

Paul Newman (shown above) is the player coach of a North American Hockey League team in the movie, "Slap Shot". Newman starts a rough-house style of hockey to increase attendance and keep his hockey team financially afloat. Raider defenseman Ron Fogal played for the same team as the one in the movie just one year before the movie was filmed. The movie is based on the Beauce-Jaros of the North American League which, until recently, featured a "goon" style of hockey. The movie will be playing in Georgetown tonight and tomorrow night only. (Herald photo)

'Terrifying' experience: Ron Fogal remembers

'Slap Shot' brings back old memories

The movie, "Slap Shot", now back in town, brings back some first-hand memories for Raider defenseman, Ron Fogal - and most of them aren't nice.

Fogal, who played in the North American Hockey League for the team the movie is based upon, Beauce-Jaros, says his experience with the Quebec team was "terrifying".

Fogal, who used to play for the Beauce-Jaros team as well as against them when he was traded to Lewistown, says the Jaros were both the toughest and craziest team in the league. When playing against the Beauce-Jaros, three players would jump one player and, "it would be worse than a bad street fight," he says.

"If you scored a goal three guys would jump you," he said. "Even if you lost 11-1 they (Beauce-Jaros) wanted to kick the hell out of you."

"It was terrifying, but you didn't want to score again."

The league was not as crazy as the movie, overall, Fogal says, but the story is based on some true events. The person who wrote "Slap Shot" was the sister of Ned Dowd, who was a player in the North American Hockey League.

The three "goons" or the fighting bullies in the movie, did actually exist, according to Fogal. And yes, they all wear glasses as in the movie. The bullies in the movie, the Hanson brothers, in real life were called the Carlson brothers and they played for the Johnston Jets in the league. In the movie, two of the Carlson brothers played themselves as the Hanson bullies who were out to eliminate Paul Newman's hockey team.

Fogal remembers a true incident about the Carlson brothers when they attacked the toughest player in the

league, Jules Bilodeau who later became the 'goon' for the Toronto Toros of the WHA. The Carlson brothers grabbed a microphone off the announcer and started hitting Bilodeau over the head with it.

As a bruising defenseman with a reputation as a fighter from his days with Rochester and Providence of the International Hockey League, Fogal was challenged frequently by opposition players. Fogal holds the record for the most penalty minutes in one game (52) when he fought a Rochester player, John Wensink when he was with Providence. He also broke the most penalty minute record when he attained 90 minutes in 6 playoff games.

LEAGUE NO COMEDY
But even the big, tough Fogal remembers the frightening aspects of the North American Hockey League. "The slap shot movie was meant to be a comedy, but it was no comedy to play in the league. I used to pace the floors before every game," Fogal says.

"In a way it was a disgrace. That kind of hockey scared guys and hurt guys," Fogal says.

JIM "THE DESTROYER" TROY
He remembers the time where his best friend on the Beauce-Jaros team was sent out by his coach to get Fogal when he was playing for Lewistown. His friend, Jim "the destroyer" Troy started to fight Fogal and when they got close to each other, "the destroyer" said, "Fogal, I'm sorry, but the coach sent me out to get you." When Fogal heard that, he went nearly berserk and started towards the bench to fight with the Beauce-Jaros coach.

In the league, Fogal had to accept some elbows or else, "four or five guys tougher would beat up on me," he

says. For the Beauce-Jaros games, only about 12 of the 18 players from Lewistown would show up for the games, he said. Some deliberately forgot to pack their skates. One player on the team was caught during game-time going towards Portland, Maine away from the Beauce-Jaros - he was given a speeding ticket by the Maine police.

The league that once offered its players bonuses for the number of penalties they received, has now been cleaned up, Fogal says. On the Beauce-Jaros team there were three or four crazy hockey players and perhaps five that were really tough, he says. But the fans didn't like the team. Nevertheless the coaches were offering a tough brand of hockey because the toughest team (such as the Johnston Jets with the Carlson brothers) usually won the championships.

DISGRACEFUL LEAGUE
But Fogal thinks that what went on in the league was a disgrace to hockey. "I am not a promoter of fighting, but it is a part of the game," he says.

When playing minor hockey in Georgetown, one of his best coaches, Ron Dixon, wouldn't let Fogal fight and he agrees with the coach. At a young age, the players should be concentrating on skating. "With my own kid, I would never let him fight on the ice," Fogal says.

