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Raider tryouts lure few vets Only four regulars signed

By **DAVE ROWNEY**
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The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders meet their Intermediate A rivals, the Collingwood Shipbuilders in their home opener Friday night, but it might be an understatement to say the club isn't ready to challenge them seriously.

The local red and white have been going through a series of changes ever since the team won the Canadian championship last April 18.

Following general manager Dave Kentner and coach Gerry Inglis into retirement are a host of Raider veterans.

As of Monday night the club has signed 12 players but only four: Brad Miller, John Saunders, Gary McFadyen and Gary Ford are returnees from the championship team of 1981-2.

Gary Schaeffer, a heads-up defenceman from last year's team who was injured and then retired, is back with the club.

Former Raider cast-offs Steve Bronizewski, Bruce Ellison and Al Woods have signed with the team.

Assistant coach Rick Daigle impressed coach Gary Ford with his desire and coaching experience

so he's been named Gary's assistant behind the bench. Daigle brings to the club an impressive array of European hockey experience and coaching techniques.

NEWCOMERS Defenceman Doug Brown and Rick Borg are newcomers who have been signed by the team to bolster the rearguard situation left vacant by John Winder, Steve Lyon, Jack Smith.

Tim Turner, a Guelph Junior A grad has also signed with the Raiders. Ray Tonelli is skating with the club but he hasn't signed.

Coach Gary Ford thinks the majority of the championship team from last season won't be back. "Some guys played together for two or three years and they won what



BRAD MILLER
 Kudasovs just had a knee operation last week. Steve Wicklum from last year's team as well as Tim Ampleford of the

they were after," Ford said. He also felt travelling and time commitments were a major factor for the retirement of his teammate Bill Hamilton, who is a salesman.

The all-star line of Ford, Sturgeon and Hamilton may never be together again. Peter Sturgeon is still recovering from a knee injury and his hockey intentions for the Raiders this year are not clear.

Some insiders from the club also account for unkept promises and bad feelings between the veteran players and the executive as to why the Raider camp has looked more like a rookie camp than a regular tryout camp.

KEY PLAYERS Key defensive players in the playoffs last year, rearguard Jack Smith and goaltender Wayne Wood have expressed their desire to retire.

Captain Steve Lyon has stayed away from camp and veteran centre Juri Dundas Senior team. Former Georgetown Gemini forward Guy Cormier has been signed by the Raiders and observers feel he should do well. Doug Dragasovich has been practising with the team and he should sign a player card soon.

Monday night coach Ford said the practice was the best it had been for some time.

He is confident the players he has had out to camp can play in the Intermediate A league. Former Gemini John Barnes was looking good but he is now injured with a knee problem.

LESS VETERANS "There are not as many veterans, but there are guys in camp who have played in the league before," Ford said.

The Raiders can come close to their last year's effort, but it will take some time, Ford said. "I'd like to see a good skating team that follow their wings," he said.

The Georgetown club should have some good strength at centre if the players out sign with the Raiders, he said, such as Dundas' centre Tim Ampleford.

"Right now we have a good nucleus," Ford said. It's just a matter of adding talent, he said.

The former all-star centre said he'll probably sit out the first few games and see how the team does on the ice. Ford thinks Collingwood will be a strong club this year, but he's not sure what Durham will be like because nothing has been heard about their team.

Midland could be the dark horse for the 1982-3 season, he said.

Two exhibition defeats

The defending Canadian champion Intermediate A Raiders suffered two exhibition losses against an Intermediate B team and a Senior club.

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders were defeated 6-4 by the Rockton Real McCoys last Friday and drubbed 9-7 by the Dundas Merchants the following night.

The Rockton Real McCoys are the championship Intermediate B team for 1981-2 so the competition was tough.

Former Acton Junior B Sabre star Glen Murray notched two second period goals against Rockton five minutes apart while assisting on another. Doug Brown, who has since signed with the Raiders scored a goal as did Steve Bronizewski.

Against the Dundas Merchants, the Raiders took advantage of three power play goals in their seven goal total.

Former Gemini Guy Cormier started the team off with two goals, the first a power play effort. Doug Brown followed with a power play goal assisted by Steve Crossman.

Georgetown native and Raider veteran Gary McFadyen then shot for two consecutive goals, the second assisted by Rick Daigle.

