

# The good ole Royalette days aren't forgotten

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Back in the 'ole days of Royalette baseball the girls wore a big "G" on the front of their jerseys, half of the players sported ponytails and they sometimes beat their opponents by 30 points.

The Legion Branch 120 Royalettes started out as a Midget girls team as an extension of Kinamen softball. Ten summers ago coaches Jack Handy and John Danylichuk put together the first girls softball team to represent Georgetown in the newly formed Halton County League.

Handy, who had been coaching in the Kinamen league for eight years, remembers that the league was reluctant to allow their better players try out for a 'rep' team, but the idea finally caught on...and the response was overwhelming!

### LARGE TRYOUT

Ninety-six girls from the Kinamen league tried out for the first Royalette team in the spring of 1972. Handy and Danylichuk whittled away until 25 girls remained after a week and then final cuts finally lowered the number to a workable figure.

But why start a team to play in neighboring communities? Georgetown had sent down players to various tournaments from the Kinamen league and the girls had been very competitive with other girls' teams.

The idea to start a team to play intercounty became a reality when it was seen that not only were many girls interested, but there were many talented girls available.

One of the first things the newly formed team sought was a sponsor. After the Royal Canadian Legion relinquished their sponsorship of Saturday morning hockey in Georgetown, the girls team approached them to see if they would like to sponsor their team.

With welcome arms the Branch 120 members offered the girls team their support and sponsorship.

Thus, the name Royalette is derived from the 'Royal' in the Royal Canadian Legion. The girls wore blue and gold uniforms and played their home games on Friday nights.

### GOOD SEASON

On September 15, 1972, a future Royalette, Cindy Stafford, pitched her best game of the year for Glen Williams to lead her team to a 3-0 victory over Georgetown in the deciding game of the Halton girls softball best of three series semi-final.

Nevertheless, the Georgetown Royalettes finished the season as league champions while Glen Williams and Limehouse fought against one another for the playoff finals. After the first successful season, co-coach John Danylichuk moved from Georgetown. Ted Wilkes, a knowledgeable coach from the Kinamen league, stepped in to fill the void.

Jack Handy became his manager for the next three years as the girls steadily progressed under the tutelage of Wilkes.

Said Handy: "Ted was coaching in the house league. He was an excellent coach. He really worked with the girls and spent more time with each player individually to work on their weak points."

Handy said Ted had a system and the girls had to stick to it. "He might take a whole practice to perfect one play," Handy said.

But it was easy to predict the Legion girls would win the All-Ontario Juvenile championships in 1976, Handy said. He could see the improvement of the players over the three year period.

## Honors awards night

The annual Halton Hills Honors and Recognition awards will be presented in the spring, but the nominating committee is looking for suitable candidates by their deadline of March 21.

In order that candidates deserving of the award are selected for the 1981 season, it is crucial that all representatives from the various sporting groups in town help with the nominations.

Any person knowing of a candidate who might be eligible for the Honors and Recognition award should pick up an application form at the Halton Hills Recreation office in Acton or Georgetown.

The Honors and Recognition award is given to both culture-oriented and sports-oriented persons who have contributed to Halton Hills in their areas of expertise.

For more specific information on awards selection and the selection process call the Herald Sports desk at 877-2201 or the Recreation Department at 877-5185, Ext. 60.

## Intermediate standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Georgetown	31	27	4	0	269	118	54
Collingwood	32	21	10	1	207	163	43
Port Elgin	30	17	12	1	145	139	35
Orillia	31	11	18	2	129	185	24
Owen Sound	30	10	18	2	167	199	22
Midland	32	10	22	0	149	195	20
Barrie	32	10	22	0	181	238	20

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## Raiders

# Raiders edge Midland

In weekend games, the Georgetown Chrysler raiders outlasted Port Elgin 6-3 then squeaked by Midland 4-3 in an away contest.

