

Acton Sabres accommodate Dave McGilloway's wish to be traded

Acton Sabres captain Dave McGilloway is now property of the Burlington Cougars in a cash deal which was arranged late last week between the two clubs, Sabres general manager Ron Jefferies announced Monday.

In a surprise move by the Acton Sabres management, Jefferies said the sole reason for signing over the talented centre player's rights had to do with accommodating McGilloway's wishes to become a Burlington Cougar.

Dave McGilloway moves from the eighth place Sabres (11-17-1) to the second place Burlington Cougars (23-7-0). Apparently after talking to members of the Burlington club during the Junior B Miracle Mart-sponsored All-Star tournament Dec. 26-29 McGilloway became interested in playing for Burlington.

Earlier in the year McGilloway said one of his future ambitions in hockey was to gain a U.S. hockey scholarship and accom-

ing to Sabre management, McGilloway told them Burlington would help him gain a scholarship.

Acton Sabre coach Jules Russiani said it is indeed a fact that Burlington is higher in the standings and the Cougars might further his hockey career because he might be noticed more by scouts.

"Dave and I talked about (a trade) after the All-Star tournament," Russiani said. The Acton Sabres wouldn't hold a

player back and the club wanted to accommodate McGilloway, he said.

Because Acton have their full quota of imports and because McGilloway is considered a non-import, a straight player transaction could not be worked out, general manager Ron Jefferies said.

"There's no doubt we lost a good hockey player," coach Russiani said. However, since the Acton Sabres held a team meeting last Thursday, players have

been showing more togetherness, the coach said. The team seems to realize they have to work more as a unit now they've lost a big goal scorer, Russiani said.

Even with their 9-6 loss to Brampton last Friday night Russiani could see the Sabres were more upset with the defeat than he was. The game started out well but the Acton coach, who watched from the stands, said his Swordsman lost their concentration.

Meanwhile Denis Charbonneau has been named Sabre captain to replace McGilloway with Wade Vickery and Mark Duval as alternate captains.

Nineteen year old McGilloway is a gold-medalist figure skater who teaches power skating in Acton during the winter. During the 1977-78 season with the Sabres he was voted the Most Gentlemanly Player by the club.

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Georgetown hosts 16th annual Midget tournament

Power failure can't stop successful tournament

Apart from a power failure last Saturday night, which lasted one hour and 35 minutes, the 16th annual Georgetown Midget tournament was a complete success, said Support Group president Wayne Pries.

Even the host team, the Sunny Acres Farms Midgets could be proud of the way they played in front of the

hometown crowd as they advanced to the third round before bowing out to a tough Owen Sound team.

The Georgetown-Owen Sound game was affected by the power failure Saturday night as their game was scheduled for 8:30 p.m. However, the game didn't start until 10:45 p.m. Meanwhile members of the tournament

committee from Georgetown had to round up the local players who had gone home assuming the game might be cancelled altogether.

ONETIME GAME

The Owen Sound-Georgetown game was tied 3-3 at the end of regulation time and Owen Sound managed to win in overtime — the only overtime game of the tournament.

ament. Owen Sound went on to play the Toronto Aeros for the championship round and they were defeated by Toronto 4-3. In the consolation final Whitby defeated Richmond Hill 4-2.

The weather proved to be so bad that after becoming finalists in the tournament, Owen Sound had to spend the night in Brampton with highway 10 closed because of drifting snow.

To advance to the third round of the Georgetown Sunny Acres Midgets defeated Stratford 5-2, then beat Stoney Creek 4-2.

Georgetown could have been in the championship game and the best games were the Georgetown games said Support Group president Wayne Pries, but he admitted that two very good teams were in the final round.

According to tournament chairman, Rob Irvine, the Georgetown, Owen Sound game was the best as far as intensity was concerned, with each team giving its most, he said. Both goalies were playing well, but Georgetown couldn't capitalize on a number of breaks they had, he said.