Gary Ford and Tim Turner added the last two goals of the game Doug Brown had three assists for the night while Rick Daigle had two.

GDHS cross-country team loses! The inevitable had to happen

By **JACK HARLOW**
 Herald Correspondent

The Georgetown High School Rebel cross country team met the inevitable last Saturday at York University, being dethroned as meet champions after eight consecutive years.

O'Neill Secondary School emerged as the victor, claiming the overall school title by totalling 680 points. Trailing by a mere 39 points, Georgetown was a close second, scoring 719.

O'Neill has been steadily increasing in strength over the past years and has been, as other schools have been, watching and talking to people in order to find the "secret" of Georgetown's success.

Under the excellent coaching of Donna Metcalfe and Karen Cosgrove, the Rebels have won five of the last eight OFSAA (provincial) championships, and have been unbeaten for eight solid years in all regular season and provincial - qualifying meets - a total of nearly 70 meets.

Yet the loss to O'Neill Saturday proves the Rebels are not invincible and breaks an unbeaten streak of years - one however that no team has come close to achieving.

The defeat should not be looked upon as the end of an era - rather a brief interruption in a continuing dynasty of cross country running.

In addition, it marks the start of re-organization, new strategies and of course, as in all forms of competition, a feeling of vengeance.

The team is at Taylor Creek Park today (Wednesday) for the annual East York Invitational Harrier meet. Georgetown will be defending its title as the overall meet champion.

As always, the competition last Saturday at York University was intense, containing many of Ontario's best high school cross country runners.

Although not claiming any of the six divisional titles, Georgetown won the overall girls category. The midjet and senior girls both placed second in their respective divisions, while the junior girls placed third.

The boys ran into stiff competition in their category. The midjet boys placed sixth out of 29 teams. The juniors were fifth out of 22 teams and the seniors placed ninth overall.

In the midjet girls race of 106 competitors, Nancy Mustard placed third for Georgetown. She was followed by Amy Powers in fifth, Anne Coughlan, 17th, Sandra Heaton, 38th, and Michelle Bernard, 44th.

Lynn Macphail led the way for the junior girls, placing fifth. Fiona Heaton was next in 23rd position followed by Shawn Langdon, 38th, Kelly Roe, 43rd and Karen Pepper, 45th. There were 78 competitors in the race.

In the senior girls race of 75 runners, Sandra Marciniuk placed sixth for Georgetown.

Behind her came Susan Kristensen in tenth, Liz Ramsay, 18th, Debbie Newman, 19th, and Kim Newcombe, 23th.

In a massive field of 196 runners, Mike Wood placed a strong seventh. Greg McKenzie followed in 17th, Norman Macphail in 65th, Graham Sheppard in 73rd and Rich Lawson in 125th.

John Watts was injured in the event and was forced to retire from the race.

The junior boys met top-notch competitors in their field of 180 runners. Erik Hopkins, second in the province last year as a midjet, was the first Rebel to cross the finish line in 13th position.

Behind him came Chris Fergusson, 29th, Paul Watts, 39th, David Banks, 63rd, and Bob Lovegrove, 73rd.

The senior boys were missing the services of one of their top runners, Stacey Wheeler, out with an injury and another of their runners Scott Harris was restricted to a self-imposed speed limit at York, due to an important race the following day in London.

In the 115-man race, Harald Bransch was the first runner to cross the

line for Georgetown in 24th position. He was followed by Scott Harris 34th, Jack Harlow, 62nd, Gary Britton, 68th, and Dalton Newcombe, 77th.

Gems drubbed by Oakville in 7-0 contest

The Georgetown Junior B Gemins found themselves in the inevitable position of being drubbed 7-0 by Oakville in their home opener Sunday.

Considering the locals were playing the defending Central League champions, the outpouring of goals is not too overwhelming a score for the team to absorb.

Coach Bob Smulders said after the game the score wasn't a true indication of the contest because the Gemins played good hockey in both the first and third periods.

Oakville scored five of their goals in the second period and only one in the

third period.

Standout veteran goaltender Mike Steer didn't play because he was suffering from a bad cold.

Ben Beckett handled the duties between the pipes for the Gemins. Coach Smulders is still trying to find the right combination for his forwards because he says the team right now is lacking experienced goal scorers.



