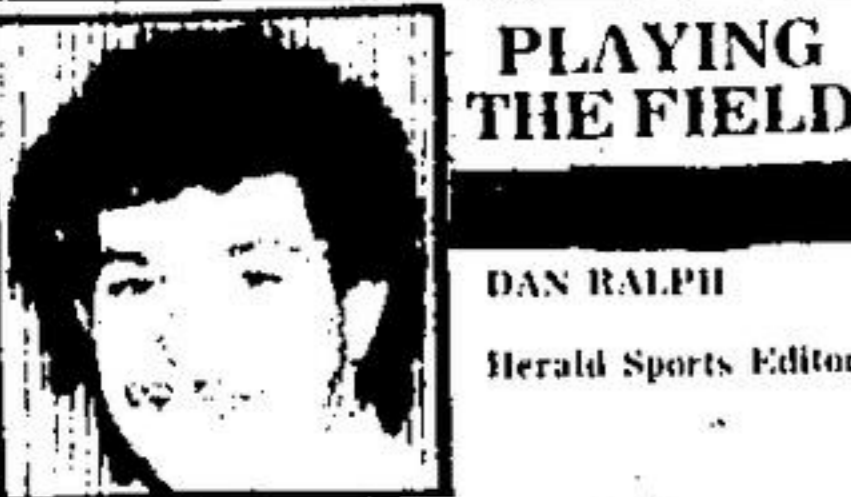


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**PLAYING THE FIELD**

**DAN RALPH**  
Herald Sports Editor

**Spengler win high point for Lowe**

TORONTO -- Even the eternal optimist had to be doubtful about Team Canada's chances at the Spengler Cup. After all, the team had been together just six days, and were up against squads that had been playing as a unit since the start of the season.

But Team Canada surprised everyone, by winning the tournament with a 4-3 decision over Russia. The win gave Canada the best record of the tournament, and therefore the Canadians took home the gold medal.

The gold medal was the first ever by a Canadian team in Spengler Cup play. In fact, this year was the first time in 16 years that a Canadian team took part in the 58-year-old tournament that was played in Davos, Switzerland. The win also ended a Soviet-Czechoslovak domination that had lasted 19 years.

Georgetown Chrysler Raider Darren Lowe was a member of the gold medal Canadian team, and said the triumph was the direct result of hard work.

"It was probably one of the best moments I've ever had in hockey," he said. "For the team it was especially gratifying because we were together only six days."

Lowe signed with the Raiders last month after being found ineligible for university hockey because he played eight games with Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League under an amateur card last year. Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Association rules dictate if any university player takes part in a pro sport for just one game, he is not eligible to play varsity athletics for a year. So then Lowe signed with Georgetown, rather than not play hockey at all this winter. Lowe plays right-wing for University of Toronto Blues. Due to his commitment with Team Canada, and because he is playing with the Canadian team that is travelling across Canada playing Moscow Dynamo, Lowe will suit up for his first Senior "A" game Friday when Georgetown travels to Petrolia. He will also play in Saturday's game in Flamboro.



**DARREN LOWE**

"The people were screaming when he got the puck, but everything seemed to stop when he came in on goal. Ron came in, and took a backhand shot, which the goalie stopped. But Ron put the rebound in for the goal."

In their game with Russia, Canada was down 3-1 heading into the final period. They did cut the score to 3-2, and later tie the game with less than two minutes to play. But the game winner came with 48 seconds to play when team captain Ron Plumb scored the go-ahead goal on a breakaway. Lowe was on the ice when the winning goal was scored.

"The Russians were attacking, and all four of their men were inside our end (one was off in the penalty box, as well as a Canadian player). The puck came loose at the blue line, and Ron was the only one there, and when he got the puck he was gone."

"The people were screaming when he got the puck, but everything seemed to stop when he came in on goal. Ron came in, and took a backhand shot, which the goalie stopped. But Ron put the rebound in for the goal."

"The place went wild. Everyone was so surprised we could come back to win."

Lowe said there was no pressure to win but the Swiss kept reminding the Canadians that they were the only ones who could stop the Communist domination of the tournament.

"The Swiss looked at us as being their saviors to win," he said. "All week they kept reminding us that we had to beat the Russians."

A member of the 1984 Canadian Olympic team, Lowe said he cannot make a comparison between winning the Spengler Cup, and playing for Canada at an Olympian.

