

Dragasevich does time in Cinci-and loves it!

Playing for Cincinnati Tigers last Sunday if even only after a few hours sleep can be likened to a man nudging Doug Dragasevich and saying, "hey Doug, what's your fantasy?"

Georgetown Chrysler Raider Doug Dragasevich was innocently having a few beers with his fellow intermediate A cohorts after Saturday's game with the Orillia Terriers when reality turned to fantasy then back to reality as the facts began to unfold....

Leaf Interim General Manager Gerry McNamara had phoned his Georgetown

counterpart Dave Kentner looking for a replacement in their goaltending corps for the Leafs farm club in Cincinnati on Sunday. Kentner came up with Doug's name and soon he was whisked away on a flight to Detroit aboard the Leaf's charter

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Sitting beside the Leaf's coach Mike Nykoluk on the flight to Windsor, it wasn't until much later that Doug Dragasevich realized he'd be expected to start in the nets

for Cincinnati.

The 24-year old former goaltender for Concordia's hockey team had once attended a Detroit Red Wings training camp, but he'd never played a game in professional hockey before the Cincinnati game. According to Dave Kentner, Doug told him he'd "crawl down to Cincinnati" just to be able to play in the game.

The storybook style start to what will undoubtedly be a long-remembered weekend for Doug ended in equally fine style as Dragasevich stopped 29 shots in Cincinnati's 4-1 victory over Nashville and was selected first star in the game.

"You could have shut out the lights and you'd know it was me after the game because I was glowing," Doug said.

"Gerry McNamara offered me a dream," he said, "but I was worried about making a fool of myself. Everything came together perfectly, though."

After Leaf netminder Bunny Larocque became ill with the flu and could not accompany the Maple Leafs to Detroit for their game, Bob Parent from Cincinnati was called up to replace him. That left a gap in the Cincinnati lineup as their other goaltender Curt Hildley had a hurt knee. Meanwhile Jiri Crha and Martin Maglay, the other signed Leaf prospects were in Toronto also nursing injuries.

After rushing from the Raider booster club to the airport in order to meet the Leaf's 12:30 a.m. flight from Toronto, Doug soon found himself in his room in Windsor

staying with Dan Maloney, the Leaf's veteran forward. "I was thinking they'd put this kid by himself down the hall in the corner," Doug said.

However, he was warmly greeted by Maloney and the two had a long talk from

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2:30 a.m. until 3:30 a.m. when Dragasevich tried his hardest to fall asleep. He couldn't sleep, but it didn't really matter because by 5:00 he had to take a cab to the airport so that he could fly to Cincinnati. He arrived at

8:30 a.m. and was taken to a hotel to await the 7 p.m. game.

The Maple Leaf players had been great to him, but by comparison the Cincinnati players treated him royally and made him fit right in with their organization. "Coach Doug Carpenter said all he expected was for me to play 100 per cent, but I said I'd give more than that...." Doug said.

Doug felt good in the warm-up. "I had butterflies in my throat, but I had to realize that if I didn't psych myself out I could play well." His team was outshot 15-5 in the first period, but Doug found that the extra work kept him attentive. "With every shot I

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Kris and Kelly sixth in Japan

World class dance skating pairs team Kris Barber of Glen Williams and Kelly Johnson of Willowdale placed sixth last week in Japan's NHK's International figure-skating competition.

The event, sponsored by one of their major television networks, took place in a city near Osaka, Barber was pleased at how he and his partner skated, noting that competition has improved since last year at the same meet.

England took top honors while the Russians finished second and fifth in the dance pairs. There were no compulsories for the skating competition, Barber said, which had a negligible effect on their own performance.

The Barber-Johnson duo tried to eliminate a few moves in their free dance to build up a simpler, faster tempo and this seemed to work well, Barber said.

The Canadian championships will be the skating pair's next big event in February.

Gems split games

With excellent goaltending from Mike Steer, the Georgetown Junior B Gemini hockey club played well against third place Burlington Cougars last week, but they were defeated 7-5.

