



Carol Dean and sister Julie (lower left) can be seen often at King Lea Farms practicing their riding with their favorite friend Belgrove Rubato.

Belgrove Rubato and Carol are champions at CNE

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Carol Dean of 109 Moore Park Cres. in Georgetown came within a hair's breath of winning the 'A' Hunter Class equestrian championships at the Canadian National Exhibition September 4.

The 17-year-old became the reserve champion (runner up) after competing against 72 riders in the under 18 age division from Ontario and across Canada.

"I was tied with the champion going into the last class, but my nerves got the better of me," Carol says.

She competed in the "Children's Hunter", the "Hunter Under Saddle" and "Hunter Over Fences" class, finishing first in the Children's Hunter and seventh in the Hunter Under Saddle category.

The A circuit in which Carol competed at the CNE is part of the many schooling shows which lead up to the Canadian championships at the Royal Winter Fair.

Points are accumulated so that if a horse-rider team win enough competitions, they may participate at the Winter Fair competition. Although finishing second in one of the biggest of the A class equestrian events this year, Carol does not qualify for the Winter Fair event because she has not competed in enough horse shows.

SENSIBLE HORSE

Her horse, called Belgrove Rubato, was judged for style, manner, how well commands from the rider are obeyed plus walk, trot, canter and jumping skills. "She's quite a sensible horse that learns quickly and is really quiet.

But I used to be really nervous and that used to be one of our problems," Carol says.

Belgrove Rubato was purchased by father Alan when the horse was three years old. Carol and her 16-year-old sister Julie taught Belgrove Rubato to jump from her early "green" stage with the help of an equestrian coach.

Their "mount" is kept at King Lea farms at Trafalgar and 491 where the sisters practice their equestrian skills almost every day after school. Instructor Janet Cole helped Carol hone her riding techniques and helped with last minute adjustments before the Dean sisters took Belgrove Rubato to the CNE.

Julie was the groom during the CNE show and because she is the younger sister, her chance to ride at the 'Ex' will take place next summer. The girls slept in the stall for two nights next to their horse. "This year we've been competing more than in other years," Carol says.

To become a champion rider, Carol says it's very important for the horse and rider to think and feel as one. She says that working and being around Belgrove Rubato helps with getting to know each other's habits.

The grade 13 student at Georgetown District High School says she will keep on riding and eventually she would like to try out for the Canadian equestrian team, although she admits she has much to learn. Carol has won at other local shows before, but never done so well in a large competition. She plans to take part in the Acton and Georgetown Fall Fairs this year.



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Sturgeon set to play key role for Chrysler Raiders



GERRY INGLIS

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Former defenceman for the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders and the Colorado Rockies of the NHL, Peter Sturgeon, has returned to Georgetown in a capacity as player-assistant coach. His return, after a three-year absence, could make the difference in the Raider club, hoping to inject more enthusiasm and desire into its game plan.

Says GM Dave Kentner: "Peter Sturgeon exudes confidence, desire, leadership; he's putting his heart and soul into the Raiders." Club president Bob Hooper also spreads the word of Sturgeon's importance to a team wanting to climb the steps to Canadian Intermediate A stardom when he says, "Peter Sturgeon is a good honest, hard worker."

But then let's not overestimate Sturgeon's role with the Chrysler Raiders. After all, the eight year veteran of the NHL and its affiliate teams knows that a total effort by fifteen players will only bring a Hardy Cup championship to Georgetown.

"The Georgetown Raider management wanted the Hardy Cup for 10 years and I'm behind them 100 per cent," he says. "But it's going to take 15 guys with that goal in mind right from the beginning," he adds.

WINNING WORDS

Words such as desire, hustle and sacrifice are quick to come to mind when he talks of producing a winning team. "Nothing comes easy and you've got to work hard to achieve what you want," he says. "The Raiders will have to be close and play like a unit," Sturgeon says.

Peter Sturgeon perhaps has a special reason for returning to the Raiders after a three year absence. It was the Georgetown club which gave Sturgeon a chance to make a comeback in the NHL with the Colorado Rockies when he found his career on the wane.

Under the tutelage of Raider coach Gerry Inglis, Sturgeon was revitalized as a player and scouts realized his renewed

talent and interest in the game. It's then no wonder he thinks so highly of coach Inglis.

"Gerry is an honest man and I respect him. If we get 15 guys WORKING the way he's THINKING we're there (presumably playing in the Hardy Cup).

Sturgeon was born in Whitehorse, Yukon and after playing hockey in Europe in his early teens, he returned to Brampton to play with the Brampton Junior B's. He advanced to the Kitchener Junior Rangers and afterwards was selected in the NHL draft.

Peter played with 10 professional hockey teams, most of them with NHL affiliate farm teams such as Binghamton and Rochester of the American Hockey League. For the past three years he played for Fort Worth of the Central Hockey League and was called up to help the Rockies occasionally, once for a game against the Toronto Maple Leafs at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Highlight was making Colorado Rockies

Peter's highlights as a professional hockey player mainly consist of making the Colorado Rockies while he says his goal as an amateur is to win a Hardy Cup. Now residing in Brampton with his wife of eight years and two-year-old daughter, Sturgeon has started his own business in the screen and patio door service and installation serving Brampton and Georgetown.

He says he's played with Steve Lyon in the International League and he's familiar with many of the players showing up for tryouts this week. As a player-coach he is looking forward to the task as a great personal challenge.

"It's a good organization with a good coach and it's great for me to be here and to be able to play the game," Sturgeon says. With the acquisition of Peter Sturgeon, the Raiders seem to be off to a progressive start to their 1981-82 season.