Fogal thinks the best part of hockey is the skating. It is his "biggest high" to be rushing down the ice with a full head of steam behind him.

NEXT WEEK: Ron Fogal's story - experience with the NHL and his three years as a Raider defenseman.

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Gingras scores three for Gems in 8-5 win over visiting Barrie

The Georgetown Junior B Gems played a disciplined brand of hockey to soundly beat the visiting Barrie Colts last Sunday, 8-5.

Although the play got rather chippy during the third period when a frustrated Barrie team tried to elbow, trip and cross check the Gemini forwards, the Gems remained disciplined and composed while the Colts made frequent trips to the penalty box.

The Gems who had lost a few players earlier in the season due to suspensions, seemed content to do the goal scoring while the Barrie team took some unnecessary penalties.

Captain Bob McCandless said the team "played as good as we needed to win." The win has helped the morale on the club but, "we have got to start winning more games at home," he says.

McCandless says one of the keys to the Gems success will be in Paul Gingras scoring more goals for the team. "He will be our goal scorer," McCandless says. Gingras attained a hat trick for the Gems and was strong for the team all night in his centre spot.

Gingras scored all his goals in the first period to lead the Gemini's to a 4-3 stand at the end of the period. Herb Kewley got the other first period goal for the Gems.

In the second period, the Colts were only able to manage one goal as the Gems buzzed around the Barrie goaltender and came up with goals from defenseman Mike James, centre Herb Kewley, and Mike Tibbitts.

The Gems maintained good control of the puck and were able to pressure the Barrie Colts in the third period. The Colts spent much of their time either one or two men short with penalties. Brad McMeek in caught the Barrie goalie out of position and was able to lift the puck over his fallen body to end the scoring for the Gems.

John Barnes had a good night with one goal and two

assists. Bill Taylor had three assists and Herb Kewley had two goals and two assists.

Gems 7
Thornhill 8

The night before, the Gemini's played the Orillia Travelways Junior Bs, and were defeated 10-3. Goals for the Gems came from Bill Taylor, Mike James and Curt Fitzsimmons.

Last Tuesday (Nov. 25) the Gemini's were narrowly defeated by the Thornhill Thunderbirds 8-7. Coach Tom Daley says that his team deserved to win, because the Gem's were pressuring Thornhill and had the puck in their end for most of the game.

Next home game for the Gemini's is Sunday, Dec. 7 against Streetsville.

NOTES:

The Gemini's will be holding their annual charity hockey night on December 21st against Orillia. All proceeds for the game will be donated to Georgetown's distress centre. The Gemini's ask that you come out and support them in their goodwill efforts.

The Gemini management have been talking with Action Sabres General Manager Ron Jefferies about the settlement for former Gemini forward Dave McGilloy.

The settlement by the two teams will not be known by press time. General Manager Bob Tost of the Gemini's says that he has only talked very briefly with Jefferies but he is confident that a settlement will be reached by Wednesday morning.

There has been no word back on the decision of whether Dave McGilloy will be two goals at the same time will be part of the Guinness Book of World Records.

Coach Jules Russiani says that the team hasn't heard back from the Guinness people from England yet. Two weeks ago against Brampton, McGilloy scored two goals at the 19:27 mark of the third period. He was able to score his second goal by virtue of a penalty shot when the clock stopped after his first goal.

More Raider changes

As of yesterday, Raider defenseman Ken Steen was cut by the Raiders in an effort to reduce their roster to 25 cards. General Manager Kentner says he will encourage Steen to either play for Milton or Erin as he will get more ice time with those teams. On a selfish point, Kentner says he would like to see Steen stick around and play for the Raiders because he could be needed to catch on with the team as their 21st or protected player later in the season.

Dave Kentner is trying to put background material together in an effort to gain permission to use goalie Wayne Wood who is currently under contract with the Detroit Red Wings. Kentner says he is still "optimistic" about the chances of landing Wood and he is, "really beginning to see it happen."

The acquisition of Wood does not in any way reflect in the way Peter McDuffie is playing, Kentner says. "Peter McDuffie is, and the record proves it, the most outstanding goaltender in the league."