According to Gemini captain Bill Taylor, the Gemini had a 100 per cent team effort in the game and at one time the Gemini were leading 3-2. Two minutes into the third period Burlington tied the score but Georgetown came back and went ahead 4-3.

The Burlington coach called for an inspection of Mike Steer's face mask with one Gemini already in the penalty box, and the finding of an illegal mask resulted in the Gems being two men short. Burlington then scored.

The Georgetown Gemini came back to their home rink last Sunday night to face the fourth place Richmond Hill Dynes after their Burlington

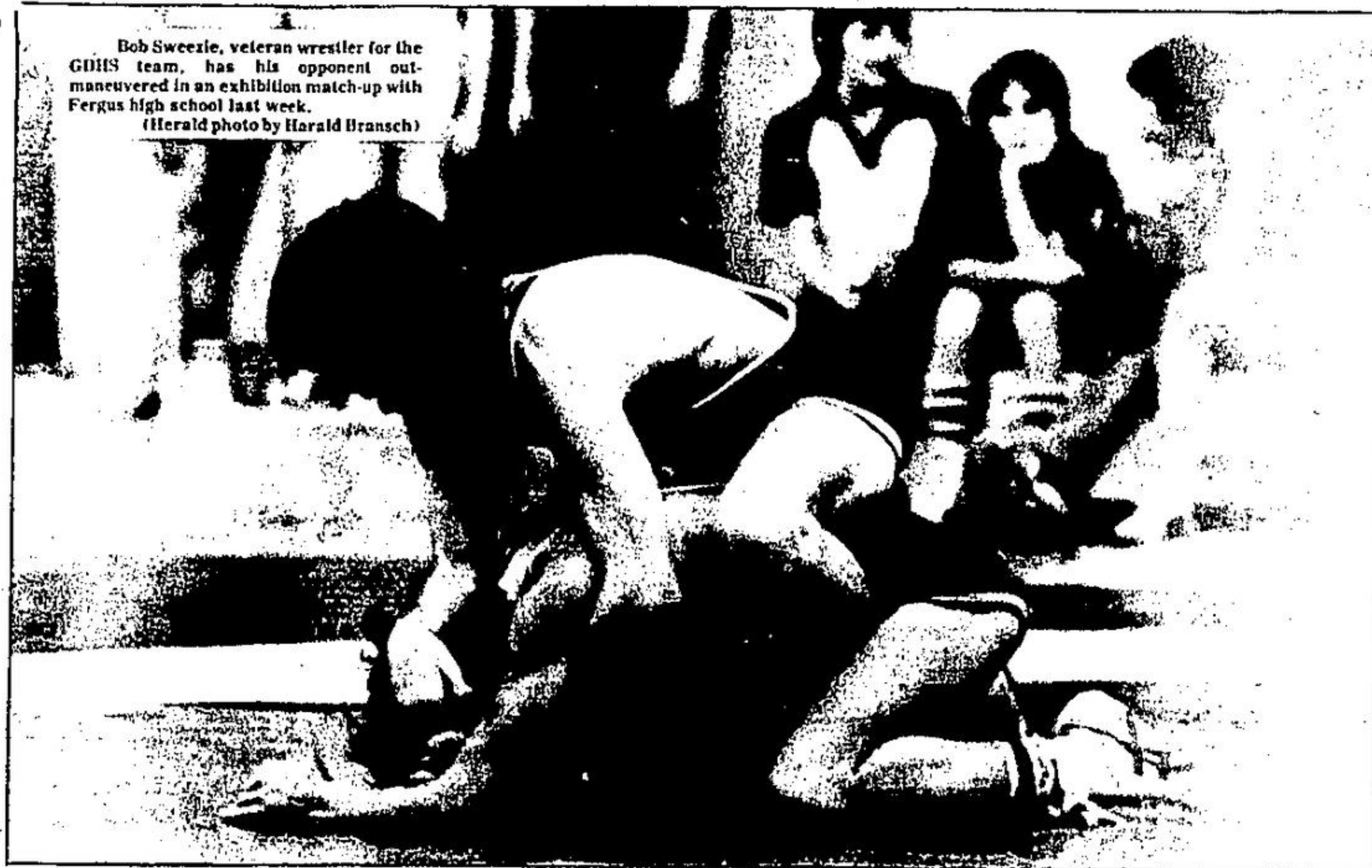
game. With sheer determination, the team battled their way past the Dynes, showing they wanted to win more in the 6-4 Georgetown victory.

