

Two NHL keynote speakers coming to Georgetown

Two keynote speakers will be in Georgetown talking about their NHL experiences over the next seven weeks.

The colorful Don Cherry, coach of the Boston Bruins and Colorado Rockies will be at the Georgetown Gemini banquet Feb. 11 while the Hockey Heritage committee announced Friday Brian McFarlane will be their guest speaker.

The Georgetown Junior B Gemini celebrity night dinner is an annual event, but with the quick wit and vivacious temperament of Cherry, the evening could undoubtedly be the most entertaining yet.

With the Boston Bruins Cherry had a 231-150-64 win, loss, tied record over a five-year span. At the end of the 1975-76 season Cherry was

voted Coach of the Year honors by Hockey News and the NHL Broadcaster's Association.

TEAM CANADA COACH

In 1979 Don Cherry started with the Colorado Rockies as their coach. He then moved on and became coach of Team Canada at the World Championship in Sweden in 1981.

Cherry is now a color commentator on Hockey Night in Canada Telecast and Wednesday nights he is host of a Sports Variety Show called "Grapes Place".

The former NHL coach has said his style as coach is to work the players hard. "If a player works hard when he's out there, then it shows me he's the type of player I want on my club."

Another typical Cherry quote is, "I expect my



BRIAN MCFARLANE



DON CHERRY

team to be tough but not go out and goon it up. However, if my guys get shoved by the opposition, I

expect them to shove back harder!"

The flamboyant ex-coach is a promoter of the game of hockey and it was for one of those reasons he was chosen as coach in Colorado.

COLORFUL
In one short biography he is described in this way: "By far the most colorful and candid coach in the NHL and maybe all sports, Cherry's wardrobe and his pit bull terrier 'Blue' have gained him attention from all corners of North America."

Cherry makes his home in Englewood, Colorado with his wife Rose and son Timothy. A daughter Cindy, 21 lives and works in Kingston, Ontario.

Tickets for the Cherry Celebrity dinner are available at Harvey's Firestone in Georgetown and
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Sports in brief

Hayward's NHL debut

Georgetown's own Brian Hayward made his NHL debut with the Winnipeg Jets Wednesday night after being promoted from Sherbrooke of the American Hockey League.



BRIAN HAYWARD

The 22-year-old netminder, who graduated with a distinguished hockey career at Cornell University, stopped 25 shots in the Jets 6-3 victory game against the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Winnipeg coach Tom Watt said, "he (Hayward) played really well. I thought there was one bad goal when he was caught deep in his crease."

Track club meeting

The Georgetown steering committee working on building a track facility are holding an open meeting for recreational and serious runners about the Georgetown Track Club.

There will be a slide presentation shown starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Georgetown District High School Cafeteria.

Plan to attend if you are interested in the prospects for better facilities and training opportunities for the runners of Georgetown.

Minor Bantams

The Georgetown Optimist Minor Bantams kept their hopes for a first place finish alive with a 4-3 win over Oakville last Thursday night.

Georgetown played well in the first two periods and built up a 4-1 lead, then had to hang on in the third period when many unnecessary penalties gave Oakville six powerplay opportunities which they used to score two goals to make the game close.

Terry Dixon paced the Optimist attack with two goals and an assist. Stephen Fletcher and Jeff Amato had the other goals. Assists went to Rob Cooper (2), Mark Moody, Rory Kennedy, Bill Herman and Tim Bennett.

Greg Tuck was sharp in the nets, especially during the third period when Oakville had 12 shots during their powerplays.

Fire Safety Novices

The Georgetown United Fire Safety Novice rep team suffered a 7-5 setback Sunday against Brampton.

Coach Brian James said the team played very poor defensively and goaltending wasn't quite up to par.

Goals were scored by Greg Dobbin, Stephen Leoni, Ryan Ward (2) and Scott McGulgan. Assists were collected by Peter Cambouris (his first point this year), Tim Presswood (2), Greg Dobbin, Chris Barrow.

McNally Atoms

The McNally Construction Firefighter Major Atoms defeated Brampton at Memorial Arena on Jan. 20, to stay comfortably in second place in league standings.

A shorthanded Georgetown team counted first at 7:42 of the first period when Wes McCauley, on a great solo effort, rifled a shot from the circle area to beat the Brampton netminder.