Against Port Elgin in Georgetown last Friday night coach Gerry Inglis was expecting a rough contest because of the last encounter with the Sunoco's.

But having some big players on the team doesn't hurt the Raiders as they opened with a 3-0 lead after the first period. Joe Ens contributed two of the goals on his way to a hat trick for the night.

Gary McFadyen assisted on both of Ens' goals while Ron Twiss and Juri Kudrasovs also helped out with passes to Ens.

Gary Ford gave his team a 3-0 lead on a goal from Bill Hamilton and Peter Sturgeon.

In the second period the play evened up on the scoreboard as Port Elgin rallied for two goals. However talks by Gary McFadyen and Joe Ens gave Raiders a 5-0 lead before Port Elgin scored.

Both teams scored once in the third period. The Raiders goal came from Gary McFadyen on a power play drive assisted by Ray Tonelli.

After the game coach Inglis expressed his satisfaction as to how the Raiders are playing their defensive game. Goaltender Doug Dragasevich stopped 32 shots on the night while his counterpart Dave Hosner deflected 46.

**MIDLAND 3 RAIDERS 4**  
Against Midland Joe Ens came up with another outstanding three goal performance as he paced the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders to a 4-3 win over the Midland Athletics last Sunday night.

Good positional hockey by Midland forced the Raiders to come back after falling to a 2-2 tie after the second period.

Goals by Scott McKenzie and Joe Ens gave the Raiders a first period 2-0 lead. A pair of goals by Midland tied the score at 2-2.

Ens exploded for two goals in the third period assisted by teammates Juri Kudrasovs, Bill Hamilton and Les Smith.

Newly acquired goaltender Wayne Wood stopped 25 Midland shots. His style is different than Dragasevich because the shooter and this causes some adjustment for the defence, coach Inglis said.

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## Paiement at banquet

Toronto Maple Leaf forward Wilf Paiement will be the guest speaker at Georgetown's Hockey Heritage banquet, it was announced last Friday.

The 26-year old Paiement is 40-goal scorer who was born in Earlton, Ont. Punch Imlach traded Leaf favorite Lanny McDonald and Joel Quenneville to Colorado in December 1979 for Paiement.

## Our last goodbyes

### Con't from Pg. B4

Mike Tibbitts: Centre  
Statistics: Nine goals and seven assists in 24 games. Mike was an excellent face-off person and a good penalty killer for the Geminis.

Bob Dean: Centre  
Statistics: Thirteen goals and ten assists in 25 games. Bob was a motivator on and off the ice. He gave a 100 per cent effort which provided the Geminis with some great offensive and defensive hockey. Future ambition: Bob would like to try Major hockey or apply for a hockey scholarship.

Kevin Franks: Right Wing  
Statistics: Two goals and four assists in 24 games. Kevin was a hustler who wouldn't back down from anyone.

Bill Taylor: Left-Right Wing  
Statistics: Five goals and ten assists in 22 games. Injured for most of the season, Bill Taylor, the team captain, continued to play hurt for the team. A spunky, aggressive, never-say-die hockey player, his leadership was missed when a bout with mononucleosis sidelined him during the middle of the season. Future ambition: To play industrial hockey and continue to pursue a career in advertising.

Chris Peavoy: Defence  
Statistics: Nine goals and 13 assists in 23 games. Chris is a fast-skating defenceman who can hit hard and shoot the puck well. An all-around defenceman who was one of the better rearguards on the team.

Wayne Cowley: Goaltender  
Statistics: None available. Wayne and partner Mike Steer formed the hottest pair of netminders in the league during the latter half of the season. Future ambition: A hockey scholarship.

