

# Dairy Queen emerges victorious in flag football championship final



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Sunday's sporting dynasty in Georgetown as Dairy Queen, the playoff dark horse, snatched the GFFL title out of the hands of the Delrex Smoke Shop.

When these teams met in last year's championship, it was the character of the Smoke Shop that provided the margin of victory. They simply wouldn't lose. That was a bitter pill for the DQ and they obviously haven't forgotten.

This year it was they who displayed the poise and determination that champions possess.

Smoke Shop led almost from start to finish but every time they looked over their should-

ers the DQ was still there, and in uncharacteristic fashion, the Smokers choked.

Perhaps three titles have dulled the fire in the Smoke Shop, but it has been clear all year that something was missing from the past.

**WINS UNDER PRESSURE**

The Dairy Queen on the other hand have matured and become a methodically precise team and one that wins under pressure.

The Smoke Shop had DQ down early. They turned interceptions by Doug Getty and Fred Harris into a pair of majors by Jerry Neil and Werner Mikoleit in the first quarter.

Dairy Queen made it close on a 15 yard TD run by Steve Crossman but Smoke Shop came right back with a score

by Bruce Cartwright.

The Smokers had one more major by John Vieira before the half but DQ had two to cut the lead to six.

Jerry Neil increased the bulge to 12 early in the third quarter, but an attempt at a two point conversion was missed.

Brad Jacobs kept Dairy Queen close with a touchdown which Jeff Lockwood converted.

Bruce Cartwright restored the Smoke Shop lead but again the conversion was missed.

**DQ OFFENSE SPATTERED**

On the next series the Smokers defense made a stand at their own four yard line. The offense sputtered and Steve Frost snuffed out another DQ drive with an interception at the Dairy Queen 40 yard line.

By this time chinks were beginning to appear in the Smoke Shop armour and the DQ quickly tore them into holes. Led by Dave Patterson and Steve Crossman, the DQ defense rose to play inspired football in the final quarter, knocking down pass after pass and generally giving Bob Inglis no one to throw to.

Dairy Queen quarterback Mitch Leblanc, who had been sharp all day, began to shred the Delrex zones, producing touchdowns by Jeff Lockwood and finally the winner to Hal Hulme.