With 1:25 remaining in this period Andy Pearce took a lead pass from David Hodgson, outmaneuvered the Brampton defence and put away a wrist shot on the short side of the net putting Georgetown ahead 2-0.

Stanza two remained scoreless. Brampton counted against a shorthanded local team at 14:10 of period three on a hard shot from the slot. In an effort to tie the game, Brampton's goalie was pulled with 0:42 remaining, but their effort was to no avail. Final score: Georgetown 2, Brampton 1.

Golf clinic

A golf clinic will be held by Georgetown Golf and Country Club pro Dave Kemphead Saturday Jan. 29 at the Georgetown Public Library.

The clinic takes place at 10 a.m. and continues until 12 noon. There is no admission charge.

Gems 'storm' against Acton

A convincing, fast-paced 13-1 win for Georgetown

It was drizzling rain outside the Gordon Alcott arena Sunday, but inside, the Georgetown Gems were storming to a thundering 13-1 victory over the Acton Junior B Sabres.

After a 6-0 blanking of last place Acton almost two weeks ago, the much improved Gems, riding the wave of a ten game streak, took control early in the game to count a 5-0 lead after the first period Sunday.

The Gems now have compiled in the last four weeks a 7-0-2 win, loss record. The scoring power of the Georgetown club was balanced throughout the night, although defenceman Jay Barwell collected his J.V. Clothing pair of jeans prize for managing a hat trick.

Kevin Franks, Bill Bathgate and Riv Kennedy all exploded for two goals each. Wayne Cowley missed his shut-out when Acton's Art Keating scored when the Gems had two men off on penalties. The goal was set up brilliantly by Roy Spear, but otherwise the Swordsman found their offensive output stalled.

Acton suffered most from ineffective defencemen that allowed the Gemini forwards to wander in front and harass Sabre goaltender Rob Ruffino.

MISSED DEFENCE
Assistant Acton coach Doug Bonesteel thought that not having their key defencemen Smith and Chris Schweitzer and using some Midgets caused the team not to play to their potential.

Bonesteel felt Georgetown has improved by the way they moved the puck throughout the game. Both Acton coach Bill Richmond and Gem

coach Jules Russiani viewed the game from the stands while their assistant coaches ran the bench.

Bob McCandless, who ran the Gemini show at ice level summed up the team's performance by



saying, "the team is playing with more confidence; when you make the breaks they go your way."

McCandless said...the team did well even without Kerry Leger and Mark Hamilton who were sitting out the game with suspensions after a 5-3 loss to Burlington Saturday night. Acton lost a squeaker Friday night 5-4 to Thornhill.

Coach Russiani said from his vantage point in the stands that he would like to see some of the players releasing the puck quicker in their passing.

WORST GAME
The game against Burlington was probably the worst game in their current streak, Russiani said. But the team might have been mentally tired

after two games against Streetsville and one against Oakville the past week, he said.

In practice Monday the coach said he would like to work on the power play and get the defence to move the puck out quicker from their own end.

It was newcomer Bill Bathgate who opened the floodgates for Georgetown with an unassisted effort three minutes into the game.

Then mid-way through the period Paul White netted a goal assisted by Bob Dean and Bob Davey.

