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Ontario Summer Games bronze medalist Linda Holbran of Brampton and Wendy Chaplin of Georgetown got together Sunday. See page A9.



Over 200 boys and girls have signed up for figure skating lessons this winter.

Sports Week

Raiders open training camp



More International playing experience could come the team's way if Ed Huijzinga catches on. He played the past three years in Holland and has moved back to Streetsville.



Gerry Inglis is back as coach of the Raiders. He's still trying to get to know all the players.



Gem Bruce McCandless prepares to clear puck from in front of his team's net during Sunday's pre-season

Junior Gems open pre-season with pair of losses to Welland

"All I want is to do as well as we did last year." Those remarks came from the mouth of Georgetown Gemini coach Tom Daley. They represent the approach to the coming season of the whole local Junior B organization, from players to management.

It's not such a tall order - or is it. The Gems will have to win 22 of their 44 game schedule to equal the 500 per cent level of play they achieved in their last campaign. They lost a good portion of their team over the summer through over-age eligibility restrictions; players like Dave McGilloway and Bobby Dean who have moved up to the Junior A ranks; and some who have retired from the sport. It has left a big hole to fill, just when the team looked like it was going to be building into some sort of a contender. Now the job starts all over.

"That's junior hockey," admits team president Bob Girdwood. "Now we'll just take the young kids we have coming in and go with them." And go with them the Gems did this weekend in a back-to-back home-and-away series with a team from Welland. Both resulted in losses, but, it gave coach Daley an opportunity to see what he will have to work with. Through the 3-3 and 7-5 losses on Friday in Welland and at home Sunday, several of the young hopeful players were cut and others signed to players cards.

Those now officially signed with the team are returnees from last year, Bill Taylor, Mark Brabant, Bob McCandless, Gary Thompson, Herb Kewley, John Barnes and Mike McMenemy. New this year will be Paul Gingras, Bruce McCandless, Mark Hamilton and Blake Emmerson. Fourteen more players may be carded for a total of 25 until the January 5 provincial hockey trim-down deadline, when six more must go.

The Gems will continue their training camp and try to put together some sort of systems for those who will remain together. They face the Bolton Junior C club here at Alcott Saturday at 7:30 and will return to Bolton Sunday evening. Their first league game will be Sept. 25 in Dixie, a week Friday. They open at home the following Sunday to Oakville.



Billy Taylor is back with the Gems. The feisty little forward got right back in the thick of things during the Welland series.

Red and white game Friday

With Gerry Inglis and Dave Kentner back in the field again to coach and manage, their top centreman and team leader Ray Tonelli raring to go and several talented prospects on hand, the Georgetown Raiders intermediate A hockey club opened their 1980-81 training camp this week with plenty of enthusiasm which transferred into a well-founded air of optimism.

The words Hardy Cup symbol of national supremacy, are reverberating throughout their Gordon Alcott headquarters. With the Dundas Merchants now in the senior loop, the only team to stop the Raiders last year are out of the league and nothing it would appear can stop this newest edition of the red and white from going all the way this year in the Central Ontario league.

ROOM FOR SPECULATION
There is room for speculation. Already established as one of the best clubs in the league and in this part of the province, general manager Kentner has assured them of being able to retain this status and taken giant steps towards improving upon that. He has done a fine job of getting the best available talent around out to the camp.

Thirty-seven men, ranging in age from 19 to 35 are vying for a chance to sign one of the 25 players' cards, from which the weekly game roster of 18 will be selected. Seven are goaltenders, 12 are defencemen, seven are centreman,

and five each are right and left wingers. More aspirants are expected for tonight's (Wednesday) third practice.

Here's a look at the Raiders personnel situation at the various positions, in camp now:

GOAL

Peter McDuffe, the man who stood behind the team most of last season in frequently starring roles, returns tonight for a second year. The veteran of several years, of professional service, including a stint in the now defunct World Hockey Association, will likely get the starting assignment once again. The choice of his back-up will come from among the six other hopefuls.

Ken Lang a 28-year-old from Guelph who's had experience in the Toronto Marlies system is a candidate. He is six feet and 165 pounds. Nell Kiff from Bramalea is here. The 19-year-old 5'8" 145 pounder played with the Chingacousy Rotary juvenile Hawks last season. Jules Fabbri comes out of Maple Ontario where he stopped pucks for a North York Junior B team last season. He is 23, and stands 5'9" and weighs 166 pounds. Jim Storr from Brampton is the oldest man in camp. The 35-year-old played in the intermediate league at the double rinks there last year. He is six feet and tips the scale at 185.

Michael Moschitto is an industrial league player from Woodbridge. He is 5'8" and 145 pounds. Bill Masters, a 5'10", 175 pounder from Scarborough is 25. Georgetown's local possibility is Brad Miller who did an admirable job for the Junior B Gems last year.