**DQ DEFENSE**

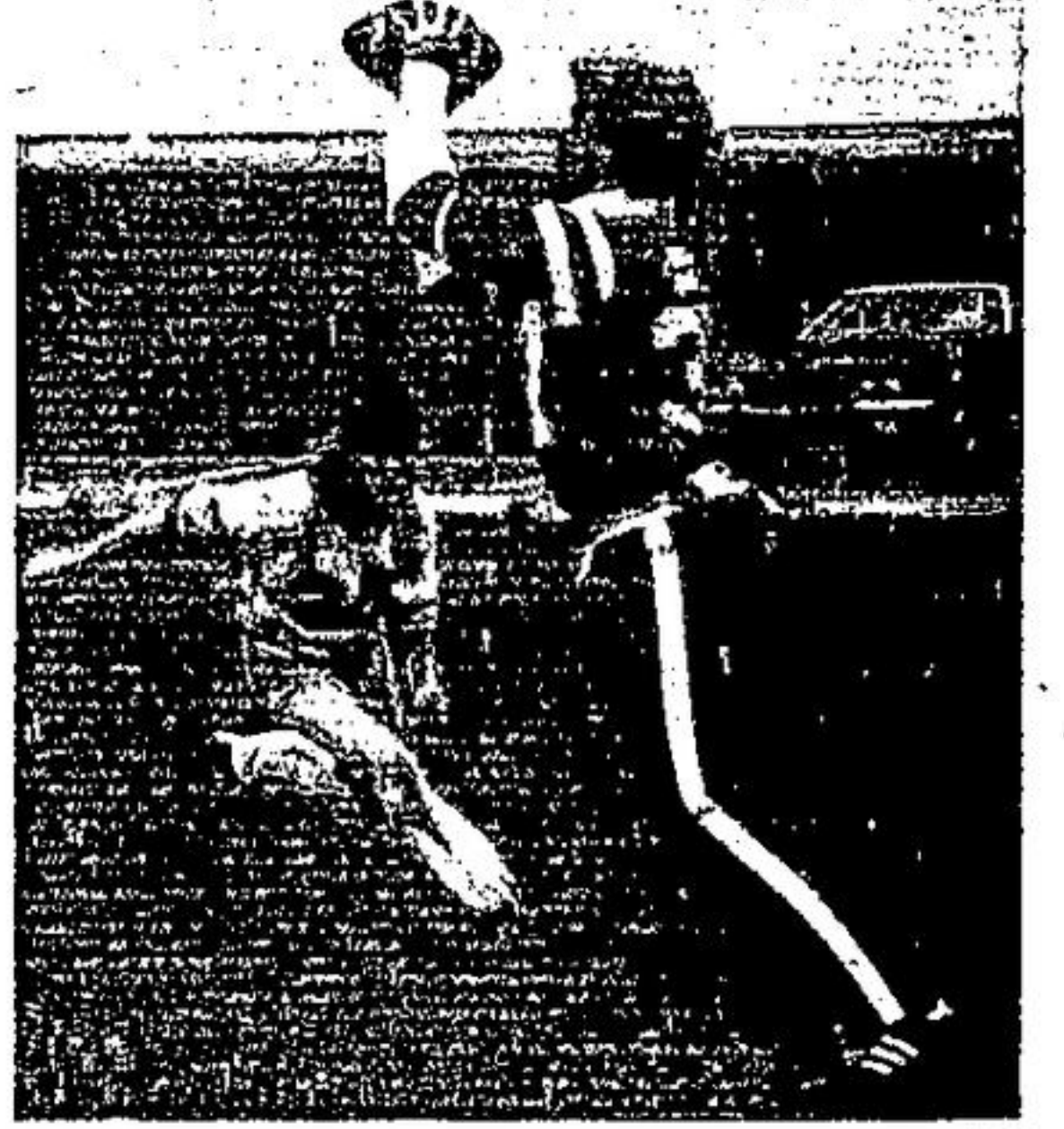
Trailing by two points and with five minutes left, Smoke Shop got the ball back and fully expected to score, but were shocked by the now swarming Dairy Queen defense.

Smoke Shop turned the ball over and Leblanc ground out the clock to give the DQ a 42-40 win.

In a year that saw the best competition ever, the Dairy Queen emerged from the pack to eliminate the two top place teams, one after the other to win its first championship.

They will be tough again next year. The Greeks may just be realizing how good they can be. Wimpy's will be back and should be strong again. Fobert's, the Glen and Dave's BP can move into the contender category with a few improvements.

And for the Smoke Shop the long winter with that hollow feeling in their stomachs should provide incentive to come back for another run at the top.



A jubilant Dairy Queen team rushes toward centre field moments after taking the Georgetown flag football league finals at the high school football field Sunday, squeaking by the Delrex Smoke Shop squad in the fourth quarter for a 42-40 win. Delrex managed to dominate the first half of the game but rapidly watched a six point half-time lead dwindle and finally disappear in the last play of the game.

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Number two team dumped 7-4

## Raiders add to four-game winning streak with Friday's victory over Owen Sound

The Georgetown Chrysler intermediate "A" Raiders will be packing a five game winning streak into Alcott Arena Friday, when they clash with the Port Elgin Sunoco's.

Rolling off a three game sweep over the past two weeks which saw the Georgetown squad dump Midland 13-4, sink the Shipbuilders 7-3 in Georgetown and waltz over the Port

Elgin Sunoco's in Port Elgin that Sunday, the Raiders dealt a 7-4 blow to their second place standing rivals, the Owen Sound Greys.

Owen Sound's Al Nesbitt put the Greys on the board just over the four minute point into the period as he picked up a pass from Keir Todd and Bill Barelay to sneak the puck behind Raider netminder Peter McDuffe.

At 15:51 Steve Lyon—one of the outstanding players in the game—tied the game for the Raiders after gobbling up a passing play from teammates Ron Twiss and Gary McFadyen. The Greys pulled ahead just short of the buzzer to close the period as Rob Thomas snapped up a pass from clubmates Don Hutchinson and Barclay.

The Raiders roared ahead in the second period gradually taking advantage of goaltender Wayne Popovitch's sluggish glove side.

At Woods and John Cook fed Dan Eastman for a power play goal six minutes into the second period. Greys Brian O'Leary was spending the last few seconds of a hooking penalty off ice when the goal was scored.

