Four Georgetown wrestlers qualify for OFSAA meet

TERRY DIXON — BILL MURPHY

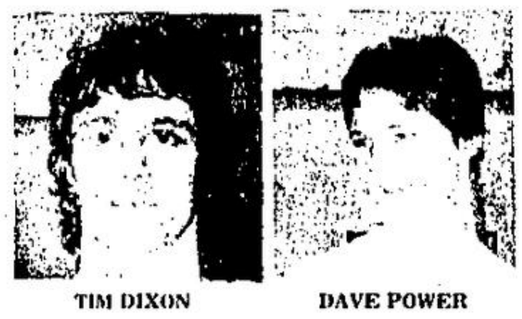
Four members of the Georgetown District High School Rebels wrestling team have qualified for the all-Ontario championships.

Bill Murphy took top spot in the 84-pound class as teammates Tim Dixon and Dave Power did similar in the 119 and 127-pound classes respectively while Terry Dixon was second in the 112-pound class at Thursday's Peel-Halton meet. By finishing in the top two all four now qualify for Thursday's Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) tournament being held at Humber College in Toronto.

The Georgetown team also had a quartet of near misses for the provincial championships.

Glenn Grummett (90-pounds), Gord Savage (104-pounds), Mike Delguidice (119-pounds) and Tim Davis (134-pounds) all were third in their respective classes, just missing out on the OFSAA qualifying mark.

Halton champion in the 141-pound class Rich Sedore had to withdraw from the competition due to an injury. Other Georgetown District High School competitors were Rob McGuigan (134-pounds), Ian Fudge (127-pounds), Troy Laroche (167-pounds) and Mark Bassett (112-pounds).



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Pro tryout haunting Lowe

Little did Darren Lowe know trying to realize what every hockey playing youth in Canada only dreams about could cause so many problems.

Lowe was a member of the 1984 Canadian Olympic team that narrowly missed claiming a medal at the '84 Games. After the Olympics Lowe joined Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League on an amateur tryout.

The stipulation here was Lowe could play up to 10 games with Pittsburgh on a tryout basis. If the Penguins liked what they saw, they then had the option of offering Lowe a professional contract.

If the Penguins figured Lowe could not crack their lineup, then they could simply release him. But Lowe would still be an amateur player because he did not sign a professional contract and play in a professional league.

However, because he played in the National Hockey League, the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) deemed him ineligible for this season. Lowe had planned on returning to play for University of Toronto Varsity Blues, where he played last year.

So as an alternative, Lowe decided he would play with Georgetown Chrysler Raiders of the Ontario Senior "A" Hockey League the remainder of the season. But his brief stint in Pittsburgh is returning to haunt him once again.

Last week the Raiders received two protests involving Cam Botting and Lowe. The first one was from Cambridge Hornets and the second came from Collingwood Shipbuilders Friday night in Georgetown's 9-1 romp at the Alcott Arena.

Last year Botting played two games with Erie of the Atlantic Coast League, before coming to Georgetown. He signed before the Dec. 31 cutline date, aos was not deemed an import last year.

Both protests came as the result of a league meeting Feb. 18 in Woodstock where discussion of the league rule on the amount of reinstated pros allowed to play in a game arose. The league rules state all teams are allowed to sign six ex-pros or university players, who are deemed imports, but only play three in a game.

Raider officials interprete the rule as meaning any three can play any given game, but the other teams in the senior league now say that rule means teams can only play the first three imports signed. Last year Lowe played university hockey, and could be regarded as an import except he signed before the Dec. 31 cutline date, which means had he signed after that date, he would be deemed an import player, and would be involved in the three allowed to play.

But what other team officials are claiming is because Lowe played in Pittsburgh last year, he should be deemed a pro, and therefore should not be able to play until the Raiders are out of league playoffs because he was not one of the first three imports signed.

The whole situation of making Lowe a pro infuriates Raider coach-general manager Gil Eyre.

"Not for one minute will I count Darren Lowe as being a pro. After the Olympics were over Darren Lowe had an eight-game amateur tryout with Pittsburgh Penguins, but he was still na Olympian."

As for Lowe himself, he is letting the team management handle this one.

"I'm not even worrying about it," he said. "I was worried the first time it happened but now now.

"For sure I'm an amateur. My interpretation of a pro is one who is making a living playing hockey. I still live with my parents and don't have a lot of money."

As far as Lowe is concerned, he said the whole situation is being used by the Senior A teams as a ploy.

"I think our team has been going well for the last 12 games and this is an excuse to try and rattle us. I don't think anything will come of it.

"Any person who has played hockey all their life, when you have a chance to go to the NHL, you will go. I'm disappointed I didn't stay, but for the opportunity given to me, I have no regrets."