Penalties during the last two minutes slowed the Georgetown players down,



Support group hockey president of Georgetown, Wayne Pries presents the consolation trophy to Whitby who beat their Midget opponents from Richmond Hill Sunday afternoon. (Herald photo)

but they played as hard as ever, Irvine said.

KEPT COOL

Assistant coach of the Georgetown Midgets, Terry Lane said the players did very well at keeping their cool when they were losing. "The kids played very well and the town can be very

proud of the way they acted," he said.

Lane said it was hard for the team to get mentally and physically ready for the late Saturday game after the delay, but that it was the same for their Owen Sound opponents.

In the Stratford game the Sunny Acres Farms team played solid positional hockey and stayed with their checks in the 5-2 victory, Lane said. A maximum effort by the team was needed by Georgetown to beat Stoney Creek in their 4-2 win, he said.

Georgetown had scouted Stoney Creek and during pre-game talks coaches Lane and Fin Arnold told the players to utilize their speed against a slow Stoney Creek defence. The tactic seemed to work and the boys moved the puck out of their own end well to make sure they didn't get trapped, Lane said.

ICE SHIFT

Mayor Pete Pomeroy had a hand in the tournament by dropping the ceremonial puck face-off of the championship game. He was also instrumental in making sure the tournament continued by allowing for ice time to be made available to tournament teams, Support Group president Wayne Pries said. Pries thanks the teams who gave up their ice time for the tournament because of the delay and also for the Mayor's help. Arena supervisor Doug Vivian and help from the referees who stayed to help during the blackout were very supportive of the tournament, Pries said.

Many comments were received from visiting teams who said it was the best tournament they've been in, Pries said. With the number of AA teams involved, all of the games were well balanced with no one sided contests, he said.

GEORGETOWN GAMES

Against Stratford last Wednesday night, the Georgetown Midgets defeated their opponents 5-2.

After a scoreless first period, Georgetown took the lead in the second with five goals coming from sharpshooters Scott Murray, Greg Robertson, Mike Stone, Jay Barwell and Paul Burroughs. Stratford managed one goal in the second period as Georgetown went into the third period leading 5-1. Stratford scored one goal in the final period at the 3:12 mark of the third period.

STONEY CREEK 2

Georgetown 4
Stoney Creek started off the scoring against Georgetown at the 13:42 mark of the second period, but then the

Gems dazzle and amaze while playing Streetsville

The Georgetown Junior B Gems continue to dazzle and puzzle their fans as they lost a game they should have won and almost won a game they were perhaps expected to lose in two games last week.

Against the lowly Milton Flyers, whose most recent win came when they protested against the use of an illegal player, the Georgetown Junior B's were defeated 4-2. Then on home ice against third place Streetsville Derby's (21-7-3) the Gems built up a 2-0 lead before bowing to defeat 7-3.

The loss to last place Milton gives them a boost and now the team can actually challenge Georgetown as they now have 13 points on the season compared to Georgetown's 15 points.

PLAYOFF SPOT

The win against Milton would have raised Georgetown's hopes of gaining against eighth place Acton for the final playoff spot, general manager Bob Tost said.

During the Milton game penalties threw the Gems off their game as Bob Dean was given a game suspension in the first period while similar incidents to Mike McMenemy and Chris Peavoy kept them out of action for the rest of the game in the second period.

Lance Doucette scored for the Gems in the second period assisted by Chris Peavoy and Mike Steer while

Tight checking by the Derbys off their regular game plan - even short-handed the Georgetown players hustled well to keep goal-tender Wayne Cowley away from trouble.

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THREE GOALS

Streetsville connected for three goals in the second period to increase their lead by 5-2. Mark Hamilton scored in the third period assisted by Rik Kennedy and Bob Dean. Dean assisted on all three Gemini goals last Sunday.

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Brad McMeekin scored the other Gem goal with three minutes left in the period.

Against Streetsville the Gems didn't give it their all, captain of the Georgetown team, Bill Taylor said. "Right now we should be taking every game as a playoff game," Taylor said.