Meanwhile, a less hopeful prospect is the acquisition of Derek Sanderson whose status with the club is in question. Basically, the decision to play is up to Sanderson and he has still not contacted Kentner directly.

In other player shuffling, some Raiders will not be around for the next few weeks and coach Inglis is counting on some big games from other members of the team to fill the gaps.

This Friday, Rick Kessel will be leaving on a vacation and he will be gone for six games. Colin Gordon will be in Florida for his holidays then Dan Eastman is expected to take some time off for his honeymoon with his new wife. Apparently, Eastman's job as golf pro made it difficult to take time off when they were married last September.

Gerry Inglis says he is counting on big games from John Cook and Al Woods who will have to take the slack from the missing players.

Sue breaks record

Herald Special

Georgetown resident, Susan Masson, 14, was part of a team that set a national swimming record in the 200 m medley relay this weekend.

Masson, who swims for the Etobicoke swim club finished her 50 metre backstroke leg with a time of 33.7. The tri-meet featured competition from the Mississauga and North York Swim clubs.

The record-breaking time for the medley relay was 2:04.70 - the best time ever for a Canadian girls team, 13-14 yrs. Other members for the team were: Jane Kerr, Jill Horstead, and Cindy Ounpau.



Al Woods (No. 16) and Juri Kudrasovs (No. 11) pressure a Barrie player to release the puck in intermediate hockey action last Saturday night. The Raiders ended up winning the game 9-4.

Chrysler Raiders win two games, Gerry Inglis worried over forwards

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders won back to back games against the fifth place Barrie Flyers over the weekend in convincing scores of 9-4 and 7-3.

However, Coach Gerry Inglis is worried that his forwards during the two games are having a soft time on the ice and although the Raiders are playing an extremely entertaining style of hockey, Inglis is wondering whether the recent wins will help the club.

"I'm scared at what's going to happen when we meet a good hockey club," he says. And Inglis says the Intermediate league has the competition to challenge the Raiders. "The young clubs could get better on and really put some pressure on us later in the season," Inglis says.

The coach says that Owen Sound taught the Raiders a good lesson in the opening game of the season when they defeated Georgetown. "We learned that you can't free-

wheel against a good hockey team. Our defense got caught up in the game. You can't do that sort of thing in a short play-off series," he says.

Inglis remembers when he played for the Georgetown team against Tilsonburg in the season of 1955. On paper, the Georgetown team was not on the same rink as Tilsonburg, but the Georgetown club won the game - so the coach knows that the same thing can happen to the Raiders.

In their home game against

Barrie on Saturday night, the Flyers scored within the first minute of play, but that was the extent of their offense for the period. The Raiders then took over for the rest of the period with goals by Ron Twiss and Ray Tonelli.

Tonelli, who played a hustling style of hockey all night, opened the scoring for the Raiders in the second period with an assist by Gary Ford and Joe Ens.

The Raiders then widened the margin to 7-3 with two

goals being scored by John Cook and singles going to Dan Eastman and Gary McFadyen.

On John Cook's first goal, he rushed past the Barrie defensive pair on a good deke and then scored from the slot on Barrie goaltender Mike Laycock.

Joe Ens ended the scoring with two minutes remaining in the game with an assist by Gary Ford who played a strong game all night for the Raiders.

Swim team meets stiff competition

By HARALD BRANSCH
Herald Special

The girls of the GDHS swim team placed a disappointing ninth place finish in the University of Toronto Women's Invitational swim meet this past Sunday.

