

Residents unsure about boycott

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The proposed boycott of the summer Olympics in Moscow is a controversial problem being discussed by athletes and non-athletes alike.

In the opinion of those people talked to by The Herald, the majority of them supported the boycott politically, but they also thought the walk-out was not fair to the athletes who have trained daily for the last four years and probably more.

Those interviewed thought that the possible solution to this would be to move the games to a different location.

'FREE WORLD'

Others, like Don McColeman, a high school social science teacher thought the idea proposed to have a 'free world' Olympics would solve some of the political tension now being felt.

"The Russians use sport as a victory of Communism, they use it as a weapon," McColeman added.

Kris Barber, who placed fourth in the Canadian Figure Skating Championships held recently in Kitchener, believes that the Olympics should go on despite politics.

"If the boycott went ahead as scheduled it would break a lot of hearts. Personally I'd be upset if it occurred," Barber said.

Ian Clark, a prominent local international class runner said he couldn't agree with the boycott. "You have to draw the line on the Russians." However, Clark said he favored moving the games but the idea of a 'free world' Olympics was not a good one. "We'd miss the Russians and the East Germans; they get half the medals awarded at the Olympics," Clark added.

Beth Carmichael said she would like to see a permanent site for the Olympics, possibly Greece. She thought that President Carter, among others, shouldn't involve sport with politics. She could see no alternative to the boycott however.

GDHS wrestling coach, Ray Smith said that being a coach had some effect on his opinion. "Several sections of society are being affected, especially athletes, when it comes right down to the crunch I would have to support the boycott," said Smith.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mary Allworth, a local resident believed that human

rights are more important than athletic competition.

"Even though the athletes have trained very hard to compete I still think that human welfare is a basic right," Allworth commented.

"The boycott won't stop aggression by the Russians. The governments should pull out their embassies. They have to go to the top of the ladder if they want to accomplish anything," commented downtown merchant, George Balasko, also a hockey coach.

Tom Ramautarsingh, president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation in Halton said that politics and sports are inseparable especially in today's world.

"The boycott is the only effective means to make the Russians sit up and realize that the rest of the world doesn't like what they are doing," said Ramautarsingh. "How can you play ball with someone who tramples your rights? The Russians aren't playing according to the rules," he added.

In the views expressed by the people most agreed that the Olympics would not die. They also agreed that we have to make some kind of sacrifice if we are to stand up for our rights.



The Raiders weren't all down and out like captain Ray Tonelli, seen here. They scored five goals but allowed eight.

Barrie beats Raiders to move into third

The Raiders face one of their most important week-ends of the season this Friday in Dundas and at home Saturday to Collingwood. The Georgetown Intermediate A club slipped from third to fourth to trade places with Barrie in the team standings following their 8-5 loss to the Flyers. The Flyers now have 30 points and the Raiders have 29.

The Raiders, who have been in third most of the season after a slow start, had better not let this be the start of things to come. Assistance coach and player John Boyce said "if we don't put it together in a hurry we'll start to slide more. Fortunately we are well enough ahead that we're going to make the playoffs."

Making the playoffs is one thing, but who they meet and how they play will depend on these remaining nine games. Playing the top two teams in the league this weekend will determine how the Georgetown club will fair in post season play. That will be the real test. "Our record of late has not been rewarding,"

said Boyce. "It's indicative of the way we have played. But, we had a good turnout for practice (Monday night) and that's an encouraging sign. From here on in we'll have to play like it's the playoffs. We'll have to put our bodies and minds to work."

A pair of wins in these next two games could put the Raiders back in possession of the number three spot. "Orli-

lia is only one point behind us, and that doesn't leave much breathing room and neither has anybody else. (teams in the league)."

Friday night was a matter of a team loss says the coach. "We just let Peter (goaltender McDuffe) down...he's the best goaltender in the league and we can't count on him (to it) all the time."

The Raiders kept in the game until the third period.

They were only down by one goal after the first 20 minutes and the same after two. However, they only scored one goal to the Flyers' three in the final frame. The final goal was scored into an empty net after McDuffe was pulled in favor of an extra attacker.

Georgetown goal scorers were Gary Ford, Peter Mara, Joe Ens, Ray Tonelli and Juri Kudrasovs.

Raiders sign two

The Raiders signed former professional Tom Martin and an undisclosed university student to their remaining two player cards, before the Sunday deadline had passed. There are now 21 signed players on the Georgetown intermediate A team.

Martin, a resident of Milton, coaches a pee wee team in Georgetown and also the Bramalea team in the Metro Junior B league. He will fulfil any commitments he has to these teams before devoting his full time to his new playing career.

A veteran player, Martin was with the Toronto Maple Leaf organization as a junior Marlboro from 1965 to 1968. In his final year he was captain. He played a year for the Canadian National team before signing with the Leafs and going to the Tulsa farm team. He spent some time with the Detroit Red Wings organization on their Fort Worth team, before jumping to the Ottawa Nationals of the now defunct World Hockey Association. They became the Toronto Toros and he played for them for two years before going to Sweden to play for the past four years.

Both signees will not join the Raiders until the intermediate A playoffs begin.

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