However, GM Bob Tost still felt the team played much better than they did against Milton earlier in the week.

The team started off well against Streetsville as Rik Kennedy scored for Georgetown on a good pass from the corner by Mark Hamilton. A power play opportunity by Georgetown resulted in Brad McMeekin's shot assisted by Kennedy and Bob Dean for a 2-0 lead.

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The Georgetown Sunny Acres Midgets came very close to winning the 16th annual Midget tournament at Gordon Alcott last week but they were defeated by Owen Sound 4-3 in overtime in the third round. Despite a power failure Saturday night which necessitated some re-scheduling of games, the tournament was a success, according to chairman Rob Irvine. In the top two pictures our Georgetown Midgets battle for the puck against Stratford during last Wednesday's action. To the right, past tournament chairman Bryan Turner (foreground) and Rob Irvine hand out trophies to Richmond Hill who were consolation finalists.

(Herald photos)

Raiders hard-pressed to win in 7-6 victory

Terriers stage a comeback

After trouncing the Orillia Terriers 6-1, 10-3 the week before, the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders fell upon a rejuvenated opponent last Tuesday as they edged past Orillia 7-6.

According to Georgetown goaltender Brad Miller who started in the nets for the Raiders, Orillia played better because they began shooting on the net during their 2 on 1 breaks, thereby creating rebound opportunities.

The Raiders were leading 3-0 mid-way through the first period, but four goals by Orillia in the remaining five minutes took the wind out of Georgetown's sails.

Joe Ens, back from playing pickup hockey returned to the Raiders on the forward line with Rick Kessell and Ron Twiss. A quick forward and defenceman, Ens scored the Raiders' first goal of the game and relinquished any doubts about his condition.

Peter Sturgeon then netted the second goal on assists by Juri Kudrasov and Bill Hamilton. Hamilton scored the third Raider goal on passes from Ron Twiss and Rick Kessell.

Assistant general manager Don Fendley commented after the game that the threesome of Rick Kessell, Joe Ens and Ron Twiss had good efforts. For Rick Kessell, it was his first game in nine because of work commitments, Fendley said.

The Raiders had a good game on the scoreboard in the second period as one goal by Ens and another by Rick Kessell kept Georgetown above water in their 5-4 advantage.

In the third period Orillia tied the score one minute into the game. Then Georgetown's Ron Twiss countered with a goal assisted by Ray Tonelli and Rick Kessell. Georgetown pulled further

ahead when John Saunders scored on passes from Peter Sturgeon and Ilay Tonelli.

Randy Jackson was

replacing veteran Terrier goaltender Clyde Harris in net and he played very well, Fendley said.

But the game became close

because the team eased up after the three goals and allowed Orillia to take advantage of them, Fendley said.

Surprise Raider cuts as four players exit

Last Monday night at 9 p.m. the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders announced four player cuts in their efforts to keep their roster down to 18 carded players. Released from the team were Greg Bogarta, Ben Pederson, Gerry Schaefer and Brad Miller.

Pederson signed on with Winston-Salem while Gerry Schaefer is suffering from broken ribs and a damaged lung. Greg Bogarta hasn't

