



Georgetown goaltender Joan Gilmer moves out to cover a loose puck, before the Milton shooter can poke it home. Georgetown forward Denise Jones looks on. The local Order of the Royal Purple girls recorded a 2-0 win over Milton to stay unbeaten in the playoffs.

Former CFL great found God

By PAM DOUGLAS
Herald correspondent

In the Georgetown home-office of ex-Saskatchewan Roughrider Gord Barwell - gospel music playing in the background, spiritual literature hiding the walls - it's difficult to picture the trim, handsome, articulate director of Athletes in Action crushing bones on the football field.

But that was the Gord Barwell of old. The one who receives passes from quarterback Ron Lancaster like the ball had a homing instinct.

Truth is, the man never was one of those types who eats, sleeps and breathes football from the age of three. Barwell wasn't interested in the game at all when the coach of his high school in Saskatoon asked him to join the team.

was looking for a pass receiver with Barwell's record-holding speed, approached him.

"I succeeded in spite of myself," said Barwell. "I didn't know a lot about how to play football, but they were happy to teach me."

A year later he turned pro. Roughrider scouts spotted him at a provincial track meet and liked what they saw. They, too, needed a pass receiver with his speed.

It was the beginning of a pro career with the Roughriders that would last a decade, 1964-1974, and a very successful time for Barwell.

He had fame, fortune, a family, everything - but it wasn't enough.

"I got to the point where all the victories seemed rather shallow, success in business left me unsatisfied, and even our married life seemed empty," said Barwell.

In 1974 he hung up his cleats.

"Ten years is a long time to play football. My body was being beaten up," he said.

He kept his clothing store and began a two-year stint as color commentator for the Roughriders on radio.

"I always wanted to do it (color commentary) and it was a challenge," he said. "I'm a bit of a ham and I love to talk, so it was great. I loved it."

But the ex-football great calling his former team's plays and the owner of a thriving clothing business still felt a void.

TO GEORGETOWN
Then, in 1977, God brought him to Georgetown. Barwell had found Christ through the Athletes in Action program he had been involved in during the last few years of his pro career.

He gave up his business and his radio commentary to take the

job as Eastern Canadian director of Athletes in Action, a group of present and former professional and amateur athletes who travel the country spreading God's word. They also organize sports camps for youngsters and speak at prisons and schools.

He headed east and landed in Georgetown because, "A number of friends lived out this way."

It was also close to Toronto, Hamilton, and the airport, where he often has to travel on business.

That's the Gord Barwell of today. In the 1960's "Jesus Christ" was something he said after missing a pass, now he reserves the words for prayers, preaching, and hymns.

LOVED HOCKEY
Hockey was his first love. He played on the Junior 'A' team. He was the Canadian sprint champion in track and field for three years, he was a curler, and he played baseball.

"Football wasn't even on my list," Barwell, now 39, said in a recent interview.

He was in grade 12 when the coach, who

GREY CUP
In 1968 the team took the Grey Cup, and had three more tries at the trophy in '67, '69, and '72. Barwell also saw the team make it to nine Western finals.

In the meantime, Barwell was excelling in business with his own clothing store in Regina, he married wife Helen, and he started a family with the addition of son Jay, now 18, and daughter Jody, now 16.

He had a couple of offers from other teams, but he didn't want to leave Regina where his business and family were.

He still works out daily, plays a little golf,

cycles, and plays on a team of retired NHL and CFL players who hold charity games, using the team as a Christian outreach.

"I don't miss football," he said. "Neither the tension nor the war-like attitude you had to have. It's really not a war, it's just a game played by a bunch of big boys."

He does miss the fellowship of the game, though.

"I miss the guys. You make some good friends and have a lot of laughs."

He still enjoys watching football, but he doesn't have a favorite team, although he feels sorry that Saskatchewan is "not even close" to the team they were in his day.

