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**Geminis down early
to Blades in series**

By DAN RALPH
Herald Sports Editor

The ejection of goalie Mike McNiven early in the second period cost Georgetown Geminis a chance at tying their best-of-seven Central Ontario Junior "B" quarterfinal series with Oakville Blades, says coach Jules Russianni.

McNiven was given a game misconduct by referee Rick Morphet at the 1:08 mark of the second period for not going to a neutral corner during a fight between Georgetown's Craig Shaw and Oakville's Todd Tyo. Instead McNiven remained in his crease (the fight was about 15 feet away from the Geminis' net) and was given the misconduct penalty with Georgetown ahead 2-1.

After the incident with a cold Joe Money penny in net the Blades scored three times for a 4-2 lead after the second period. The Geminis came back to make the score 4-3 with about 13 minutes to play, but the Blades added the insurance tally a couple of minutes later for the 5-3 win. That, coupled with Friday's 6-3 win, puts the Blades ahead 2-0 in the playoff set.

"I can see players being told to go to a neutral corner," Russianni said. "But for a goaltender his crease is the only protected area he has."

"That's what cost us the game. We had momentum and the lead with Mike in there and I'm not blaming Joe (Money penny) in any way. It's just that it was a psychological letdown for the kids to see their goalie go. I could feel the atmosphere on the bench change."

Despite McNiven's ejection the Geminis played quite well Saturday. However, the heroics of Blades' goalie John Leonard kept the Geminis at bay throughout the contest. Leonard stopped Mark Snow and Wayne Morrow on breakaways in the first period that kept the game scoreless at the time. Late in the second period with the score 4-2 Oakville Leonard made the save of the game off a shot from the point by Geminis' captain Don Zubyk. With four players in front of the net, Leonard made a fine glove save to preserve Oakville's two-goal lead.

"Leonard is as good as (Oakville's other goalie Paulo) Zullian," Russianni said. "Maybe a little better."

Zubyk, Morrow and Joe O'Toole had the goals Saturday. Greg Robertson had three assists while George Osborne had two as did Morrow. Friday Osborne, Rod McClure and Rick Floto had the goals.

Down by two games in the series means Russianni and his troops will have to take a different approach at the upcoming games.

"All we've got to play for now is tying the series up," Russianni said. "If we start thinking about winning four of five it looks like a mountain."

"I've never seen Oakville as sharp as they were Friday and Saturday and if we can play our next game like we did on Saturday and maybe catch them on a downer we could win the game," Russianni said.

Blades' coach Ken Moodie also commented that his club has played well its past two games.

"It (Saturday) was a big win because in our last eight games we haven't been able to put together two