FIRST GOAL
A shot from the left point gave the Gems their first goal from defenceman Chris Peavoy assisted by Bob Davey and Bill Taylor. Although the Gemini seemed to have trouble in their own end, they fought back from successive Richmond Hill drives to mount attacks of their own.

The Gems successfully fought off a penalty with Bob Dean and Bill Taylor doing some excellent legwork for the team, but when the sides were even, Richmond Hill tied the game.

Then Guy Cormier for the Gems gave Georgetown a 2-1 lead with one minute left in the period on a give and go play from Bob Morrow and Chris Peavoy. His slap shot

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Bob Sweezie, veteran wrestler for the GDHS team, has his opponent outmaneuvered in an exhibition match-up with Fergus high school last week. (Herald photo by Harald Bransch)

GDHS wrestlers bounce Fergus 39-17

By HARALD BRANSCH
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The GDHS wrestling team hosted the defending OFSAA champion team Fergus, in a dual meet last Wednesday in which they won eleven of the fifteen matches and outscored Fergus 39-17.

Most of the wins in matches were by point decisions,

because the opportunities to pin opponents were not taken or missed. Fergus on the other hand won most of their matches by pins, said coach McKay.

In the 84 lbs. weight division both Jeff Knight and Mike Delguidice won their matches. Dave Power and Steve Power, who is the Canadian schoolboy

champion, also won their matches in the 97 lbs. category. Dave is described as having shown a great deal of intensity during his match. Against Ron Becker, the Canadian junior wrestling champion from Fergus, Mike Gossill put up a strong fight and held out until the second round before he was pinned by Becker in the 104 lbs. division.

In the 122.5 lbs. weight category Wayne Morrow won in a decision. In the same division Bob Sweezie avenged last week's 3-2 defeat by Ken Vesterfeld, who represented Canada in international tournaments last summer, and won his match in a close 2-0 decision. This bout could be considered the best of the meet.

Jim Wittmier is meeting the coaches expectations of having a good season by dominating his opponent in the 119 lbs. weight division. Doug Gillespie defeated William Nickelson, an opponent that he lost to last year, in a 9-2 decision. Ian McIver also won his match, both being in the 127 lbs. category.

In the first bout of the season, Mike Taylor displayed his technical expertise by winning his match 11-1, although hindered by a bad knee. Coach McKay says Taylor is a team leader and he will be needed as a key performer in future meets.

Both Taylor and Rick Sedore wrestled in the 141 lbs. weight category but Rick lost his bout, perhaps due to

wrestling in a heavier weight category than he should have.

Ron Martin won his match as a 149 pounder, but Mark Roberts, in his first meet of the season and Dennis Lombro lost their matches in the 165 and 194 lbs. weight categories respectively.

Coach McKay says he is delighted in beating Fergus but he is also trying to keep a low key attitude in the team until later in the season.

The next meet for the Rebels will be Saturday in the GDHS warm-up tournament in which local schools will be invited. The meet gets under way at 9:00 a.m. until approximately 6:00 p.m. in the GDHS gym one and two. Spectators are welcome to attend and support the Rebels.

Georgetown Raiders find Terriers' bark less terrifying

Fully expecting a game in which the Terriers would threaten their hold on first place, the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders found their Intermediate A counterparts from Orillia less than devastating in their 13-2 victory.