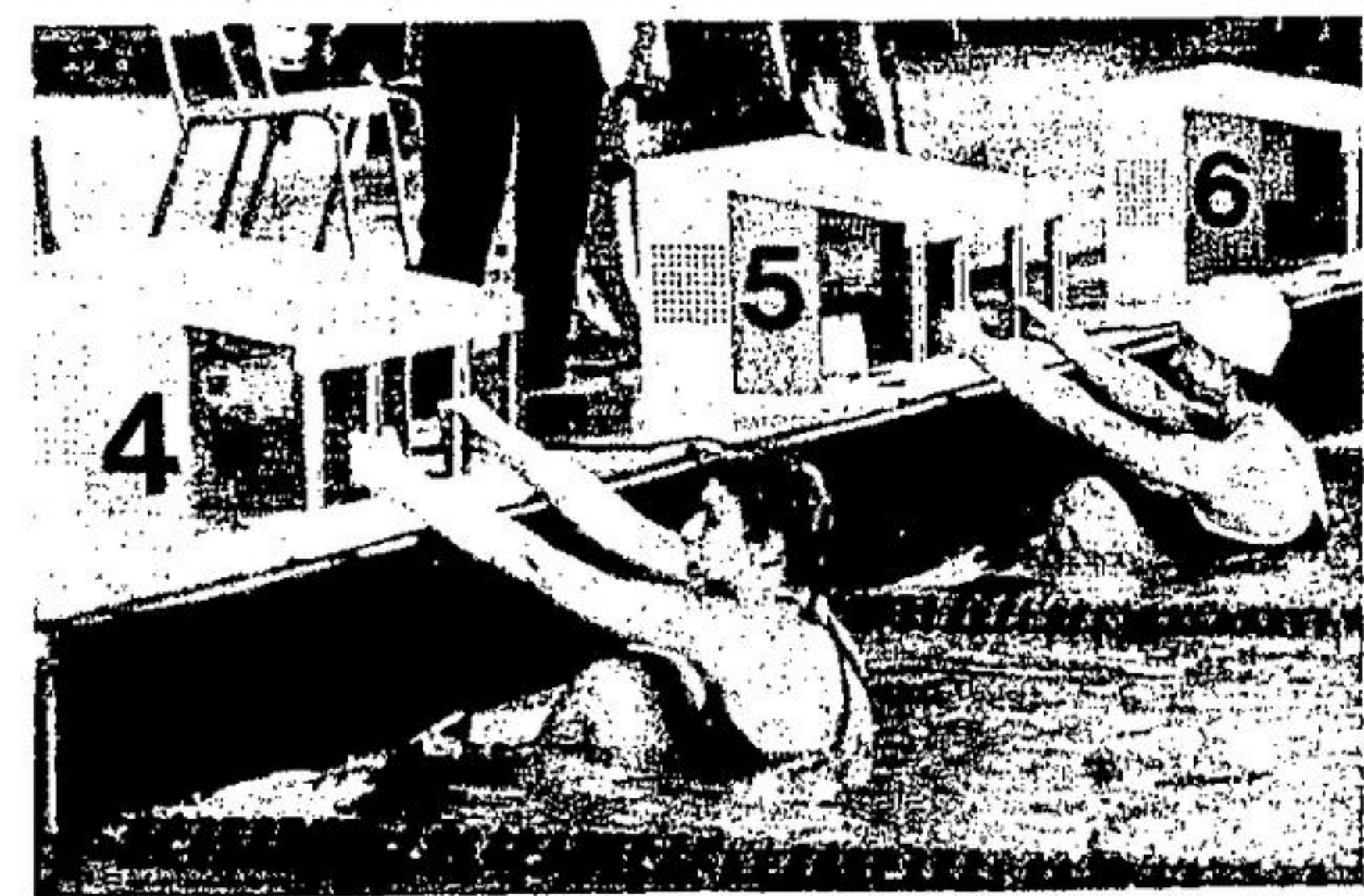
Several of the girls did, although, establish top six finishes. In the 200 m crescendo relay the team of Erin McIntyre, Brenda Braund, Allison MacDonald, and Heather Gibbs placed a respectable third.

Another strong relay showing was in the 200 m freestyle relay, where the team of Erin McIntyre, Debbie Newman, Kim MacLeod and Cheryl Thompson placed sixth.

Some other outstanding individual performances came from Heather Mickie as she placed fourth in the 100 m backstroke and Cheryl Thompson's fifth place finish in the 200 m freestyle.

Other Rebel swimmers finished in the 6-15th place range. Many individuals improved in the individual times and completed swims never before attempted to make this meet a "satisfying" meet according to swim coach Mr. Adams.

"It was disappointing that we didn't finish in the top 6", stated coach Adams. Of the 18 schools competing, York Mills Collegiate dominated the entire meet.



Georgetown Rebel swimmer Jean Wilson (lane No. 4) prepares to launch off in her bid to win her heat of the 50 metre backstroke race. The Rebels finished ninth during competition in Toronto against 18 high school teams. (Herald photo)