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THE YEAR — IN REVIEW



The following Halton Hills Jills Gymnastics club members presented their best routines for judges last March when they competed in the second of three qualifying meets. The meets will decide if the girls can compete at the

provincial level. From left to right: Sherilyn Kirkpatrick (standing). Back row: Carol Early, Faith Richardson, Kim Dryden. Front row: Jennifer Pepper, Jodie Earle, Gail Cook.

Raiders Boxing Day 'punch': Georgetown Chrysler give Owen Sound a 9-2 shiner

Considering that Boxing Day is traditionally a day of numerous post-Christmas bargains, the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders were hardly short-changed in their 9-2 victory over Owen Sound last Saturday (Dec. 26) night at home.

Skating around opposing defencemen with all the grace and swiftness of bargain-shoppers rushing for department store garments amidst the crowds, Raiders Gary Landry and John Cook picked up two goals in the contest.

But one of the real heroes of the game was Georgetown native Juri Kudrasova whose five point night complemented his excellent play ever since Georgetown flattened Barrie with 22 goals last week.

While the Raider forwards peppered Owen Sound with 33 shots as Georgetown's Brad Miller stopped 22 shots for a good night, coach Gerry

Inglis still has worries with his defence, albeit, these worries can't be keeping him awake at night.

CHALLENGES
 Against the Greys coach Inglis felt his defencemen could have been challenged more often if Owen Sound had two or three fast-breaking forwards. The Raider forwards were getting trapped too deep and a few times Georgetown were faced with 3 on 1's and 3 on 2's, he said.

"If we run into a team with two or three good forwards, they could kill us in a short playoff series (with fast breaks)," coach Inglis said. Inglis is hoping for a few close games in which the Raiders are either threatened or actually lose, because he admits it's getting hard to play disciplined hockey while collecting such dominating leads.

A team such as Midland and others could be potent with a few older forwards to

guide their attack, he said. Except for Collingwood, the rest of the teams in the Intermediate A league are fairly evenly matched and coach Inglis thinks that perhaps near the end of the schedule those teams could "gang up" on Georgetown and give them a run for their money.

ALL-STARS
 The Jan. 16 All-Star game in Georgetown against the Intermediate A's best players could help the Georgetown Raiders with superior competition, Inglis felt, but

only if the players consider the game an important one. During the Owen Sound game captain Steve Lyon was being harassed by a Greys forward and both took penalties for the ensuing infractions Coach Inglis was dismayed at the player taking a run at Lyons, saying the Raider captain would retaliate eventually.

"Some Junior C players (in the Intermediate A league) think the only way to play the puck is to play the head first before anything else," Inglis said.

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Team standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Georgetown	24	20	4	0	207	100	40
Collingwood	27	18	8	1	169	136	37
Orillia	23	10	11	2	109	127	22
Port Elgin	22	10	12	0	94	113	20
Owen Sound	23	9	13	1	135	153	19
Barrie	23	8	15	0	122	168	16
Midland	26	7	19	0	115	154	14

Raiders look even stronger

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As the 1981 hockey season draws to a close, it's perhaps a good time to add a few comments regarding our local hockey clubs to recap how the season has been progressing.

For the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders of the Intermediate A hockey league, the season has unfolded pretty much as the executive had hoped it might.

With the return of Peter Sturgeon as player-assistant coach, the Raiders have gained a leader on and off the ice plus an excellent two-way hockey player who seems to complement the style of a hot right winger (and linemate) Bill Hamilton.

Gary Ford's summer hockey helped the veteran stride through the early season in excellent form to give Georgetown perhaps the best line they've had in years.

The Raiders have continued to dominate the Intermediate A league as they did last year, although the Collingwood Shipbuilders have not been challenging to the same extent. The Shipbuilders were thought to have some threatening players this year such as former Brampton Warrior linemates Tim Colley, Dave Payne and Greg Scarlett, plus Tim's brother Tom who played last year with the Binghamton Whalers of the AHL. However, their overall worth to the team has yet to be proven.

NEW UNIFORMS

The Raiders began the season in their splendid new Red and White uniforms. Not only did the team look like professionals, they played enthusiastic hockey, although not winning by the same outlandish scores as they did earlier in the season the year before.

One characteristic of the 1980-81 team was that Raider forwards would amass large scores in the first two periods, then coast in the third period, often allowing opposing teams to either gain a chance to renew their attack, or fall back on chippy hockey.

With renewed energy, the 1981-82 edition of the Raiders have continued to press in the third period, often scoring more in the final period than in the first two periods.

As a unit, the Georgetown Raiders of this year seem better suited to enter playoff hockey this February. Gary McFadyen's improved performance has been a big plus for the team while Bill Hamilton's scoring rampage has been a pleasant surprise to fans and the hockey club.

With high scoring forward Ron Twiss moved back to defence, his solid play has helped steady the blue line. Twiss could return to the offensive line-up but the Raiders hardly require more firepower from their forwards. Centre Rick Kessell has not been playing to last year's standards, but look for the former Pittsburg Penguin to regain his competitive edge after Christmas, as work commitments have held him back.