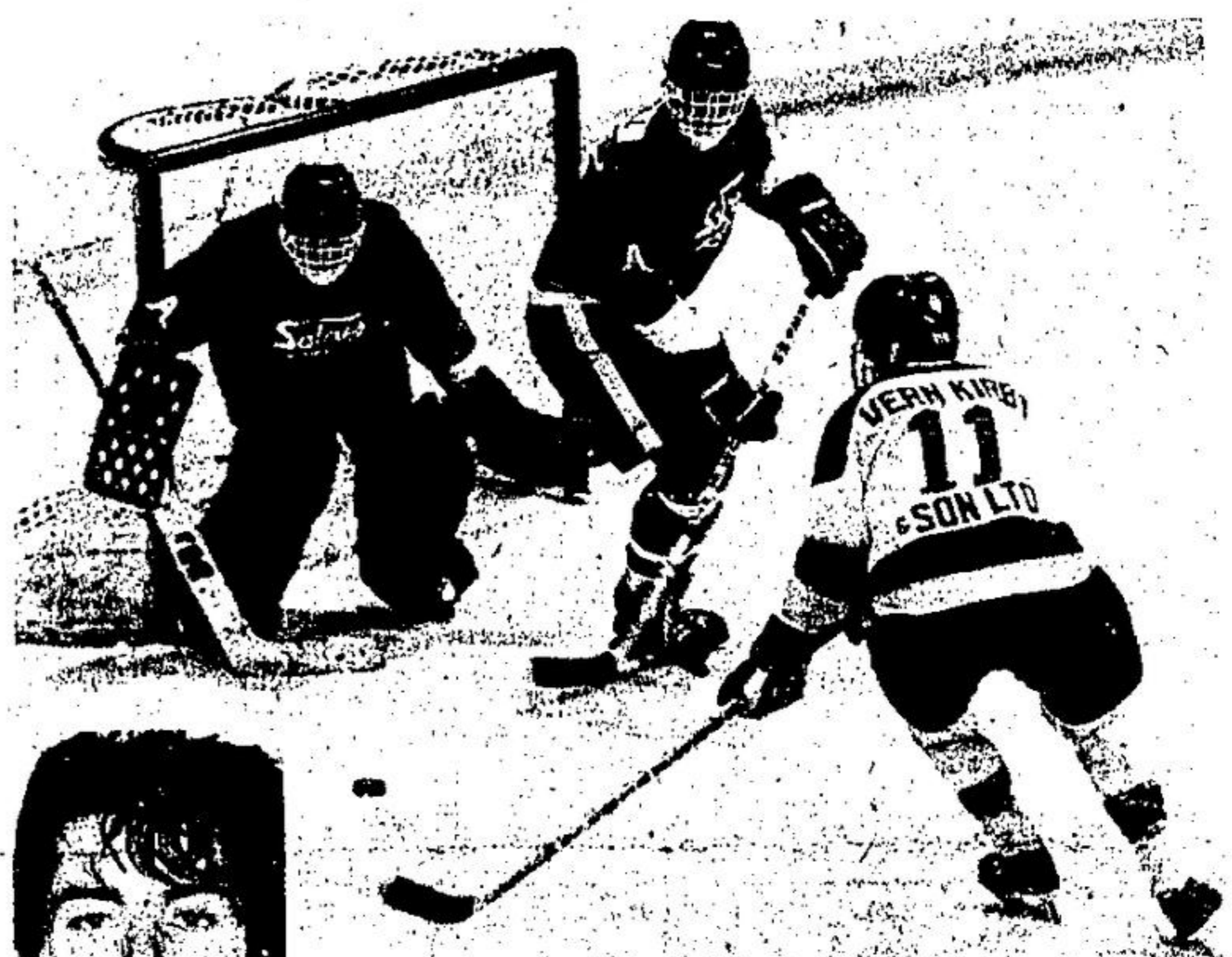
At the 13:27 mark it was 3-0 on a power play tally by Kevin Frank assisted by Jay Barwell and Brad McMeekin.

The Gems got a lucky bounce when Jay Barwell pushed a puck through the Acton defence, hoping for a Gemini deflection, but the move worked for a goal without help.

SLOT SHOT
Bob Dean was found open in the slot by Herb Kewley and Bill Bathgate and he made no mistake of his goal for a 5-0 lead.

In the second period Kevin Frank was fed a pass off the face-off from Riv Kennedy. Frank walked into the slot and backhanded his shot past Acton's Rob Ruffino. Lance Doucette cashed in a high wrist shot for a goal assisted neatly by Herb Kewley.

The Gems led 8-0 after Jay Barwell caught Ruffino out of position with a 30 foot slider assisted by Paul White



BILL BATHGATE

and Bob Dean at the 3:01 mark of the second period.

Eight seconds later captain Brad McMeekin

Gemini forward Bob Dean has an opportunity to score here against Acton Sabre defenceman Jamie Morrison and goaltender Rob Ruffino. The Georgetown Junior B club dazzled their fans with a 13-1 trouncing of the Swordsman in league play Sunday. The offensive power of Georgetown is just beginning to be felt as the team extends their current streak into a fourth week.

(Herald photo)

slapped a shot that scored, assisted by Peter Haller and Mike Doucette.

Then at the mid-way mark of the period Peter Haller set up Riv Kennedy from behind Acton's net to the slot and Kenne-

dy made it 10-0.

SETUP

Bill Bathgate was also set up from behind the net for his goal assisted by Herb Kewley and Lance Doucette.

Acton left their mark on the scoreboard with three

minutes left in the second period on Art Keating's goal.

