

# Lafleur and his son Martin take the Challenge



Guy Lafleur and son Martin seem eager to try the Eveready Energizer Challenge of hockey skills. Supported by Howie Meeker and CAHA president Murray Costello, the hockey skills testing could catch on.

Man lives in The Computer Age. He balances bank accounts by computer. He plays games by computer. One day, he may sleep by computer. However, so far, the magnificent machines have found no way to duplicate Guy Lafleur.

Give The Computer credit. It is trying.

It's testing the Guy Lafleurs of the future, through the Challenge of Hockey Skills. More importantly, it's magnifying the awareness of the need for a return to hockey fundamentals. Guy Lafleur thinks so. His son, six-year-old Martin, is going to be tested as soon as he comes of age, next year.

The Challenge is an awards program developed and promoted by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association to improve a battery of basic skills. Results of six tests, for all participants, are fed into The Computer. In turn, it produces a percentile comparison for each player, in each skill, with his peers across the country.

It's necessary, not to mention mandatory.

"When you see Junior 'A' hockey players," says Howie Meeker, who is among the country's leading tutors, "it's a rarity when you see one who has the 'ability' to play the game properly. We have a country of people who know how to teach kids to play hockey. I'd say less than one per cent of the kids have the 'ability' to skate, to shoot, to give a pass, to make 180-degree turns or to handle a puck."

Meeker believes the Challenge of Hockey Skills is a step in the right direction.

"If I didn't, I wouldn't be involved," he says. "It's a high profile

program. The exposure will get to the parents, and the parents will get to the kids, so that they will get to the coaches. That's the key: the kids asking the coaches."

A simplification of Meeker's own school of testing, the Challenge tests players - ages 7 to 16 - in three skating categories and in puck control with timing drills. For those so inclined, there's an agility test for goaltenders. The analyses zero in on strengths and weaknesses and the comparisons tell the budding Lafleurs which part of their games needs work.

Hockey is, of course, ever ready for any sophisticated approach that improves the game and makes it more fun to play.

"It'll catch on," says CAHA president Murray Costello. "It's not unlike the coaching certificate program. At first, nobody was willing to subject himself to testing. Just by being in Canada, he was automatically qualified to coach. Now, it's a source of pride to have a certificate."

Interest in taking hockey instruction back to the grass roots probably began in 1972, when Team Canada stimulated fans from coast to coast with that unforgettable comeback. Team Canada won, but not with stronger fundamentals than the So-

victs, because "heart" isn't listed among the mechanics of playing hockey.

The man who led the return-to-the-basics approach, and who still leads it nine years later, is Meeker.

"All it will do," he says, "is people talking. We have to teach our coaches how to prepare our kids to be taught."

The Eveready-Energizer Challenge of Hockey Skills was conceived with just that in mind. "It has all kinds of potential," says Costello. "It's something that would have been developed by the CAHA over a number of years. With the financial input of a corporate giant like Union Carbide, we can get it off the ground nationally in one season. And with the success of the national junior team, the timing is just right."

Except for Martin Lafleur. He has to wait to turn seven.

# Major Peewees return to Rep Tri-county play

Milton 3 - Georgetown 1: Tuesday, Feb. 9  
This was an action filled game with end to end hockey. The first goal came at the :54 second mark of the first by Milton.

Georgetown scored at the 4:43 mark of the second to tie the score at one a piece. Goal was scored by Terry Dixon assisted by Craig Chantler and Bill Herman.

Milton came back at the :37 second mark to go ahead 2-1. Milton scored again at the 9:28 mark of the third to end the scoring. Georgetown outshot Milton badly in this game but came up against a super hot goal tender.

Saturday Feb. 13  
This was a do or die game for the home town. Georgetown found the mark for the first goal of the game which came at 2:09 of the first period scored by Bill Herman assisted by Rory Kennedy and Mike Chiovitti.

Milton came back 8 seconds later to tie it up and Milton never looked back. Milton was a fired up team and wanted the win badly. Final score Milton 7, Georgetown 1.