Drop 7-2 decision in Collingwood

Raiders end year in fourth spot

By DAN RALPH
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COLLINGWOOD - What a difference two days make.

Friday night at the Alcott Arena Georgetown Chrysler Raiders *dominated Collingwood* Shipbuilders in a 9-1 romp, but Sunday in Collingwood the Raiders were less than impressive in dropping a 7-2 decision.

"There was not much intensity," Raider coach-general manager Gil Eyre said after the game Sunday. "In this league if you don't play well you just don't win.

"It just goes to show you that we beat them one night 9-1 and come to their barn and lose 7-2. *I'm not sure if having* everything settled prematurely had anything to do with it."

Saturday night the six playoff teams met in Cambridge to decide on playoff pairings. At the time Georgetown was in third spot and was paired with Petrolia Squires. Cambridge took Dundas while Flamboro picked Collingwood.

The Georgetown-Petrolia series began Tuesday night, and the second game will go Friday night at the Alcott Arena.

The loss Sunday put Georgetown in fourth spot overall in the final standings, one point behind Collingwood. Should both Cambridge and Flamboro be upset in their series, Georgetown could have had home ice advantage throughout the remainder of the playoffs, but now will have to go on the road after their opening playoff contest.

Sunday Collingwood jumped out to a 5-0 lead midway into the second period. Despite the deficit, Georgetown goaltender Dave Tataryn made some fine saves in the second period to keep Georgetown within striking distance, but wandering from his goal resulted in the fourth Collingwood goal.

Tataryn went out for a loose puck and missed. However it hit a Collingwood player's skate and went right in front of the open net. John Matthews tucked it away for the goal.

But Friday the two teams were exact opposites. Everything Georgetown tried was successful as Georgetown led 5-0 after the first period and coasted for the win.

However, Collingwood protested Friday's contest. The reason being they feel Raider Darren Lowe should be deemed a professional because he played eight games last year on an amateur tryout with Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League.

A team is allowed to sign six ex-professional *or college players, who* are considered imports, but only play three at any given time. But Collingwood officials say the rules state a team is only allowed to play the first three ex-pros or imports it signs.

If that were the case, then Georgetown could only play John and Tom Gibson, as their third import, goalie Rick Wilson, is in the International Hockey League. The Ontario Hockey Association will decide today if a hearing into the matter is necessary.

Lowe had three goals Friday Paul Gallagher and Dave Hill had two each. Singles went to Tom Gibson and Ray Tonelli. Sunday Tonelli and Ron Twiss had the goals.

NOTES - Goaltender Tataryn was presented with a pluque Friday as the MVP in the 1984 Allan Cup series. Tataryn was a member of the runner-up Cambridge Hornets.

Collingwood Shipbuilders' coach Darryl Sly and Raiders' president Finn Poulstrup share a laugh while looking over the Collingwood protest Friday night. Sly was protesting Georgetown's use of Darren Lowe in Friday's game, which was won 9-1 by the Raiders.

Raiders get second chance at Squires in playoff draw

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders will have a second shot at gaining a bit of revenge.

Last year Georgetown was eliminated by Petrolia Squires in the first round of the Ontario Senior "A" playoffs. The same two teams will do battle once again in this year's playoff matchups.

At a meeting Saturday night in Cambridge, the six playoff teams were matched up. Cambridge had first pick, and selected Dundas. Flamboro then picked Collingwood, leaving Georgetown paired with Petrolia.

A Georgetown-Collingwood series appeared to be in the offering as right up until the selection period Flamboro had said it would select Petrolia. But at the last minute Flamboro general manager Don Robertson changed his mind and took the Shipbuilders.

The first game of the best-of-seven affair began Tuesday night at the Alcott Arena. The second game will also be in Georgetown Friday at the Alcott.

The two teams then return to Sarnia for the next two games which will be played Sunday and Tuesday.

If required the next three games will be held one right after the other with the fifth contest going Mar. 8 at the Alcott. Game six will be Saturday in Sarnia with the seventh and deciding contest coming back Sunday at the Alcott.

"It is going to be a very tough series," Raider coach-general manager Gil Eyre said after the meeting. "They are a good team, which is obvious because the top two teams did not want to play them."

"Official" meet draws protest

Georgetown District High School swim coach Joe Bray has lodged an official protest concerning the Peel-Halton swim meet held last week.

The protest comes as a result of the meet being declared official despite the absence of a number of schools, including Georgetown. The GDHS team could not make the meet, held Feb. 19 at the Etobicoke Olympium, due to severe weather conditions.