Ray Tonelli grabbed a pass from Captain Juri Kudrasovs eight minutes later to pull the Raiders ahead 3-2. Bruce Ellison tallied on a pass from Ray Tonelli and Gary Landry 43 seconds afterward and Kudrasovs and Tonelli joined up to assist Gary McFadyen for the Raiders' fifth point of the game coming while Greys Rob Thomas was sitting in the penalty box for unsportsman-

like conduct.

Thomas collected his unassisted second of three goals to open up the scoring for the Greys in the third period. But 20 seconds later the Raiders moved further ahead as Kudrasovs scored with help from Gary Landry and Lyon.

The Raiders increased the margin to seven goals as Ron Twiss pumped 'it past Popovitch with just over five minutes remaining in the game. Rick Kessell and Landry assisted.

Although quite thoroughly humbled by the onslaught, the Greys' Rob Thomas still managed to pick up his hat-trick at the expense of Peter McDuffe. Lance Kealy assisted on the goal, scored while John Boyce was off for slashing.

The Raiders responded with a power play effort of their own a minute later as Eastman scored with help from Lyon.

Rubbing a little salt into the wound, Raiders John Cook scored at the 17:40 mark to seal the game for the Georgetown squad 9-4.

Commenting after the game, Greys' coach John Lumley said that the loss of Owen Sound's top defenceman Rick Green who suffered a concussion following a first period collision, played a major role in the team's demise in the second and third periods.

"We lost Rick right when we were in the ball game," Lumley said. "We took a lot of silly penalties."

Coach Lumley added that goals which normally don't beat goaltender Jim Popovitch were getting by.

"We need a few more players," he said. "The team isn't quite set yet."

## Gems only win one in three-game series

The Georgetown Junior B Gems dropped two games of a three game series last week including a 6-5 loss to the Brampton Warriors on home ice Sunday night.

Penalties—11 of them in the first period alone—crippled an already short staffed Gemini bench and enabled the Warriors to pump five goals behind Gem netminder Chris Murden before the period ended.

The Gems opened up the scoring with a first period tally by Brad McMeekin, his first of three goals for the game, just two minutes into the first period. Brampton's Bill Easdale tied the game at 7:04 and sparked a Warrior rally which saw Joe Franca, Ted Smithers, Mike Gerrie and John Contini move the Warriors ahead 5-1 before the buzzer sounded.

The Gems chipped away at the Warrior lead in the second period, holding the Warriors scoreless and adding two of their own behind Brampton goaltender Scott Yearwood who replaced Ed Rieckman after first and second period penalties, including majors for fighting and slashing sent him to the showers. Mike McMenemy fed two goal scoring passes for the Gems in the period, the first to Mike James and then to Curt Fitzsimmons to bring the Gems within two points of tying the game.

Brampton's John Contini picked up his second goal of the game to open the scoring in third period, picking up a pass from Bill Giannopoulos. Tom Rapiopoulos moved the Warriors ahead 6-3, connecting on a play set up by Trent Bauldry and Joe Franca.

Brad McMeekin turned a pass from teammate Paul Gingras into a fine snapshot which managed to grab the top corner of Yearwood's stick side at 5:31 before Brampton pulled out beyond reach on a goal from Tom Herstad who picked up a pass from teammates Rapiopoulos and Bouldry.

In a last minute effort to come from behind and salvage some home ice dignity, Brad McMeekin picked up his third goal of the night assisted by Ed Dwyer.

The Gems began the week in admirable form, dumping the Streetsville Derbys 5-2 in Streetsville Tuesday night.

Gemini Rob Davey picked up the lone tally in the first period to open up the scoring, after he picked up a pass from teammates John Barnes and dumped it past Derby goaltender Ron Luzon.

The Gems continued their strong forward advance into the second period, as John Barnes assisted by Brad McMeekin, Paul Gingras scored on a power play with Derby Werner Hupe off for interference. Mike Kalapaca put the

Derbys on the board at the 14 minute mark. With less than 12 seconds remaining in the period Gems Marc Brabant and Mike James fed Bob McCandless a quick tally moving the Gems ahead 3-1.

