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## Nothing could have been more Canadian

It was a personal honor for me this past week to be able to represent the hockey community of Georgetown and this newspaper when I presented Legion President Harold Badham with the Hockey Heritage Award. The recognition of the Legion for meritorious service to the young aspiring hockey stars who participated in the Saturday morning hockey program, run at Memorial arena Saturday mornings by the Legion for over a quarter of a century, was the purpose of a mammoth star studded dinner at Holy Cross last Tuesday evening.

I was just one of many who had an opportunity to recognize the efforts of the veterans' organization. For me I could easily remember the Saturday mornings when the sun was just waking up and I wasn't, that I was trudging into the dressing room for a practice and was met by a bright-eyed member of the Legion who was keen on cleaning the sleep out of my eyes with some quick sprints around the ice.

The best part I remember about the Legion involvement in my early hockey career was the end of the season banquet they used to host each year. The Legion always put on the best spread, since I guess they realized how hard we had worked all year and knew we deserved a good meal.

### Anecdotes

That is just one of the many anecdotes which come to mind in recalling the work of a group of dedicated men who turned their efforts towards something that they fought in two World Wars to preserve for this country.

Stories similar to this one echoed through the Catholic Church hall the night of the dinner. Guest speakers Laurie Boshman and Rocky Saginiuk recalled their early hockey careers with the same admiration for those who helped them along as was being expressed that night.

Boshman, only 19-years-old said he had appreciated what others had done to further his ambition to play in the NHL and he urged the youngsters in the crowd to "listen to your parents...they're not right all the time, but most of the time."

He said that although this was his first time speaking at this type of function he hoped to be back again next year to honor the next recipient of the Heritage Award.

### Make hockey possible

Saginiuk, number nine for the Leafs, expressed his desire to make sure that this dinner continues by thanking the people who make hockey possible. He took a leaf from his own story and recounted how his father had encouraged him to continue playing to make a bid at the NHL by telling he wouldn't recover after breaking his neck. He said his family "always had the rights words", when his ambition looked like it was faltering.

The short little winger said it will always be people like the Legion who keep the sport going strong in this country and make us able to win.

Bobby Baun re-iterated similar sentiments.

The third annual dinner is getting bigger and better all the time. This year there was more involvement by sponsors and supporters than in any other year.

Various championship pennants adorned the walls making for the atmosphere of a sporting arena rather than a church basement. The Molson Cup, symbolic of the top point getter in the three star selection of each home game in Toronto, was on display.

The Cooper sports equipment people displayed the new one-piece look in hockey wear for next year. Basically it looks the same except that instead of hockey pants and socks, the bottoms to the sweater are like a sweat suit made of nylon. The hockey pant lining fits inside.

### Long way

Hockey has come a long way since the Legion first began operating a Saturday morning hockey program for one dollar. Many Georgetown Legion graduates have gone on to brighter hockey futures. Bob Goldham is a former resident who was once a Legion student of the game. Today he is more known for his verbal stickhandling than for his similar use with a stick.

That is what hundreds turned out to remember, the hockey heritage of yet another great hockey town, like all the ones that are spread across this great country of ours.

## Fastball team applications

With barely a few centimetres of snow on the diamonds and the major league campaign just over a month away from the first pitch, the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League is ready to accept entries for the 1980 season.

Forms have been mailed to all the teams who competed last year. Inquiries have been received from Acton and Brampton. Entry fee will be fifty dollars per team.

There is a possibility that due to the diamond availability and the anticipated diamond costs that the league may have to reduce the number of teams permitted to play. Applications may be sent to Bryan Lewis.

A meeting with the recreation department, to look into the allotment of space and times, will take place at their office tonight at 7:30 p.m. It will also serve to introduce the new department director Tom Shepard and his staff who will be co-ordinating all the efforts this year. All sporting organizations concerned have been invited.

Ten teams played in the fastball league this past season. Phil Publishing was the winning team.

The league is still looking for a president to handle the day to day running of the league. It also needs a statistician.

Lewis will handle the discipline, something he does not anticipate to be a difficult chore. He's convinced that the players involved are now playing for the fun, exercise and competitive spirit that has been displayed over the past three years of play since its inception.

### APPLICATION FORM FOR ENTRY INTO THE GIFL 1980 SEASON

Team Name: .....

Manager: .....

Address and Phone: .....

Coach: .....

Address and Phone: .....

Sponsor: .....

Address and Phone: .....

Has your team played in the  
GIFL? Yes No

If yes, what year and who was sponsor?

Not necessarily the first entries will be accepted into the league for the upcoming season. Diamond time may limit team numbers. All applications will be studied and every applicant will be notified of the first league meeting in mid March.

This application must be accompanied with a proposed league entry fee of fifty dollars (\$50), with a performance bond to be submitted later upon acceptance. Teams failing to qualify will have their money refunded.

Applications should be sent to Bryan Lewis, R.R.3 (Sixth Line), Georgetown, Ont. L7G 4S6, prior to March 5, 1980.

## Gymnastic Jills at North York

The pre-competitive members of the Halton Hills Jills gymnastic club are getting plenty of experience these days. Saturday they attended an invitational meet at North York.

Julie Arnold competed in the A division where she placed first in the floor routine, second on the parallel bars and third on the balance beam.

Faith Richardson had a first on the beam and fourth on the bars. Tanya Melykuty and Dawn Hertz tied for sixth. Trine Fisker also competed at the A level.

Competing in the B group Lusia Berotsak placed fourth on the beam and bars and fifth on the floor. Sherry Cave was third on the beam and Becky Armstrong sixth on beam.

## Garden party planned

Dawn Thompson has a perfect way to celebrate the coming of spring. She is going to take advantage of a \$1,000 cocktail party she won Sunday night, compliments of a draw held by the Georgetown Gemini hockey club.

Mrs. Thompson, whose two sons Gary and Greg play on the junior B team, said she couldn't believe that she had won. "I was totally convinced he (public relations director Blayne Hillock) was teasing," said the excited mother of three boys and one girl.

"I still don't know what I am going to do with it," she told The Herald Monday. "With the election today I haven't had time to think about it."

Because of all the boys in the house the surprised winner had about \$20 in tickets.

Since her daughter Kim is only 15, she can not marry her off with a nice reception. So, she says she will wait until the better weather rolls along.

Consolation prize bottles of champagne went to Tom Vansickler of Limchouse, Mark Reis of Georgetown and Larry Scott of Brampton. An L. Lelievier of Mississauga had two of his tickets drawn for the bubbly.

## See Leafs in Big Apple

Two Georgetown residents were at Madison Square Gardens in New York City Sunday night to witness the Maple Leafs' second win in as many nights.

The two, Dawn and Robert Clark, were the winners of the Hockey Heritage's annual hockey trip draw, held last Tuesday at the Heritage dinner. Their ticket, number 513, was drawn from among nearly 600 others. It was their only ticket.

The happy couple flew in to the Big Apple Saturday morning at La Guardia and booked into the Four Seasons Hotel near Times Square, within walking distance of the Gardens. That night they did up the town with some of the \$120 American money given to them as part of the prize. That included a visit to the famous Radio City Music Hall.

Sunday was a day for more fun. "Everything you want within a few blocks," of their hotel said Mrs. Clark, the ticket purchaser. The game that night between the Leafs and Rangers was the highlight of the trip. They walked the few blocks to the game without any fear at all, said Mrs. Clark.

Mr. Clark had been to New York before, many years ago, but his wife had never been there.

Her only complaint was that the trip was "expensive on short notice." Like the \$30 they spent to get to and from the airport. Other than that it was a worthwhile two dollar investment in the ticket.



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