DEFENSE

Several of the Raiders' rear-line guard are back leaving little space. Joe Ens has returned. The Scarborough native is 24 and shoots right. He is 5'8" and carries 175 pounds. He played for Port Elgin previous to the Raiders. Ken Steen a 25-year-old Erin resident and right handed shot is back. He is 5'11" and 195 pounds. John Boyce a 33-year-old veteran is back. The left hander is six feet tall and 180 pounds. Ron Twist returns after a year's absence in Richmond Virginia in the Eastern Hockey League. The 23-year-old Milton man is 6'2" and 185 pounds. He shoots left. Bruce Davis went to school at Yale University and played hockey there. He lives in Toronto now and is the 26-year-old .shoots left. Paul Shea, 5'11" and 180, from Bramalea is a right hander and the 23-year-old played the game in the Nova Scotia Junior ranks. Chris Boisnier of Mississauga is a left shot. He is 22 and 6'1" and weighs 217. Bill Bryant is from Streetsville and is 6'2" and weighs 210. He is 29. Frank Janeiro from Georgetown shoots left and is 5'8" and 158 pounds at 30. Gary Poole comes from Burlington where he had experience at Brock and McMaster Universities. The 24-year-old left shooter is 5'10" and 180 pounds. Paul Banelopulis is 21 and comes from Brampton and has had experience in Belleville. He shoots right and is 5'8", 180. Ed Huijzing played the last year three years in Holland. He is now in Streetsville and is 28. He stand 5'8".

CENTRE

The three middle men from last season are back. Ray



GARY FORD

Tonelli is back from Milton. The 28-year-old left shooter is 6'2" and 200 pounds. Gary Ford returns from Streetsville. The left handed shooter is 24. Yuri Kudrasov, 28, is a left shot from Mississauga and stands 5'9" and is 175 pounds. Laurie Hutchison is 6'2" and 185 pounds and comes via St. Catharines. The 32-year-old is a left shot. Doug Barnes of town is 23 and is 5'11" and 180 pounds. He played for the team three years ago. Pat Jackson, is in from Willowdale. He is 28, a left shot and is 5'7" and 150 pounds. Dave Chapman from nearby Rockwood is a left shot and stands 5'8" and weighs 185. He is 23 and has experience in Port Huron of the International Hockey League.

RIGHT WING

This position looks wide open. Dennis Longpre is in Toronto and wants to play for the Raiders. He played for the Browns University in the U.S. Ivy League at school. He is 26 and shoots right and stands 6'1" and 185 pounds. Gary McFadyen of Georgetown is 5'11" 162 pounds and shoots right. He played in the International Hockey League in Millwakee. He is 24. Steve Crossman who played for the Gems here last year is a light 5'6"

and 162 pounds. The 21-year-old is a right hand shooter. Brian Hurley from Bramalea is six feet and 182 pounds. He played in the local industrial league last season. Kyle Harlins of Georgetown played for the Glen Warriors last year and is 24. He stands 5'11" and is 175 pounds.

LEFT WING

There are some good prospects here. Gary Landry returns from Oakville. The 22-year-old left shooter is 5'11" and 185 pounds. Al Woods played for Dundas last year and should make a valuable contribution to the team. He is from Waterloo. He shoots left and is 25. He stands 5'9" and is 170 pounds. Dean Popiel of Georgetown is back from St. Lawrence College in New York State where he played last season. He is 23 and stands 5'8" and is 175 pounds, he shoots left. Steve Bronitzewski, who started the past season with the Raiders is back. He is from Milton and is a left shooter who is 24. He finished the season in Whitby last year. He is 6'3" and 220 pounds. Tim Bryant comes from Mississauga and is a left shot who is 27. He played in the London inter-city league in 1979. He is 5'8" and 175 pounds.



RON TWIST

Dream come true

Knoepfli joins Swiss club



Charlie Knoepfli returned to his native-born country Sunday to join a team in Basel, Switzerland for the year.

It's a long way to go from Basel Switzerland to play hockey.

Surely if Charlie Knoepfli was discontent playing for Norval and leading the industrial shinny league in scoring the last few seasons he could have found a closer team to exhibit his talented skills with. He could have tried the Georgetown Raiders or the Toronto Maple Leafs.

But, when it is your dream to play in your native born land and a professional team over there is willing to sign you up and get both you and your wife a job and an apartment, the distance is as short as a long distance telephone call.

So, off he and his wife Debbie went, Sunday night at 8 o'clock from Toronto International Airport.

The Knoepflis arrived in the industrial city, located 200 miles from Geneva and near the French and German borders, Monday and he will play his first games this weekend in Bern Switzerland.

Born in Lucerne, the 24-year-old Knoepfli moved to Canada with his family at the age of two and a half. Thus he was able to carry a dual-citizenship in the two countries. After five years in Quebec and five more in Mississauga the family moved to Georgetown where they have been for the past 12 years. All the while he was learning the game of hockey, where he excelled as a minor league player and as a member of the local junior B Gemini team, and in the Sunday morning men's league.

OWN INITIATIVE
The move came about through his own initiative, unlike many other North American players who attend EUROPEAN TRY - OUT CAMPS. He was in touch with several clubs in his homeland. His mother Betty rounded up a few more names for him to contact, including the Basle team, while she was over this spring. After contacting some of the teams, including former NHLer Jacques Lemaire's team over there, he agreed upon terms with his new employers. In addition to the job they have lined up for him with a sporting goods company (he was with regional government) and his wife's office job he has a free apartment. A two week try-out, overseas, the latter half of August sealed the deal and he returned to pack for a year's stay.

The industrial league won't be the same without him. Not for Norval anyway.