Even though outstanding netminder Clyde Harris wasn't in net for the Terriers (he was taken over as interim coach) the Orillia squad looked competitive in the first two periods. However, a goal-scoring barrage in which Georgetown netted eight goals in the third period completely demoralized the Terriers and caused them to lose their composure.

The Raiders have been playing some excellent third period hockey this season although traditionally their big scoring chances came in the second period last year.

Coach Gerry Inglis feels anybody can beat any team in the intermediate league and if the Raiders want to advance in the playoffs, they have to beat each team by large scores and dominate every game.

TEAM STRONGER
Inglis feels the team is stronger on the forward line, especially since Bill Hamilton has come along so well for the team. Hamilton scored five goals while collecting two assists against Orillia. The Ford, Sturgeon and Hamilton line has been hot

for the past month and it looks like nothing on ice can stop them.

The addition of Peter Sturgeon has made the difference on the line because he's an excellent two-way hockey player, Inglis says.

A line from last year was brought back as Kessell, Twiss and McFadyen joined forces for some shifts in the game.

Coach Inglis was rotating his line-up in an effort to give his players a chance to adjust to different styles of play.

The game looked as if it would be a one man show for awhile as Bill Hamilton opened the scoring for the Raiders in the first period, then went on in the second period to collect two more.

After 21 minutes of play, Hamilton had collected a hat trick as teammates Ford and Sturgeon deserve due credit for feeding him the puck as the line completely dominated Orillia's goalmouth during their time out on the ice.

After the first period the score was tied 1-1, but the Raiders slowly began to wear down their opposition as they built up a 5-3 lead. Ron Twiss and Hamilton were the other sharpshooters in the second period.
Ron Twiss and Gary McFadyen began to balance off the Raider scoring by

collecting two goals each in the third period while Gary Ford, Peter Sturgeon and Scott McKenzie all collected singles.

Raider Notes: Juri Kudrakov has stepped down as team captain, in the Raider

tradition of rotating the team 'C' every few seasons. Steve Lyon now wears the captain's colors and Bill Hamilton has been made an alternate captain. Rick Kessell remains as an alternate captain.

Heading for Winston

Newly acquired Raider defenceman Ben Pederson is with Winston-Salem on a five game tryout, it was announced by the Georgetown club last Monday just after news of Doug Dragasevich's transfer to Cincinnati for one game had been learned.

Pederson joined the Raiders in his attempt to break into the pro ranks which is his goal. Last year he was Hampton's third leading scorer on his team. Pederson's agent Rick Curran of Toronto gave Raiders GM Dave Kentner the news by phone call Monday afternoon.

Meanwhile in other Intermediate A news, Orillia's coach Jim Sherrit stepped down after feeling his club would not play for him. Orillia is currently in a mid-season slump although currently ranked in third place in the standings.

According to reports from Orillia, former Leaf Claire Alexander has signed with the team and apparently might take over the team's helm as player-coach.

Gasping for goals

The Halton Hills Huff 'N Puffers Oldtimer hockey squad took the breath away from all opponents they played in an Oldtimer tournament last weekend in Kingston. In playing teams mostly from the Ottawa-Kingston area, the Puffers outmaneuvered the "Limestone Cowboys" in a shoot-out after a 2-2 tie began a fruitless sudden death overtime period.

Goaltender Jim Brown made three outstanding saves on the penalty-shot style shoot-out and kept the Halton Hills team in the contest until Stu McDonald finally put the game away for the Puffers with his goal.

To enter the championship round, the Halton Hills Puffers won their three games in scores of 6-0, 8-2 and 6-2.



The line of Peter Sturgeon, Bill Hamilton and Gary Ford were unbeatable against Orillia last Saturday night. Here, Peter Sturgeon is seen scoring at the goalmouth while Hamilton looks on. Hamilton seems destined to

lead the league in scoring if his current goal-scoring pace continues. He netted five goals in the game Saturday.

(Herald photo)