Gardiner's Tykes scalp opponents



PLAYOFF PANDEMONIUM

Shouting encouragement to their teammates are the Canadian Legion Cubs during the GBA's Day of Champions last Saturday. The junior T-ball team eventually lost a hard-fought game to the Elks Lodge Angels 44-38.

(Herald photo)



T-BALL TIGER

Showing a keen eye for a batter is this young tyke poised to hit for his Junior T-ball team. Excitement was in the air as players and parents cheered for their favorite team.

(Herald photo)

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Herald Special

The Braves coached by Al Gardiner and Jack Lee were too much for the North Halton Sports Twins on Sunday as they won the TYKE House League Championship 26-16.

The Braves played well all year losing only five games in the nineteen they played. The game was very close in the early inning with the Twins enjoying good pitching from Dean Soucie and Jeff Hannah, however the Braves got the bats going and picked up triples from Wes McCauley, Neil Pirie, John Blackmore and Travis Gardiner with Dick Jamer, Steve Lee, Blackmore, McCauley and Gardiner adding doubles.

Coach Al Gardiner commented the entire team played good ball and really deserved to win. Well done Braves!

TYKE CONSOLATION

The consolation game was played before the championship and treated the spectators to some very exciting baseball. Nikki's Pools Mariners played the Thruway Muffler Rangers and both teams gave their all.

The regulation seven innings ended in a 14-14 tie. The lead see-sawed back and forth all game. Terry Murphy, Jeff Smyth, Billy Tutt and Andy Hoddinott pitched well for the Rangers with Mark Talbot and Marcus Miller providing equally excellent pitching for the Mariners.

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The first extra inning remained scoreless. In the ninth inning the Mariners scored two runs and put the pressure on the Rangers.

The Rangers got off to a quick start getting the two runs needed to tie 16-16.

With Bradley Tutt stealing third the winning run was at hand. The next Ranger batter stepped up and hit a single down the first base line enabling Brad to score and end the game Thruway Muffler Rangers 17 Nikki's Pools Mariners 16.

Great ball by both teams to finish an exciting year of baseball.

THANK-YOU'S

As convener of the Tyke House League I would like to personally thank our sponsors Nikki's Pools and Service, North Halton Sports and Thruway Muffler, our coaches Fred Moore, Brian Hannah, Dave Adams, Al Gardiner, Jack Lee, Paul Kavanagh, and Randy Critchell, and last but not least our umpires especially Gary Slavin, Jeff Waterworth and Brent Hutt who worked long and hard on championship day. Thank-you everyone and see you next year.

Week one of Raider camp meets with surprises, disappointments

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders started their hockey season rolling when the Intermediate A team began hockey tryouts last Thursday and Sunday nights.

Last Monday General Manager Dave Kentner began his search for a winning hockey club as he commenced the arduous task of signing players to the Raider roster.

Since the club began their practice tryout sessions last week, the Raiders have been met with some pleasant surprises from some players and some disappointments over no-shows.

Some new talent showing their promise to coach Gerry Inglis according to Kentner were Doug Hughes from the University of Toronto team and Durham's Terry Schefel seen clearly as a "hitter" in his debut with the Raiders. University of Guelph's

Scott MacKenzie has raised some eyebrows with his play as has Steve Bronitzewski and late Raider cuts last year Keir Todd and Al Woods.

Local resident and former Stratford Senior A standout goaltender Brad Miller has looked strong thus far in camp, attests Kentner. Ray Tonelli and Juri Kudrasovs are beginning to show their old magic at the tryout sessions says Kentner.

THEY'RE MISSING

Noticeably missing from the Georgetown Chrysler camp were a number of key veterans. Gary Ford and Rick Kessel, both centres, were absent from both Thursday and Sunday practices with no known messages regarding their whereabouts. Goaltender Peter McDuffe is working out with the team, but he has declined to 'suit-up', preferring to

scrimmage as a defenceman.

Claire Alexander, whose link with the Raiders stems from the friendship with Gary Ford is also missing from the tryout camps.

Goaltender Wayne Wood, a former NHL netminder was at camp Sunday, but not in uniform, to talk to GM Dave Kentner.

Kentner would only say that Wood is looking for "maximal personal benefit" from playing hockey and this could or could not include the Raider organization. Wood will have to make his decision about amateur hockey and this was his prime reason for being in Georgetown Sunday.

Veteran defenceman John Boyce may be retiring from the Intermediate A hockey league, but Kentner does not rule out the possibility of Boyce returning to the team

later in the year. As far as the second-year GM is concerned, the training camp has been going well and the talent looks promising.

EXPANDING EXEC

Club president Bob Hooper says the Raider executive has increased by 200 per cent over the past year, to the point where he doesn't know if the team can handle the sudden deluge. "From the executive standpoint, there's lots of enthusiasm," says the club president.

"Last season the Raiders had a tough season financially. The team has to operate on a break-even system," says Hooper. The team this year will be participating more in the management functions and decisions to offset the enormous expense involved in running the club says Hooper. The team will have

a stake in how the financial system works and therefore the club hopes to cut expenses says Hooper.

TURNOVER

The president can see perhaps as much as a 50 per cent turnover of players on the team. "Basically we had a winner last year, but I'd like to see more strengthening at defense," says Hooper.

With the increase in executive help Hooper will be able to get away from the Booster club and spend more time "supervising and watching."

One prominent money-raiser will be another NHL Oldtimer's game against the Raiders. The president says the Oldtimers requested that they be invited back after last January's contest which was so successful for both teams.

The Oldtimer game will take place October 30.