Ulyyot, Colorado Rockies general manager, Ray Miron and Rockies' coach, Don Cherry, then helped Sturgeon get a try out that led to his present contract.

What's in store for Sturgeon if his knee injury prevents him from playing again?

"Naturally, I don't want to think about it," said Sturgeon. "But, Ray Miron called me and asked me if I would do some scouting in April. There was also some talk about helping out the coach in Fort Worth," explained the winger, who won't be able to skate this season.

Although Sturgeon is unsure if he will ever play the game again, he is sure he would like to stay involved because, "it is the only thing I've ever done."



These four young ladies are the best public school basketball free-throwers of their age group. At Holy Cross Saturday, (left to right) Val Keslick, 12, Centennial; Chris Harris, 11, Centennial; Debbie Attard, 14, GDHS; and Caroline Schultis, 13, Ecole Sacre Coeur were the winners.

## Jills compete at Ontarios

Members of the Halton Hills Jills gymnastic team competed in the second of three Central Ontario qualifying rounds in Burlington Saturday and Sunday. The seven female gymnasts competed against some of the best in the country, all from south central Ontario.

In the Argo C division, Jenny Gallagher placed fourth on the beam and fifth in the vault. In the first of these meets, held on Dec. 15-16, Gallagher placed second in vault and sixth on beam. Alisa King also competed in the Argo C (under 12

years old).

Kim Kirk placed fourth in the Junior B (under 14) vault. Jennifer Pepper, who placed sixth on the beam, bars and floor routine in December, failed to place this time.

Larissa Hretchka competed in the Argo B. Her team-mate Gail Eastwood was sidelined with a foot injury.

The final third of these meets will take place at the end of March in Milton and Guelph. The top six placers on each of the various apparatus and floor program will advance to further competitions.

## Squash members coming into own

Squash club members seem to be coming into their own in the new year. During the first few weeks of the decade, competitors representing the local club have been fairing very well on the courts winning many and losing some close ones.

Christine Kogon, who plays on the men's D team, com-

peted against ladies Saturday in the Toronto and District Ladies A Championship. Her regular competition against the opposite six showed as she went to the consolation finals where she was edged out by Jan Atkinson of the Bridlewood Club three games to two. In the final tie breaking, winner-take-all, game she lost 9-7.

However, Kogon's Georgetown D team did win against the Brampton Golf Club this week. Her 3-2 win combined with the 3-1 win of Stewart Robbins and a 3-0 shutout victory by Doug Farrigan helped the team to a three games to two win. Tom Kankainen and Ron Davis lost their matches 1-3.

On other courts the Georgetown C team also won their best of five series with the Guelph Cutten Club. Alex Furness and Dave McEwen with 3-0 wins and Erwin Schandelmeier's 3-1 win gave them the team victory. Doug Richardson 2-3 and Ron Davis 1-3 were credited with losses.

The other Guelph team, from the Country Club, outscored the local B team in the five game best-of series. Rod Eastwood with a 3-0 win and Rod Presswood with a 3-1 score were the only team members from here who could match or better their opponents. Terry Madill and Norm Hertz both lost 1-3 while Boyd Hoddinott was dropped 0-3.

Intra-club competitions continue among the 250 members through the week.

## Slowpitch convention Kitchener

Slowpitch enthusiasts are invited to attend an open convention being held by the Ontario Amateur Softball Association and Softball Ontario. It will be held at the Coronado Inn, Kitchener, Feb. 15-17.

This year, representatives are expected from all over the province to discuss the five Ontario Championship series now offered, and also Provincial Tournaments for 1980.

With the enthusiasm and inquiries Softball Ontario's office is receiving, they estimate that over 1,000 Slowpitch teams will be active across the province this year.

Friday and Saturday evenings will include informal discussions and socializing and films showing comparison on Fast vs. Slowpitch and umpire positioning.

## Standard Product pee wees ready for playoffs

With several Georgetown hockey teams playing Dundas in the first round of their playoff series, the Standard Product Major Pee Wees can hardly wait to have their shot at them in the next round.

Thursday night at Memorial arena the local team played their last regular season game of the year against Dundas. Up until then, the Standard pee wees had not defeated them. As a tune-up for the playoffs, they beat

their guests 9-0.