A healthy (relatively) Juri Kudrasova has given the Raiders more balance in the Raider attack. Scott McKenzie has filled the centre spot position well when he has been called upon to do so and thus has caught the general manager's eye.

BEST DEFENCEMAN

Although working on his bar admissions for law, captain Steve Lyon continues to be the best defenceman in the Intermediate A league.

The biggest problem the Raiders will face in the upcoming months will probably be themselves. Although it is recognized the Georgetown club have the finest players in the Southern division, only a hungry driving attitude will win them the OHA Intermediate Crown and the Canadian championship.

If the Raider management can recruit no other players than they have at present there is enough talent to easily win the OHA championship if every player gives 100 per cent. However, to win the Hardy Cup (which is what all of the Raider executive have been striving for) one wonders if the lack of practice time will hurt the team in the end.

If not all players attend the once per week regular practice while other teams in Canada take in twice a week practices, the team suffers from two counts: conditioning and familiarizing oneself with teammates and their moves.

This is not to suggest the Raiders implement two practices a week. Ice time costs, plus the availability of players to attend two practices (plus two games per week) make the suggestion unworkable.

From a total team standpoint the Raiders are a stronger club than last year. Until now, Georgetown haven't missed the services of veteran Peter McDuffe, but playoff hockey was McDuffe's forte - it was unfortunate that he was injured in Timmins for the OHA playoffs last year.

However, steady performances by Georgetown native and former Gemini star goaltender Brad Miller and Concordia University veteran Doug Draganovich, the Raiders have a young goaltending one-two punch (something the Raiders lacked last year). Only McDuffe was capable of starting in net last year.

If the Raider veterans can keep up their youthful exuberance into the remaining 14 regular season games, look for Georgetown to avenge their loss to the Northern Intermediate A league champions this February.

1981- A good year for town sports

JANUARY 1981
 During the week of Jan. 7 the Georgetown Sunny Acre Farms Midgets won the South Central Ontario Silver Stick tournament. They advanced to the North American finals in Sarnia, but were defeated in further playoff action.

During the next week the Midgets represented their hometown in Georgetown's annual Midget tournament featuring 16 teams. Unfortunately the Midgets came across tough opposition and were defeated in both their games.

Jan. 4 saw the Georgetown Al Pilutti Minor Atoms face tough competition at the Thornhill Thunderbird

Hockey Tournament, but the locals won the championship in a 3-1 decision over Whitby in the final round.

At the conclusion of Georgetown's 15th annual Midget tournament, Lindsay emerged the winners after defeating Bramalea in a forced shoot-off. Meanwhile, during the same week of January 14 two local numbers, Doug Smith and John Warnock outclassed their American opponents by placing first and third in the mile event at the annual Eastman Invitation Track and Field meet held over the weekend.

At the East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Smith won the mile event with a time of 4:15.4

which was eight-tenths of a second behind former teammate Ian Clark's record which he set two years ago.

Meanwhile back on the hockey circuit, Acton Junior B Sabres coach Jules Ruzsanyi was named the Central League division's All-Star while winger Glenn Murray, also from the Sabres was selected to the first team All-Stars. Centre Barry Trood and defenseman Mark Duval were selected in the second team representing the Acton Swansmen while no Georgetown Geminals were selected.

NHL OLDSTERS
 The NHL Oldtimers brought their slick skating and stickhandling skills to

the Georgetown Alcott arena as they faced the Intermediate A Georgetown Chrysler Raiders in a friendly exhibition game.

The NHL Oldsters came from behind to register a 5-5 tie although many of the estimated 1,600 hockey fans might have noticed oldster Bill Friday giving a few advantages to his old buddies.

The Acton Junior boys Redmen High School basketball team held on to a 17 game win streak into the week of Jan. 21. In swimming, the Halton Hills Blue Fins reached another stepping stone in the development of speed swimming in the area. Several of the 'A'

club swimmers entered their first CASA sanctioned meet this past weekend.

During the week of January 8 Mr. L.G. (Bud) James was announced Georgetown's 1981 recipient of the prestigious Hockey Heritage award. Mr. James' involvement in hockey dates back to 1945 when he assisted Reverend Len Self in minor hockey.

He was also manager of the Georgetown Raiders when they won three consecutive championships.

FEBRUARY 1981
 During the first week of February Glen Williams native Kris Barber and

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Midgets represent town in local tourney

Head coach:
Finn Arnold

Assistant coach:
Terry Lane

The Georgetown Annual Midget hockey tournament is set to go according to tournament chairman Rob Irvine. The Jan. 5-10 event will see 16 teams battle it out in what should be a very evenly balanced tournament, Irvine said.

All of the teams are AA teams except the Levak hockey team which annually participate in Georgetown's Bantam tournament in March, Irvine said.

With the Georgetown Sunny Acre Midget team at the top of their local league standings they "could have a shot at winning," Irvine said. "Anyone can win," he added.

Finalists from last year, Lindsay and Bramalea, will not be returning, but the following teams are entered: Toronto Aeros, Whitby, Burlington, Pickering, Milton, Thornhill, Dundas, St. Catharines, Georgetown, Stratford, Richmond Hill, Stoney Creek, Sudbury, Owen Sound, Levak, Ottawa West.