"Sending Joe Barnes to Toronto was a major mistake. They need a good quarterback."

The Roughriders should have given coaches Ron Lancaster and Joe Faragelli a little more time to show their stuff, he said.

"There's a lot of instability in the executive levels of the team," said Barwell.

Instability is one thing Gord Barwell doesn't have to worry about in his life.

Girls remain unbeaten

By PAM DOUGLAS
Herald special

The Georgetown girls hockey team shut out Milton, 2-0, to earn their fourth consecutive win in the six-game round-robin playoffs Sunday.

Captain Lisa Allen was the star of the game scoring both Georgetown goals.

Her team has gone unbeaten all season, but they are not becoming nonchalant about winning.

"Winning for this team is something new and something we're not going to give up easily," Allen said. "This is the first year we've ever had this kind of success."

We usually end up last." The team is improving all the time and there's still room for improvement, she said.

Milton had only seven players pitted against Georgetown's two full lines, so Georgetown should have had more goals than they did, Allen said.

"With two full lines we should be able to skate them into the ice," she said.

Part of the problem was Barb Edwards, Milton's netminder. Edwards' instinct and speed robbed Allen and her teammates a number of times.

Allen's first goal came at the 1:02 mark of the first period and was unassisted.

At the 2:07 mark of the second period Allen counted again as she picked up a pass from Jodi Peebles and shot the puck through a crowd. Debby Osborne drew the other assist.

Milton's best scoring opportunity came with less than five minutes left in the second period.

They were shorthanded when they picked up the puck in their own end and carried it in on Georgetown goalie Joan Gilmer. Gilmer stayed with the Milton shooter, putting an end to the one-on-one break and leaving Milton down two points and almost out of steam.

Although Milton seemed to be conserving energy in the first period the players were tired and dejected by the third.

Neither team scored in the third chapter of the game. Milton couldn't get anything going on their power-play and Georgetown couldn't get the puck past Edwards.

Marty Dunning also put in a stellar performance for Georgetown.

The team may be losing Allen when she starts university next year. She's unsure about which university she will be attending, so she doesn't know if she will be playing.

"If it's possible, I will," she said.



Soccer

By ALEX TOUGH
Herald Special

Sign up this week

Some news, some views, aye, here we are again.

First, some news. Youth soccer registration is this Saturday morning at Gordon Alcott Hall at the arena, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Registration is for "coaches," "managers" and players. All intending coaches should register as their signups will determine the numbers of teams and players. The youth club is determined to stand by their decision to limit registration to the numbers able to be handled by the numbers of coaches.

There are already some coaches known to the executive and commissioners. The girls, for example, have almost three-quarters of the estimated requirement. The girls pee-wee age group need a commissioner which will complete the complement of officials for their section. The boys require several coaches and are also looking for two commissioners - at major atom and major squirt.

COACHING CHANGE

A change of coach for the pee-wee reps in Andy McNeilly, who moves from the atoms, where Ray Shire (877-1427) takes over. All intending rep players must make the effort to register on Saturday, otherwise they could be in trouble. Rep player registrations have caused problems in previous years by their lateness in getting their signing up done in time. Make sure, lads.

There is no rep soccer at the girls levels. I understand that the girls will have their usual set up with the same competing clubs of last year.

There will be separate tables for the coaches registration as well as referees. The refs' association will be registering their people for the season. As with coaches, we need all the refs we can get. There is a level '3' course coming up in Brampton on April 8 and 15. The refs intend to book some places for anyone interested in taking the course, so please let us know.

The ladies soccer club take up the cudgels in Joseph Gibbons gym tomorrow evening from 8:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. All you have to do is turn up at the ready. There is no gym time for the youth girls this winter, mainly due to the lack of decent turn outs last winter. There is a town policy of having minimum numbers for gym use and the numbers did not justify bookings this winter for pre-season work outs.