## Industrial standings

	GP	WON	LOST	TIED	GF	GA	PTS
Hollywood Tavern	18	15	3	0	117	40	30
Akers-Clark	18	14	4	0	113	44	28
De Boer's Movers	17	10	7	0	89	63	22
H.T. Wilson	18	7	9	2	68	101	16
Don's Auto	17	4	11	2	58	108	12
Acton	16	0	16	0	34	129	0

## Bowling - Con't from Pg. B1



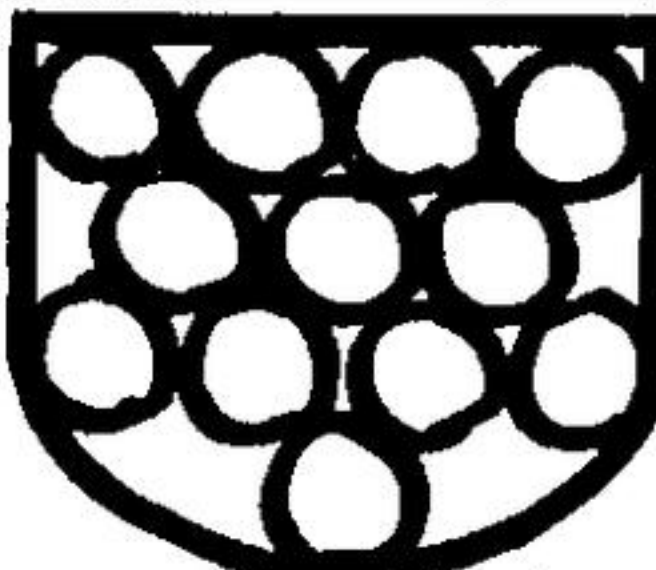
Mallais (Wed. Aft. Ladies), Marie Simpson (Tues. Nite), Rob Service (YABA), Bob Harris (Golden Age).

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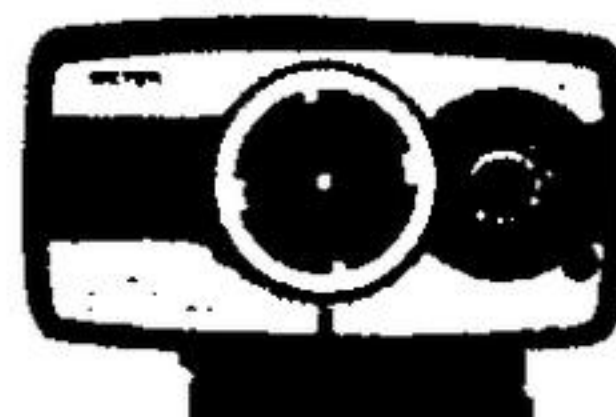
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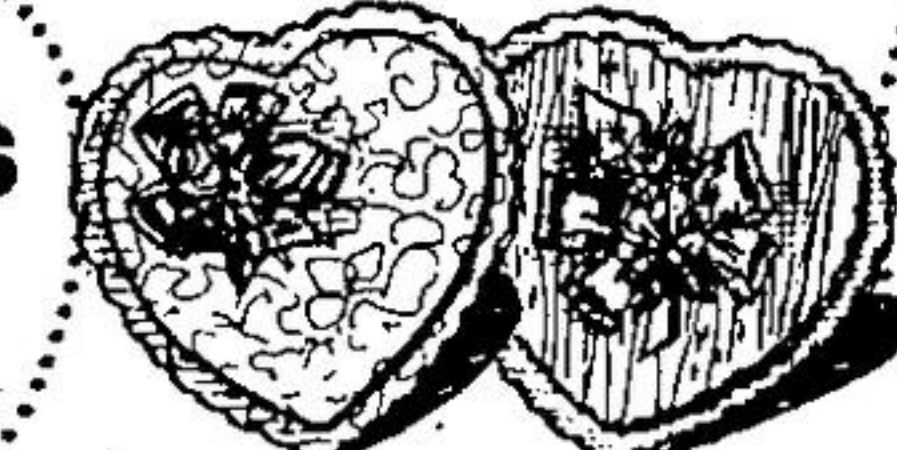
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