## SWIMMING

The following are the results of the Clipper Classic swim meet held in Windsor, Ont., in which the GDHS swim team won the event for the second year in a row:

SCHOOL STANDINGS		BOYS		GIRLS	
1. Oakwood	224	1. Georgetown	402	1. Kennedy	252
2. Herman	194	2. K.E.P.	399	2. Georgetown	220
3. Q.E.P.	160	3. Q.E.P.	367	3. Q.E.P.	175
4. Georgetown	156	4. Cedarbrae	342	4. Cedarbrae	164
5. Cedarbrae	158	5. Herman	258	5. Riverside	102

## Herald Scoreboard

### GDMHA

**RANTAN DOCKERAY PLUMBING 6**  
Goals: Jeff Smith (2), Tom Gross, Andreas Thunich, Leland Young, Chris McLean.  
Assists: Tom Gross (2), Kevin Stein, Mike Tyler (3), Andreas Thunich.  
**CRITERION CARPETS 2**  
Goals: Craig Banks (2).  
Assists: Neil White (2), Mark Campbell.

**SUPERIOR GLOVE 7**  
Goals: Jim Marshall, David Collier (2), J. Vanamerin, Mike Howie, G. Vanamerin, Steve Joy.  
Assists: Jim Marshall (2), J. Vanamerin, Mike Howie, David Collier, Jeff Curtis, McPHERSON'S ESSO 2  
Goals: Rich Chiovitti (2).  
Assists: John Watts.

**A.E. LEPAGES**  
Goals: Tim Fleming (4), David Eros, Chris McCartney, Craig Lucas (2).  
Assists: Brian Krafczek (2), Jeff McInven (2), Shawn Coffey, Murray Webb, Andy Skok, Tim Fleming, David Eros (2), Chris McCartney.  
**MILLIERE T.V. 1**  
Goal: Brian Peacock.  
Assist: Heath Lockhurst.

**BOUWMAN'S TRUCK SERVICE CENTRE 6**  
Goals: Mike Hurley (2), David Reynolds, Peter Egger, Jeff Davies, Stuart Morgan.  
Assists: Mike Hurley (3), Peter Egger, Doug Taylor, Barry Yerna, Gord Paterson, Ralph Buege.  
**ELK'S LODGE 2**  
Goals: Peter Bush, Jeff Talbot.  
Assists: Jeff Talbot, Darral Moffat, Alan Bray.

### Chrysler Novice heads up hockey

Georgetown Chrysler Novices travelled to Chingwaocoy this weekend and it looked like a repeat of their last game together.

The action was fast and furious in the first period and although Georgetown had several shots on goal the period ended scoreless. The second period however, was certainly different as Ching came out of their shell. Although there was good defensive work by Brad Duby and Doug Crawford as well as some heads up goaltending by Dusty Lane the Ching team scored four goals by the end of the period.

Our boys returned the action in the third period but were unable to score or prevent two more Ching goals. Final score 6-0. The player of the week was Jason Wilkins.

### NOVICE

**LOUTH FENCE 3**  
Goals: Brent Wasylemko, Tomas Spencer, Hussy Santsgar.  
Assists: Kevin Patrick (2), Steven Smith, Bill McNally.  
**ANN'S CARGAGE 2**  
Goals: Jim Ashenhurst, Trevor Smith.  
Assists: David Chambers (2), Chris Burns, Tim Reid.

**WILLIAM ELECTRIC 4**  
Goals: David Lawrence, (3), John Manning.

### YOUNG'S PHARMACY 3

Goals: Eric Bradbury (3).  
Assists: Duaton Thompson, Desmond Ng, Paul Logan, Chad Davis, Derek Tibbitts, Mark Friesner.

**OPTIMIST 4**  
Goals: Jason Cunningham (2), Mike Oldive, Mark McIntire.

Assists: John Shaw, Mike Oldive, Mark McIntire, Stephen Burns, Adam Poulstrup.  
**COMET AL TRANS 4**  
Goals: Don Raymond (2).

### MONTIGO CONSTRUCTION 10

Goals: Trent Cull (3), Randy Barrett (2), Allen McLean, Shane Cowbrough, Rob Elmalle.  
Assists: Rob Elmalle (4), Greg Dawson (3), Randy Barrett (2), Trent Cull (2).