Brent Smith and Stephen Marcolini led the team with a pair of goals each. Glen Leslie, Mike O'Brien, Todd Cull, Les Berry and Wayne Morrow rounded out the scoring. Assistants went to Steve Turner with three, O'Brien with two, Smith with two, Morrow, Cull, Berry and Keith Reiger with one each.

That ended their season with 15 wins, 5 losses and 4 ties.

## Sports Camp novices win

North Halton Sports Camp Novices continued their drive for first place in Tri County League play by winning two more games over the past weekend.

On Saturday, Streetsville visited Georgetown and were defeated 5-3 by the locals. The close checking game was tied 3-3 going into the last period. Travis Gardner, on a pass from John Brooker and Jason Knight put the Campers ahead to stay.

Mark Lorito with two, and Alan Giray counted the other goals while Brent Presswood had two assists and Andrew Hoddinott one.

On Sunday, the Sports campers travelled to Galt and came away with a 6-1 victory after spotting their opposition the first goal. Adam Bennett led the attack with a goal and two assists. Gardner, Giray and Knight each had a goal and an assist while Hoddinott and Lorito counted the other scores. Kevin Roe and Doug McDermot also had assists.

Next weekend Georgetown entertains Preston on Saturday at 5:45 p.m. at Memorial arena. On Sunday, the Campers travel to Milton for the last regular season away game of the year.

## Gorin joins Colt 45 team

Stephanie Gorin qualified as a member of the mixed team from Central Ontario in the Colt 45 \$10,000 Open. She is a graduate of the Georgetown Bowl Y.B.C. program and after a stint in England furthering her theatre career has returned to Georgetown and now bowls in the Sunday evening "Young Adult" league program. She did not bowl spectacularly but was consistent to finish with over a 210 average for the 20-game tourney.

The next round is the provincial battle, the first week of April in Hamilton, and the Nationals in Winnipeg at the end of April. The ladies' top qualifier was the perennial champion 'Mergie' Bratkin with Charlene MacCormack knocking on the door. Gorin's success will certainly convince other YBC graduates that it is not that unattainable and increase the number of entries.

Roger Gervais (1979 finalist and also a YBC graduate) and Henry Neutel, after being among the leaders for more than half of the tournament, gradually dropped in the standings with Henry being only 12 pins out of last qualifying spot.

### DAYTIME LADIES

### POWDERPUFF TOURN.

On Sunday, Feb. 3rd at noon, the doubles team of Helen Zeraviev and Betty Budweiser will be bowling at Albion Bowl, Rexdale in the regional finals for the right to the provincials and the free Bahamas-in-the-sun trip.

### FRANC-TIREURS

High Scores - Gaetan Cole

780(284), Gaston Larocque 715(284), Francine Parent 623(226), Celeste Routhier 604(240), Cyril Larocque 599 (208), Leonard Rail 593(206), Ginette Duguay 577(248), Ralph Gallat 574(214), Oliva Larocque 554(257).

### YBC

Seniors - Grant Richardson 755(290), Len Fisher 693(251) Andrew Shannon 685(294), Shane Lowin 642(251), Jeff Dafeo 640(240), Ted Maslach 637(248), Steve Brown 631 (255), Dwayne DeCoste 627 (267), Leona Poot 645(256), Robin Richardson 643(266), Debbie Scarborough 634(241) Hope Hulme 612(225), Sandra Marshall 609(259).

Juniors - Julie McCorry 750(277), Debbie Lane 655 (261), Kelly McCorry 630 (224), Jane Hicks 594(210), Lori Brading 592(208), Suzanne Carpenter 588(223), Charlie Weatherall 668(252), Steve Lukas 636(250), Michael Ball 581(199), Anthony Larsen 541(221).

Bantams - Brian Franks 491(211), Shane Curran 463 (178), Mark Miller 455(201), Rodney Oates 450(210), David Varricchio 442(162), Marc Bassett 423(181), Philip Hughes 406(173), Debbie Pentesco 462(168), Teri-Jane Cowbrough 407(155), Judy Carroll 529(260), Tracie Pegg- 394(198), Cindy Kavanagh 390(141).

Pee Wees - Tracy Ball 373(157), Tracy Weeks 307 (113), Jeff Larsen 356(135), Ian Wilkes 354(123), Michael Larocque 346(129), Eddie Doyle 342(134), Ken Toyne 322(124), Grant Foreman 321 (115), Ian Vint 310(111).