"They're totally different," he said. "With the Olympic team, I put in a year of hard work, and the team itself worked hard for six months. With this, it was a one week thing. You can't compare the two."

But he did find some similarities.

"I know every time I put on a Team Canada sweater, I feel a lot of pride."

Now that he is finished playing in Switzerland, Lowe is playing on the Canadian team challenging the Dynamo squad. Lowe said he has noticed a number of different aspects about playing here and in Switzerland.

"Dynamo turn the puck from defence to offence quite quickly," he said. "The team we have now is inexperienced, and we were getting caught up in the transition. In the game we won, (an 8-4 decision which was Lowe's second game in this series) we adapted to that better." Lowe told The Herald Friday while preparing for the Friday contest between the two teams in Toronto.

Lowe has had a busy Christmas schedule, and admits he is a little tired. But he did say he will be ready to play for the Raiders when the time comes.

"I hope I can come in and help them," he said. "I'm sure they are expecting a lot, but it will be a different experience for me playing with guys who have played pro hockey."

**Georgetown named as site for midget championships**  
**Provincial tourney coming here**

By DAN RALPH  
Herald Sports Editor  
Georgetown will be a Junior "A" hockey league scout's heaven in April. Georgetown Minor Hockey Association (GMHA) president Wayne Pries announced Saturday this community will be the site of the Ontario "AA" midget hockey championships. The announcement came at the breakfast held at the Alcott Arena for the touring Swedish midget team that was in town for a game with Georgetown Labelmaster Minor Midgets.

After Pries said the top teams from the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), the Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League (MTHL) and the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) will be here April 19-21 for

the round robin tournament. As well, Georgetown will be represented in the championships.

"The players that will be here will be next year's juniors," Pries said. "If there isn't 50 scouts in the stands then there won't be any."

Pries said the GMHA had notified the OMHA it would be interested in staging the "A" Peeewe event if it was available. But in October when it learned the "AA" midget tournament was still looking for a site, Pries said the GMHA decided it would rather hold the midget event.

"That's because it is simply the best hockey going," Pries said.

Pries said he first learned about the official decision that granted Georgetown the midget championships



**WAYNE PRIES**

last Thursday. But he had an idea earlier that the Association would be given the tournament.

"When I was in Preston with the Swedish team, I was talking with some people and I asked them if they knew anything about the decision for the tournament. They all looked at me, and said they would know in a couple of days all with smiles on their faces."

"Everyone knows we're capable of doing it. With all the Swedish tours we've handled, we have the expertise and we can do the job and we will," he said.

Pries said it is still too early to discuss the organizational format involved with such a tournament. But

he did say it will be a big job.

To list a few of the responsibilities the GMHA will have to look after are billeting all the visiting players as well as getting the trophies and souvenirs for them.

Tournament play will begin Friday with a pair of games. A full slate is expected for Saturday with the finals being held Sunday.

The "AA" rating is for teams that come from a community that has a population of 15,000 to 35,000. As well, to qualify for this tournament the team must have a successful record in "AA" play.

All games will be played at the Alcott Arena.



Swedish minor midget goaltender Peter Bjorkegren (19) looks behind him as the puck bounces off the goal post. Georgetown Labelmaster midgets defeated the Swedish team 8-1 Saturday at the Alcott Arena.  
(Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

**Labelmaster dump Swedes**

By DAN RALPH  
Herald Sports Editor  
A strong second period powered Georgetown Labelmaster minor midgets to an 8-1 win over the touring Swedish team.

After jumping out to a 2-0 lead after the first period, the locals put the game out of hand in the second period. Both teams exchanged goals in the final frame.

The game was the sixth and final exhibition for the Stockholm team that began their tour Dec. 23 in Woodbridge. Although scores from prior games were not available, sources said the Stockholm team lost all six games convincingly.

Before the contest, both teams exchanged souvenirs, and the practice carried on after the contest when the Georgetown team

presented their visitors with Georgetown hockey sweaters. Upon receiving the sweaters, many of the Swedish players took off theirs and gave them to their hosts.

Georgetown coach Bert Osborne said his team did not play its game until the second period, but added winning the game was not the important factor.

"The friendship and learning experience were things that you could not put into words. The international relationship the kids experienced was just excellent," he said.