That day a number of Halton Board of Education school buses were cancelled due to blowing snow. The poor conditions were the main reason Bray elected to have his team not make the trip to the meet.

As well, teams from Acton, White Oaks and Loyola elected not to make the trip. However, the convenor of the meet took a vote among the coaches who made the trip, and it was decided that despite the absence of member schools, the meet would be recognized as being official.

Bray said that decision should not have been made.

"It appears that the team that has to travel loses, or so it seems."

Bray said he arrived at the Georgetown school early Tuesday morning, and promptly was in contact with the meet convenor, who told him the meet would be cancelled. About a half hour after their initial conversation, the convenor and Bray talked again and Bray was asked if he would be interested in taking his team down to take part in what would be a pickup meet for those schools who could attend.

Once again Bray decided against making the trip.

A few hours later Bray received a call from a student at the meet telling him the meet was scheduled to begin at noon. Again Bray declined to attend.

But it was only through the grapevine that he heard the meet was voted as being official.

"We were defending champions, and were due to win a significant number of medals. Our swimmers are very disappointed they could not compete. We're protesting to the Peel-alton athletic association for the way the meet was handled," Bray said.

While the meet held no significance for the provincial championships, for many it would have been the final meet of the year.

In order to qualify for the provincial meet, swimmers must reach time standards in any of the recognized meets held throughout the year before Feb. 14.

Bray said he is not sure when the protest will be dealt with, and added it is unlikely those swimmers absent will get a chance to compete. His protest is in the hope such an incident won't happen again.

"We would like to clarify what authority the convenor had to call a championship under those conditions and would like to see it clarified for the future so that this won't happen again," he said.

Officials from Acton High School could not be contacted by The Herald

Dramatic fifth-game victory gives Chateau team series

The third game of the playoffs between The Chateau Restaurant Minor Bantams "AA" and Burlington Tuesday was played at the Memorial Arena. Georgetown never got on track and Burlington took this game 3-2. Goals were by Adam Bennett and Alan Giray assisted by Doug McDermot and Brent Presswood.

Excitement ran high in Burlington on Thursday for Game Four. The Chateau had to win this game or be eliminated. Burlington took a big 3-0 lead. With 31 seconds left in the second period Bennett scored Georgetown's first goal with McDermot helping on the play. The third period Stu Vogt notched two goals with assists from McDermot with two and Doug Kent with two. Bill Tutt drove another home unassisted. Burlington came back to tie the score and force a 10 minute overtime.

Stu Vogt popped in the winner with assists earned by McDermot and Presswood. Vogt scored his fourth goal of the night in the open net with two seconds left in the game when Presswood put a long pass up the ice. Curtis Green was in the net for the 6-4 win.

The fifth and deciding game in this series to determine who goes on in O.M.H.A. playdowns was played at the Memorial Arena Sunday. The Chateau drew first blood halfway through the first period. Bennett found the net with a long low drive from the blueline on a pass from Alan Giray. The second period was scoreless and Burlington came back to tie the game in the third stanza. Vogt connected on a rebound of Bennett's for the winning goal and then scored his second in the empty net from Tutt. The final was 3-1. Green came up big when called on. The Chateau will now meet Stratford sometime next week.

Old Timers coming

Members of the Detroit Old Timers who will be in town for the Hockey Heritage Dinner honoring this year's recipient Bob Goldham will be here Sunday, March 3 at 6 p.m. The squad will be at Bracken's for the evening starting at 7:30 p.m. for supper.

Howe lunching here

The Old Timers will be joined by the most famous Red Wing to date Monday, March 4 at Jack Tanner's in Acton, Gordie Howe will accompany Bob Goldham at the 12:30 p.m. luncheon.

Milton downs locals

Milton defeated Optimist Club "AA" Peewees to take the best-of-five Tri-County playoff series three games to none.

Adam Hilts and Jason Smith scored the goals for the locals to keep them close, but a goal in the third period gave Milton the win.

Sean Guistini scored the lone goal in the team's 1-0 exhibition win over Mississauga Black Hawks. John Katsilieris and Dusty Lane shared goaltending duties.

Balanced scoring

Five players were in double figures as Trojans dumped Capricorns 86-40 in Georgetown Ladies Basketball League play. In the other game Cougars beat Mustangs 50-24.

Sue Tesar led the way for the winners with 14 points while Janice Gagne had 13 points. Tracey Yorke had 12 points while Chung Kim and Wendy Forsythe had 10 points each. Lorraine Brown had 10 points for Mustangs.

Marie Smith had 24 points, but it was not enough to pace Capricorns to a win. Anita Stankus and Carolyn Heron had 18 points each for Cougars.

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