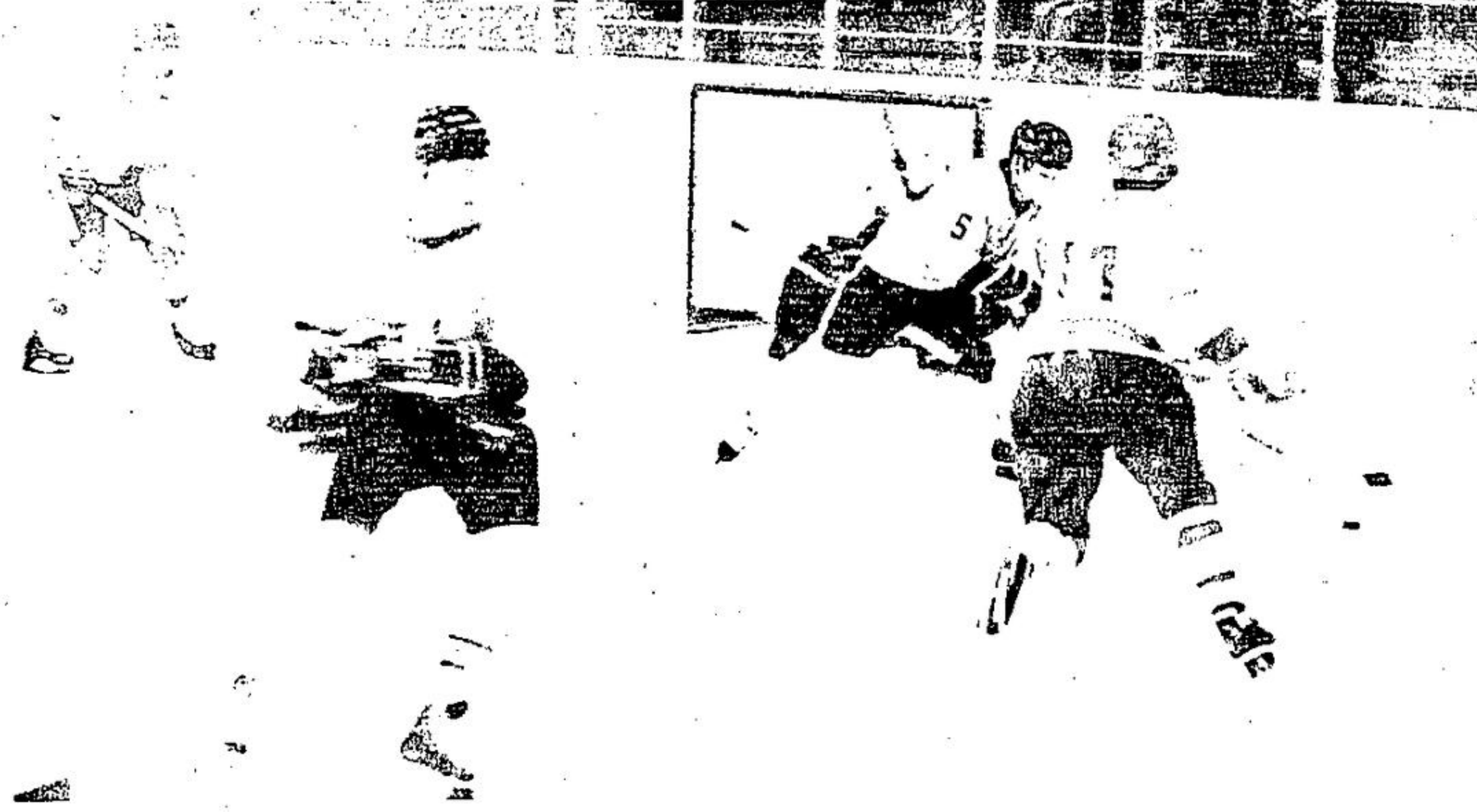
The Gems played about six minutes of hockey in the third period before Herb Kewley picked up their fourth goal on a power play connection from Bill Taylor and McMeekin. Howie Rigby was off for the Streetsville squad for roughing.

The Derbys picked up their second and final goal of the game from Mike Kalapaca who beat Mark Hulme assisted by Jim Fleming. The Gems scored another shorthanded goal to finish the game as Bill Taylor fired a shot past netminder Lauzon with nine minutes remaining in the game. Ken Whetman was sitting out in the penalty box for charging at the time.