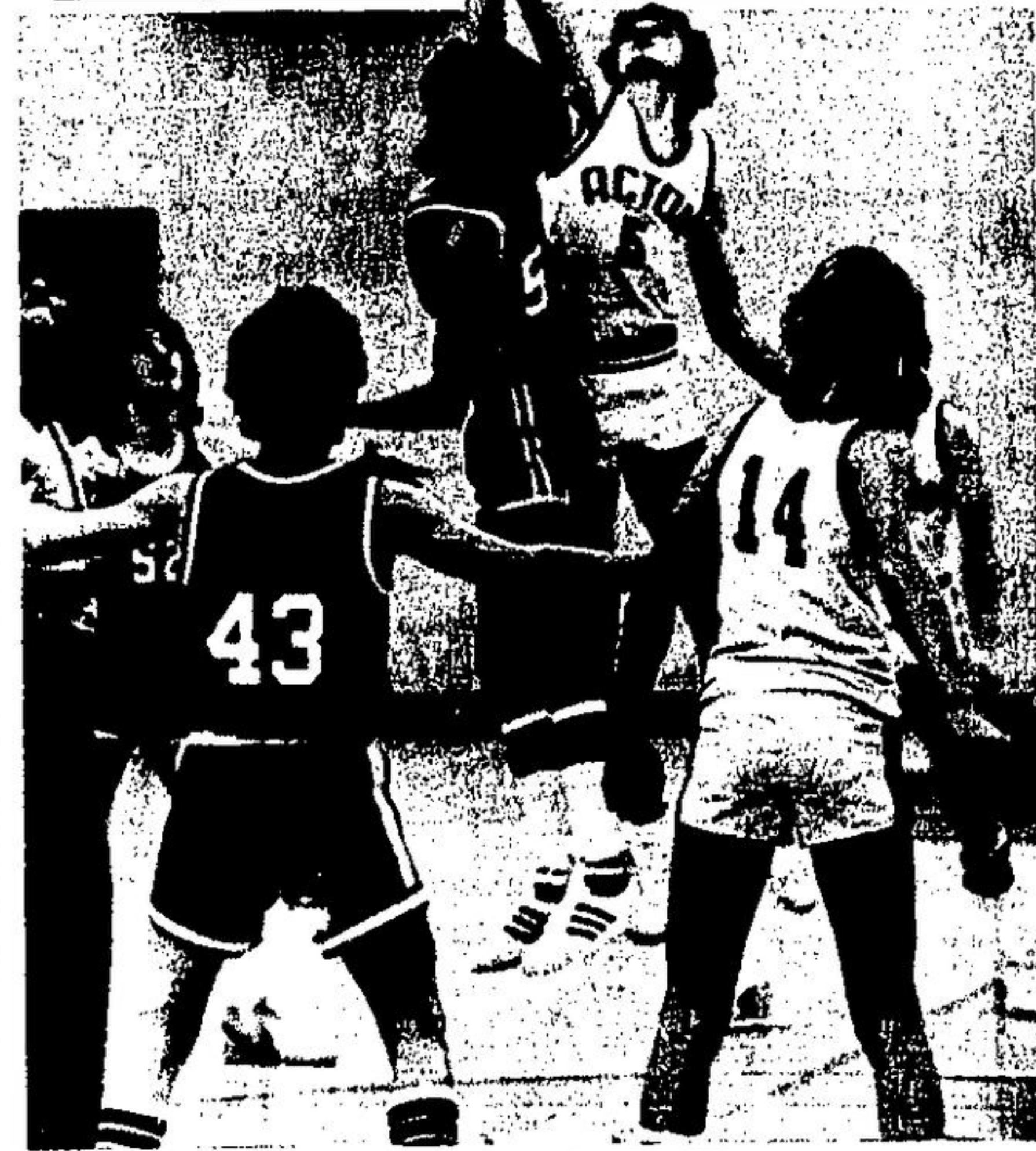
been with the team long and Georgetown native and Raider goaltender Brad Miller has had re-occurring injuries.

The move by general manager Dave Kentner leaves the team with three open player cards for a goaltender, a tough defenceman or a superior forward, Kentner says.

According to Kentner, former Raider veteran Peter McDuffe has been approach-

ed by the Raiders, but the Milton native is closer to signing with the Milton Intermediate B Aeros than he is with the Raiders. Because Milton is affiliated with Georgetown, McDuffe could still join the team if he wanted.

Added to the team was newcomer Steve Wicklum, a native of Erin who played for both the Dixie Bees and Brampton Warriors before joining Winston-Salem.



REACHING OUT

The Georgetown District High School Midget basketball team defeated their Acton opponents 58-9 last week. (By Harold Branch)