Osborne said he had seen the visiting team play a number of the exhibition games, and knew what to expect in his team's game. Osborne did say he noticed an improvement in the Swedish team's play from their initial contest.

Swedish team coach Benny Sjoberg said after the game his team did learn many valuable lessons on their trip, and added the lessons should help his team in their league play back in Sweden.

Mike Flynn had three goals for the winners while Mark Zebede, Terry Dixon, Jim Manning and Chuck Peebles had singles. The lone Swedish team goal came from Henrik Modig.

Osborne also said he was quite impressed with the Swedish players and how they handled themselves.

"The way they represented their country says something about them," he said. "You can't say enough about them."

He also had words of praise for his assistant coach Charlie Hanman. "He has just been a workhorse for us all year." See story and photos page C2

**Former NHLer Bob Goldham wins Hockey Heritage award**

Former National Hockey League defenceman Bob Goldham will be this year's recipient of the Hockey Heritage award.

Goldham will be presented the prestigious award March 4 at Holy Cross School. Goldham, a Georgetown native, played on five Stanley Cup winners in his career, which spanned over three teams. A young Goldham played defence for Toronto Maple Leafs in 1941-42 playoffs when the Leafs defeated Detroit Red Wings in the Cup final.

After spending two years in the Navy, Goldham returned to the Maple Leafs in 1947, and was on a second Cup winner in Toronto. However, Goldham was traded to Chicago where he spent three years before being sent to Detroit in 1951.

Goldham spent six years with the Wings, and was on three Stanley Cup championship teams, and received many awards. He received the Stu Evans Trophy in 1951-52 as the most sportsmanlike player, and was named winner of the George Vanderveken Memorial trophy as the unsung hero for the 1953-54 season.

The following season Goldham received the Detroit Hockey Writers Association award as the team's Most Valuable Player. Also that year, Goldham was a second team National Hockey League all-star defenceman.

It was the 1955 season when the fans of

Detroit bought Goldham a car, and gave the defenceman a night in his honor.

After Goldham's career came to an end, he spent 15 years playing for the NHL Oldtimers, raising money for charity.

As well, Goldham was a hockey broadcaster with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Since 1948 the Goldhams have been residing at their Toronto home near Avenue Rd. and 401 highway. While raising a family of three girls, Goldham coached hockey for St. Michael's College for three years, one of his students being none other than former Leaf captain Dave Keon.

Goldham's athletic prowess goes further than hockey. He played lacrosse, crocrosse and football. In fact, playing lacrosse with Brampton Excelsiors, Goldham was on the team that won the provincial title in 1937-38.

But hockey was Goldham's best, and at the age of 16 years old, he was drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs, and two years later he broke in with the big league club and played on their Stanley Cup winning squad in 1942.

Tickets for the Heritage dinner are \$20 each and can be purchased at The Kentners Catering.

Next week, The Herald will present an up-to-date list of all the guests that will be on hand for the Heritage dinner and award presentation.



**BOB GOLDHAM**

**Sunny Acres crew ready**

Sixteen teams will be vying for top honors in the 19th annual Georgetown Minor Hockey Association's midget hockey tournament.

Tournament play began last night as Georgetown Sunny Acres midgets and Preston squared off. Due to press deadlines, the score of the contest was not available.

Last year's Sunny Acres team made it to the final of the tournament, before eventually bowing out. Sunny Acres coach Rick Hume is confident that if his troops play well they could be a force to be reckoned with.

As well as the Georgetown-Preston game, two other contests began last

night. Newmarket-Stoney Creek and Orangeville-Galt squared off at the Alcott Arena. Tonight three games are on tap with Hamilton taking on Milton, Mississauga and Richmond Hill doing battle and Dundas taking on Oshawa.

Friday night London takes on Niagara Falls

while Peterborough and Owen Sound tangle. Play continues Saturday and Sunday.

All teams are assured of at least two games, and the finals being held Sunday at 4:45 p.m. The consolation final will be played earlier at 2:45 p.m.

"If the kids play well, I think we could win it," Hume said.



**RICHARD HUME**

**BRIAN SPENCER**

**TONY CHIOVITTI**



**MIKE TEETZEL**

**JOE BALSON**

**CHRIS HODGINS**

**JON HAMMER**

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