SHORTSTOP SHUFFLE
 The Georgetown Oldtimer fastball team hosted a tournament at the Fairgrounds Saturday and Sunday. Here the Glen Williams entry and Bramalea are seen in action. Bramalea won the crown. For details see Friday's pages. (Photo by Ani Federian)

Big brother isn't watching

By **TIM TOLTON**

Big brother, in the persons of Pat Sommerall, John Madden, Brent Musberger and company, may not have been watching this week, but had they been, they would have seen some better football and it wouldn't have cost them \$50,000 a game.

Despite Gene Upshaw's pleas for a sympathy strike, the GFFL headed into the crunch of the run to the playoffs with first place changing hands this week and three teams still in the hunt for the number one spot.

The worst thing you can do to a good team is humiliate them, for in doing so you set yourself up for a fall somewhere down the road.

Last time M and M Pro Sports and the Greeks met, Greeks whipped them 29-0. M and M had only one thing in mind since then and this time they thoroughly shut down the potent Greek offense enroute to a 22-6 thrashing.

Once again Bob Lockwood keyed a big M and M effort with 14 points and an interception. Gord McNeilly also had a strong game with a touchdown and an interception.

Dave Warman chipped in a two point conversion. James Allen had the lone Greek major and Mike Michum came up with an interception.

In true Hemingway spirit, Delrex Smoke Shop displayed the big brass, "cojones" that were once their trademark by coming from being fourteen points down at the start of the fourth quarter to steal a 36-35 win over a tough Dairy Queen.

HIT JOHN
 Delrex led early in the game but DQ stormed back to build a two TD lead by three quarter time.

With first place on the line Delrex fought to within a single point when Bob Inglis hit John Vieira for six in the last minute of play, then Ignoring an easy tie the Smokers showed more gall than brains but still pulled off the win with Inglis finding Chris Sargeant for a two point conversion.

Doug Thompson's interception on the next play wrapped it up for Delrex.

Prior to that Dairy Queen's and Delrex's offenses had taken turns embarrassing each other's defenses by scoring almost at will.

Herb Hulme's second quarter interception marked the first time either defense made a stand, and set up DQ's jump into the lead.

Jeff Lockwood pitched a flawless game for DQ hitting Ron Lunn and Gary Lockwood for two majors each and Hal Hulme for one. Lockwood converted all five.

CLUTCH MEN
 For Delrex, Inglis went to his clutch men, John Vieira and Chris Sargeant for two each to go with one by Werner Mikolet.

Jack Butler kicked four singles to go with Sargeant's two pointers.

Royal Pizza rode a big first half home to a 21-20 win over Mountainview Plaza, but it took a blocked convert to preserve it.

As if they were on national TV Mountainview mounted a story book comeback after trailing 21-7 at the half.

Jerry Kelman scored in the third quarter and Jim Lindsay's convert made it 21-14.

Then with the clock dying in the fourth and the fans on their feet Jim McGill drove the Plaza to within one point with a strike to Wayne Doell.

All that was left was Lindsay's convert but just as he unloaded a big, ugly Pizza paw reached up and batted it away.

DEFENSIVE WORK
 Brad and Brent Fergusson and John Madden scored Royal's TDs in the first half but it was the defensive work of Mike Milton that stole the show. Milton had one interception and tipped another pass into the hands of Johnny Larose to keep Mountainview at bay.

Kevin Harrison booted three converts for Royal while Paul Allison scored

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JACK HARLOW

Glen loses 1st game

The Glen Williams Merchants lost their first game of the best of seven playoff final against Alton Sunday 5-2.

The home game contest was not one of the better games of the season for the Glen men, but it left co-coach Cliff Norton thinking that the Merchants will beat Alton eventually.

"It might take a couple of games, but we'll beat them," Norton said.

The local green and white were out in the contest 11-3 as both Terry and Jeff Haines took their turn trying to stem the tide of Alton batters.

Andy Broadbent got the Glen Merchants on the scoreboard early with a home run. In the ninth inning, the Merchants had some chances with bases loaded. Broadbent again managed to score the second run for the Glen.

Alton scored their runs in the middle innings.

Defensively the Merchants made a few costly errors to slow down their progress, said coach Norton.

The Glen's next home game will be Sunday in Glen Williams with the time not yet finalized. Spectators can check Thursday by calling this number: 877-2597.