The Oakville Blades treated the Gems to a bag full of miserable tricks Friday night, sending the Georgetown squad home with a 10-4 trouncing.

Stan Doyce, Andy Deven, and Peter Follows picked up two goals apiece to pace the Blades to victory. Joel Bowen, Dave Hanafin, Toby Follows and Steve Inglehart picked up singles for the club.

Brad McMeekin, Eddy Dwyer, Bill Taylor and Mike James scored single tallies for the Gems.



Owen Sound Greys goalie Jim Popovitch fends off a Raider rush during Intermediate A action at Alcott arena Saturday night. The Raiders pummeled the Greys 9-1 putting them well ahead in the points race with 15 points over second place Owen Sound with 13.

### RAIDERS MAY GET DEREK SANDERSON

One-time NHL great Derek Sanderson has been approached by the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders hockey club, The Herald learned this week.

Sanderson, 31, broke into the NHL with the Boston Bruins at the same time as Bobby Orr, over ten years ago. Sanderson's notorious high living off the ice, which included breaking curfews and bouts with alcoholism led to his steady decline as a hockey player over recent years.

But that's apparently all over now.

Raiders approached Sanderson through his agents, Bill Walters and Rick Curran of Bramada Sports Management. Dave Kentner, the team's general manager, says the team wouldn't pay Sanderson any more than the other players if he accepts their offer to play.

Kentner says the Raiders are hoping Sanderson can help his hockey club the same way Peter Sturgeon of the 1978-79 Raiders did. Sturgeon was given a chance to play for Georgetown after having problems with alcoholism, but became a major force behind the team's Ontario Championship two seasons ago. Sturgeon has now signed a three-year contract with the Colorado Rockies of the NHL and is playing for their central team affiliate in Fort Worth, Texas.

### Jills join Santa

The Halton Hills Jills gymnastics club will again be participating in the Georgetown Lions Club's Santa Claus parade with their Cartwheels for Cash marathon. Club members obtain sponsors who agree to pay so much for each cartwheel the girls do along the parade route, to a maximum of 200. The money will be used for the purchase of new equipment. Gymnasts from the town recreation department will also be taking part.

## SPORTSWEEK OUTLOOK Skiers and curlers find plenty to do

**SKI-O-RAMA**  
Wednesday, November 12, promises to be an informative day for avid cross-country skiers and alpine skiers. In conjunction with the Ontario Ski Council, there will be a presentation on equipment and clothing for the ski buff.

Between 4 and 7 p.m. there will be a Georgetown Y ski and skate exchange. A downhill ski presentation is offered from 7-8:30 p.m. while a cross-country ski presentation is offered from 8:30-10 p.m. The ski night, which is being held at the Gordon Alcott Arena, is free.

For the ski and skate exchange, the equipment can be dropped off at Alcott arena any time between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and will be picked up at 4 p.m. and unsold items can be picked up after safe hours. For more information, call the Y at 877-6163.

A hockey referee clinic will be held in Georgetown on Monday, November 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. The clinic, sponsored by the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association, is free of charge and is open to those 12 years and over (male or female). The location is Memorial Arena. All successful participants will receive a certificate and wallet card to acknowledge their certification as a Level 1 referee. Vern Buffey, a well known referee, will be conducting the clinic.

**CURLING**  
There is a Curl Canada Clinic on Saturday November 8 from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at North Halton Golf and Country Club. Qualified instructors are available at the clinic for the novices and intermediates who wish to participate.