The Gems in the third period did little to try and add onto their goal output, taking more penalties in the final period than in the first two.

Raiders 'ho-hum' against Barrie

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders wound up their week's games with a 12-5 win over Barrie and a 10-6 victory over Durham, but general manager Don Fendley wasn't happy with the play of the team.

"It was ho-hum hockey. We were disorganized in both games," Fendley said. The team had beaten Durham 7-0 in a lopsided encounter recently and also trounced Barrie so the motivation for playing their best just wasn't there, he said.



STEVE BRONIZEWSKI

However, the Raiders will get their chance to meet the Cottingham Shipbuilders this Saturday at home at Alcott arena.

In Barrie, the Raiders seemed to play sloppy hockey, Fendley said. But coach Gary Ford has been experimenting with lines and injuries have taken their toll. Gary McFadyen mis-

ed both Georgetown games, defenceman Gord Cullen has a bad wrist and Glenn Murray has strained ligaments in his knee.

SOLID STEVE
Playing solid for the red

and white were Steve Bronizewski and Tim Ampleford, the Raider general manager said.

It was goaltender Doug Dragnevich's first regular game of the season Friday in Barrie.

He looked a little nervous on some shots, but came up with some big saves on others, Fendley said.

Meanwhile, with two player cards left to sign, Fendley is trying to sign former captain Steve

Lyon and former assistant coach Peter Sturgeon.

Sturgeon has a greater possibility of signing with the Raiders than Lyon, but Fendley is hoping they will both rejoin the team.

The Jan. 10 signing deadline meant 21 players are allowed on the team roster. After that date, players can't be deleted to it, but if there are empty cards, other players can be signed.

In the Barrie game, Georgetown took a 4-2 lead in the first period. Barrie scored first at the 1:54 mark but Guy Cormier came back to tie

Fireside chat with John Chantler

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the following story, The Herald talked with the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association's Director of Hockey, John Chantler in a taped interview. It was understood that portions of the interview would be edited for a feature on Minor Hockey Week.

The Herald: "What have you found have been some of the biggest challenges for you this year in starting out with your portfolio as Director of Hockey?"
John Chantler: "I guess the biggest challenge has been the fact that it's the first year under a merged group, and being able to synchronize house league and rep hockey under one jurisdiction. Personally, the biggest challenge is the fact that I had very little to do with house league up until this year, now all of a sudden it's thrown all under one blanket."

"My proposal for next year is going to be ('and it looks like it's going to go through') in the new Constitution there will be more than one director of hockey. They would be split up."

The Herald: "Do you find that working with those sheer numbers is scary at times?"

John Chantler: "Only in the fact that there are those numbers. But the people, the delegation of the work, is a lot easier. With the right people and right now we have the right people in the organization. We have some 75 teams...we have 75 coaches and 75 managers and that all breaks into two senior commissioners and three

convenors. So the sheer numbers you don't really notice because of the people working under you can handle most of the day to day work."

The Herald: "Are there any areas that have improved since the new organization was formed? Have things gone as expected, such as things you thought

would be improved because of amalgamation?"

John Chantler: "The most improvement has come in communication from Rep hockey to Tier 2 hockey to House League, in the movement of players and addressing the problems between coaches of the same age group."

"The second major improvement is the fact that we now have a second level rep team that has as equal opportunity as the first team as far as practices are concerned, and the offerings of clinics and that sort of thing."



JOHN CHANTLER

"Now there will be a free movement not only of players but of coaches as well. House League really is the basis of hockey. Your rep teams are only as good as your house league is."

"Now we are being able to develop through systems in Rep hockey, Tier 2 hockey and House League hockey. You can develop through logical progression."

'Your rep teams are only as good as your house league is ...'

on through the manuals and a programmed development committee you would be able to advise and regulate practices and methods of playing players during a game, that sort of thing. So we are now one complete unit."

"We found, I guess that we had to coach the boys in our own manner, we had to re-coach when we drew them from the Support Group, or from the House League at one time."

"Now we will know that those boys have been coached. And bringing Tier 2 makes it a little more competitive for the top rep teams because you're getting in the past...the top rep teams had so much ice that it was very hard to break that lineup. Now we're going to have to work them a little harder to stay on the team."

The Herald: "Do you think hockey in Georgetown is treated on a more serious level than it should be, or it's
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