MINI SOCCER

Mini soccer will continue for squirts, and maybe into atoms. There will not be any league trophies and there will be round-robin playoffs with all players receiving pennants at squirt and medallions at atom, for the first three finishers. The girls will have their usual round-robin finals day, which rounds off their season in fine style. The other boys' leagues should end by mid-August when they will enter their play offs in round-robin with the four highest placed moving into semi-finals.

Youth registration is \$30 per mini player born in '78 and '77. Single fee registration is \$32.50, same as last year with the family maximum at \$80. Proof of age must be produced at time of registering.

The senior Inter County league accepted two new teams at their last meeting in Linton Flyers from Brampton and Milton Rangers second team. The Rangers 'B' are partly made up from the remnants of Milton Metal, which folded in January. There was some fur flying at this session. One executive member resigned, and the resignation was not accepted at that time. The situation is not yet resolved, but should be by next month. The local clubs are all getting ready for the new season with a reduced registration due to the sponsorship of Molsons. It is hoped that the sponsorship will continue in '84 and this is not known until the company's programmes are made public around the beginning of April.

The Mariners look like kicking off the new season the way they ended last. Several players are on the injured list, the most severe being Steve Turner. Steve received a serious blow at the close of a hockey match and could be out of soccer for good as a result. Les Tinsley and John Cobby are others at the moment. Looks like a come back from retirement, folks for some of us older ones!

Liftechers top Brampton

Waiting for the Tri-County hockey playoffs to start, the Georgetown Liftech major atom 'A' team hosted an exhibition game against the Brampton 'AA' team on Thursday. Coach Dave Parent used the opportunity to sharpen his team's skills, and came up with a 4-3 victory.

The fast-paced game delighted players and fans and demonstrated that an enthusiastic team effort can overcome seemingly impossible odds.

In the first period the Brampton team challenged the Liftechers until Brad Tutt was able to break through and score on a pass from Mike Oldreive. Brampton was able to score twice late in the first period, forcing the Liftechers into a come-from-behind situation.

In the second period

Georgetown out-skated the visitors and took control of the game. Less than two minutes into the period Doug Crawford, assisted by Jeff Timmons, tied the game. Bob Dezeuw put his team ahead, assisted by Jake Poulstrup.

Early in the third period Brampton mounted a comeback, and were able to tie the game. Brad Tutt, assisted by Mike Oldreive and Jake Poulstrup, scored the final and winning goal with seven minutes remaining.

A late penalty forced Georgetown to play defensive hockey, but penalty killers Brad Doby and Peter Lee refused to let Brampton get organized. Solid goaltending from Jason Moroy and Jason Panduro, along with extra effort from every player contributed to the team victory.

Pipe novices looking good

On Sunday, Georgetown's Concrete Pipe novices' final game of the regular hockey season proved to be their best game to date. A superlative effort by the whole team earned them a 5-2 upset over Brampton.

The only marker of the first period was scored by Andy Jones, unassisted, on a breakaway, after he outmaneuvered several defenders.

The second period was a see-saw affair with the visitors coming back to tie the score on two occasions. Georgetown's Keith Montgomery, with explosive speed, left the opposi-

tion in awe as he charged unmolested towards their net to score the locals' lone goal of the period. An assist went to Gavin Glaser on the clearing pass out of his own zone.

Jones' score, a tip-in off an accurate Troy Schirk pass from the boards, led the Pipers to three unanswered markers in the third period. The highlight of the game came midway through the third period when Montgomery, who had been flying all afternoon, was awarded a penalty shot after being tripped on a breakaway.

In his typical manner, he raced in on net, deked, shot and scored in a singular motion that left the goalie completely bewildered.

The final goal, on another breakaway, was scored by Glen Henderson after he was set up at center by Ryan Craig.



Former Saskatchewan Roughrider great Gord Barwell relaxes at his Georgetown home with a few of his memories. Barwell is now a director with the 'Athletes in Action' Christian group.

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