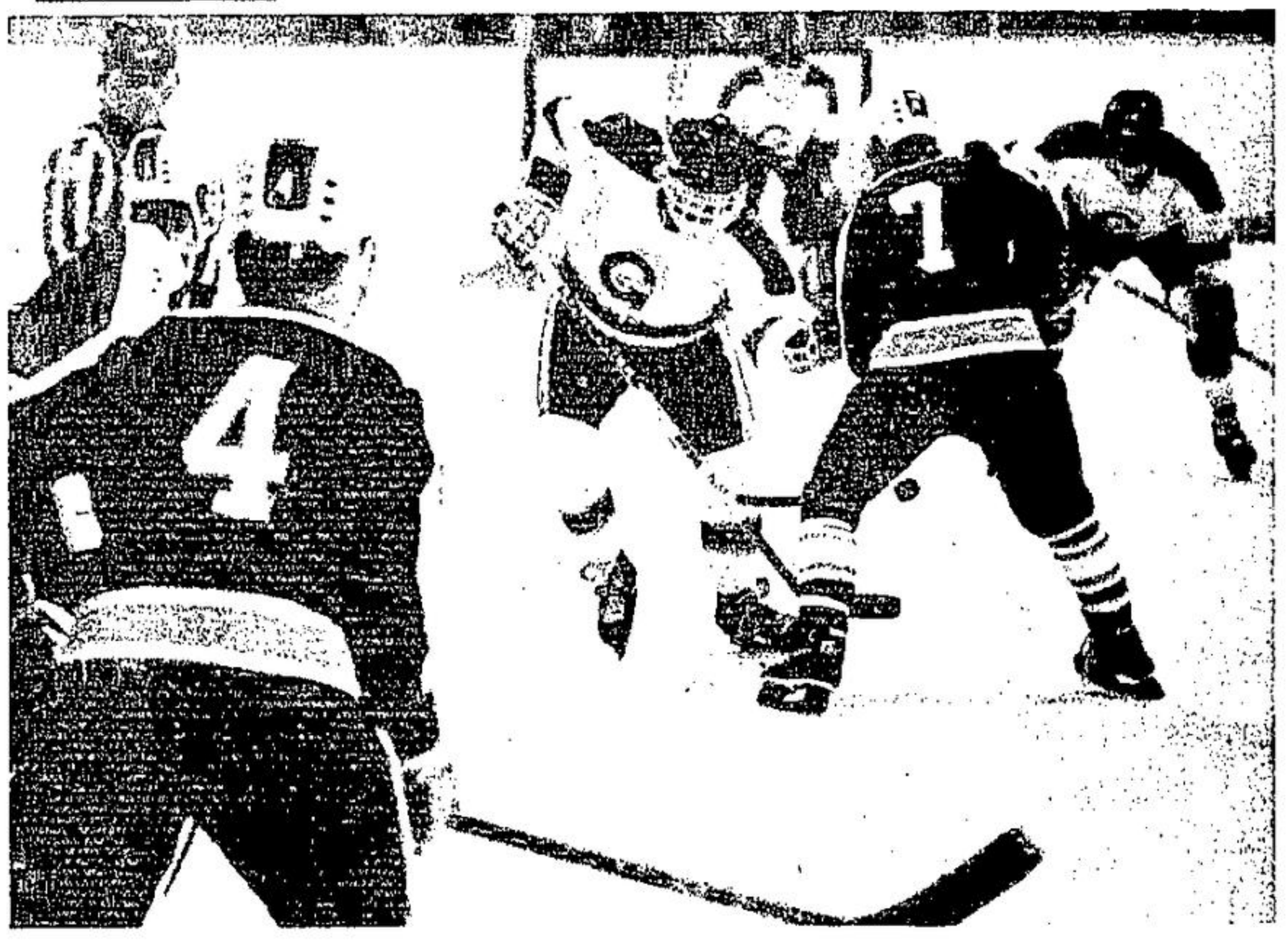
North Halton has three Bonspiels coming up in November. The Glad Robinson Bonspiel for the ladies will be held on

Saturday, November 15. This is a day event only and all Lady curlers are welcome.

Saturday November 22 is the North Halton Mixed Grey Cup Invitational Bonspiel. There will be two draws, 9 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., or 11 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Starting at 7:00 p.m. there will be dinner, dancing and prizes. The whole day costs \$25.00 per couple and should be a fantastic time.

November 28 - 29 is the 24 hour Bonspiel. A weekend to remember.

**SOCCER**  
The Georgetown Youth Soccer Club is holding their annual general meeting at Cedarvale gym on Sunday, November 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Highlights of the meeting will include the election of executive, directors and chief commissioners. Amendments to the constitution, bylaws and regulations will also be discussed.



While both teams played rough hockey, at times scrappy, the Brampton Warriors came out on top of Sunday night's match with the Georgetown Gems 8-4. Warriors Joe Marchese, (4), Trent Bauldry (4), and Mike Gerrie (7), are shown here maintaining a forward drive into Geminal territory. (Herald photo)