**MIKE LAROQUE, TOMMY DIARDLICHUCK**  
Assists: Kevin Shaw, Lorne Brown.

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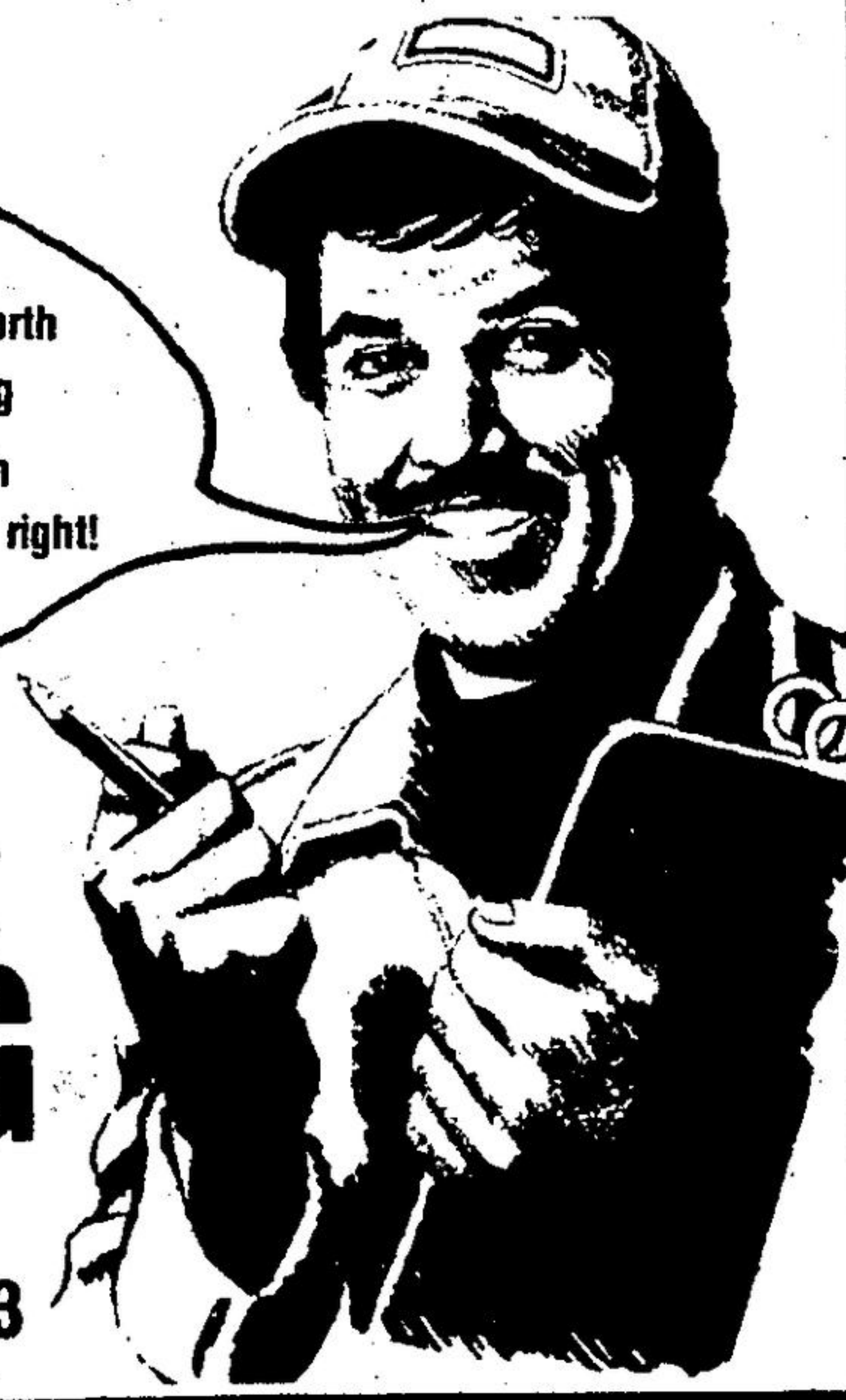
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