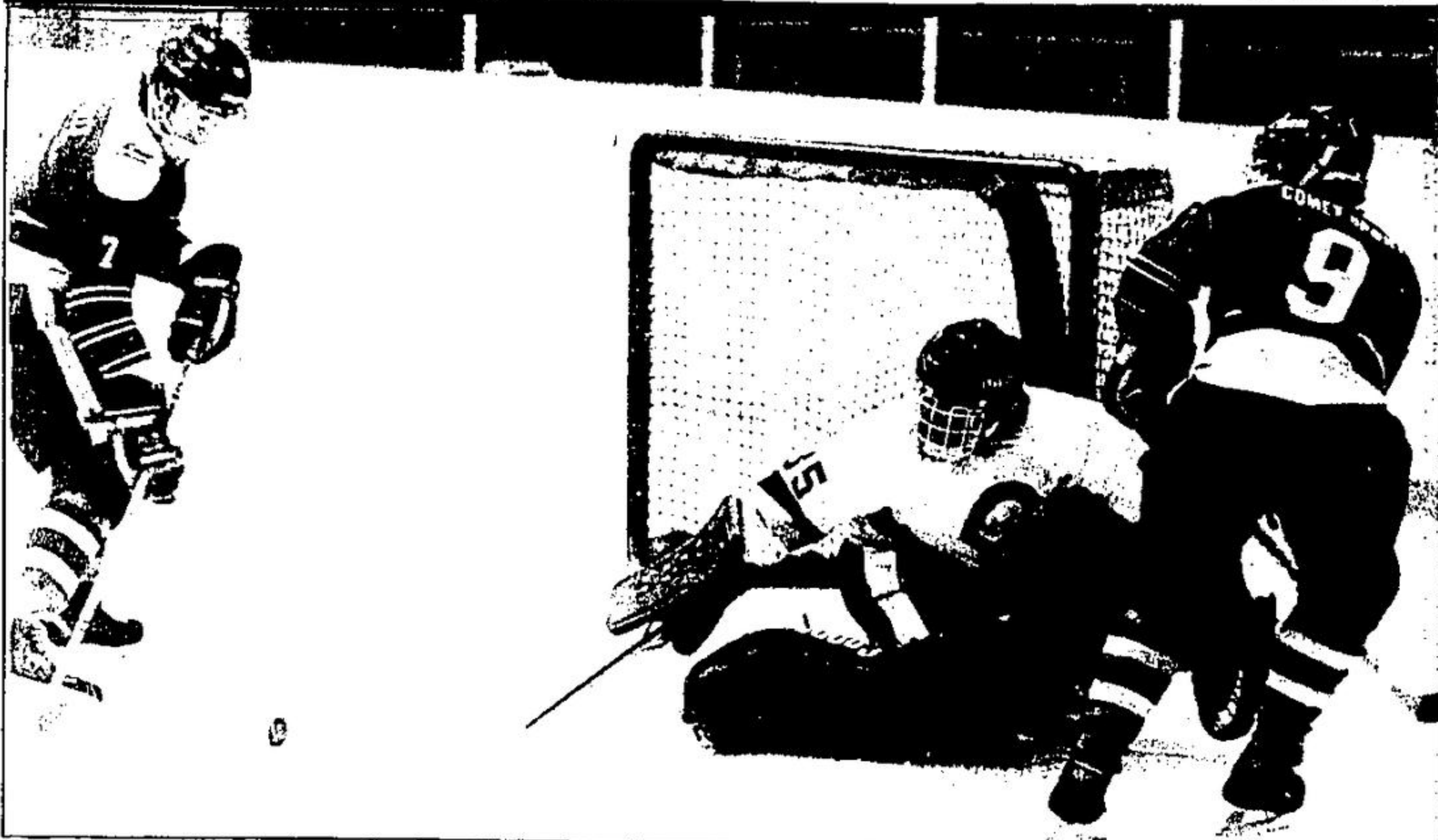


Don Zubyk Wayne Morrow good efforts back-to-back," he said. "It was nice to get on the road and get a quick one."

Moodie feels Friday's game will be the biggest one of the series to date. "If we get it, it's tough for them to come back and win the series," Moodie said. "We know Georgetown will come out and be tough."

The fifth game of the series is scheduled for Tuesday in Oakville while the sixth would be played Wednesday in Georgetown. If a seventh game is required, it will be played Friday Mar. 28 in Oakville.

NOTES-Leonard didn't finish Saturday's game as he became ill and Paulo Zullian filled in for the next 11 minutes.



TWO ON ONE-Georgetown Geminis' goalie Mike McNiven here is outnumbered two to one as Oakville Blades players Mike Haviland (7) and Andy Pritchard (9) appear to have a sure goal. However, the two couldn't score on this

first period try in Saturday's Central Ontario Junior "B" quarterfinal game at the Alcott Arena, Oakville, though, did net a 5-3 win and is up 2-0 in the best-of-seven series. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

Georgetown defeats Hornets 4-2 Friday

Raiders keep drive alive for 2nd

By DAN RALPH
Herald Sports Editor

With just four games left in their regular season, the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders are serving notice of their intention to finish in second spot in the Ontario Senior "A" loop.

Friday the Raiders defeated Cambridge 4-2 to creep to within one point of the second place Hornets. To date Cambridge has 38 points while the Raiders and Dundas have 37 each. Petrolia is fifth with 34 points.

More importantly is the Raiders play Cambridge Sunday in Cambridge and host Dundas Tuesday (Feb. 25). If Georgetown can win those two games, second place would become a reality. Georgetown's other two games are this week as Tuesday the Raiders hosted Collingwood in the Price Beater's Night. Friday Flamboro is in town with such names as Stan Jonathan, Rocky Saginuk et al.

"Second is in our hands and if we keep winning we can end up there," Raiders' coach-general manager Gil Eyre said Friday. "I think we have to start building some momentum in this rink (Alcott) and hopefully tonight will be a start."

What Friday's game offered was a showcase for premier goaltending. Both Georgetown's Dave Tataryn and Cambridge's Mike Blake played well, coming up with several fine saves. Friday's game by far was Tataryn's best home contest so far this season.

"I thought Dave Tataryn played really well," Eyre said. "I also thought our defence played well and our forwards came back. All our guys are doing their jobs and Dave is making the first save."

Brian Schnarr put Cambridge on the board late in the first period as he fired a loose puck in the slot past Tataryn. Georgetown's Doug Fry tied the game in the second period and Larry Power's tally late in the period put the Raiders up 2-1 heading into the final frame.

Tom Gibson's low shot at 15:30 of the third period proved to be the winner. Brian Cross put Cambridge within a goal almost three minutes later, but Steve Hunter put the Raiders up by two. Georgetown then did a good job keeping the pressure on the Cambridge defence in preserving the win.

The win Friday was the third straight for the Raiders and their seventh in the past 10 games.

Friday the Raiders featured a new face in their lineup. Centre Ed Roy

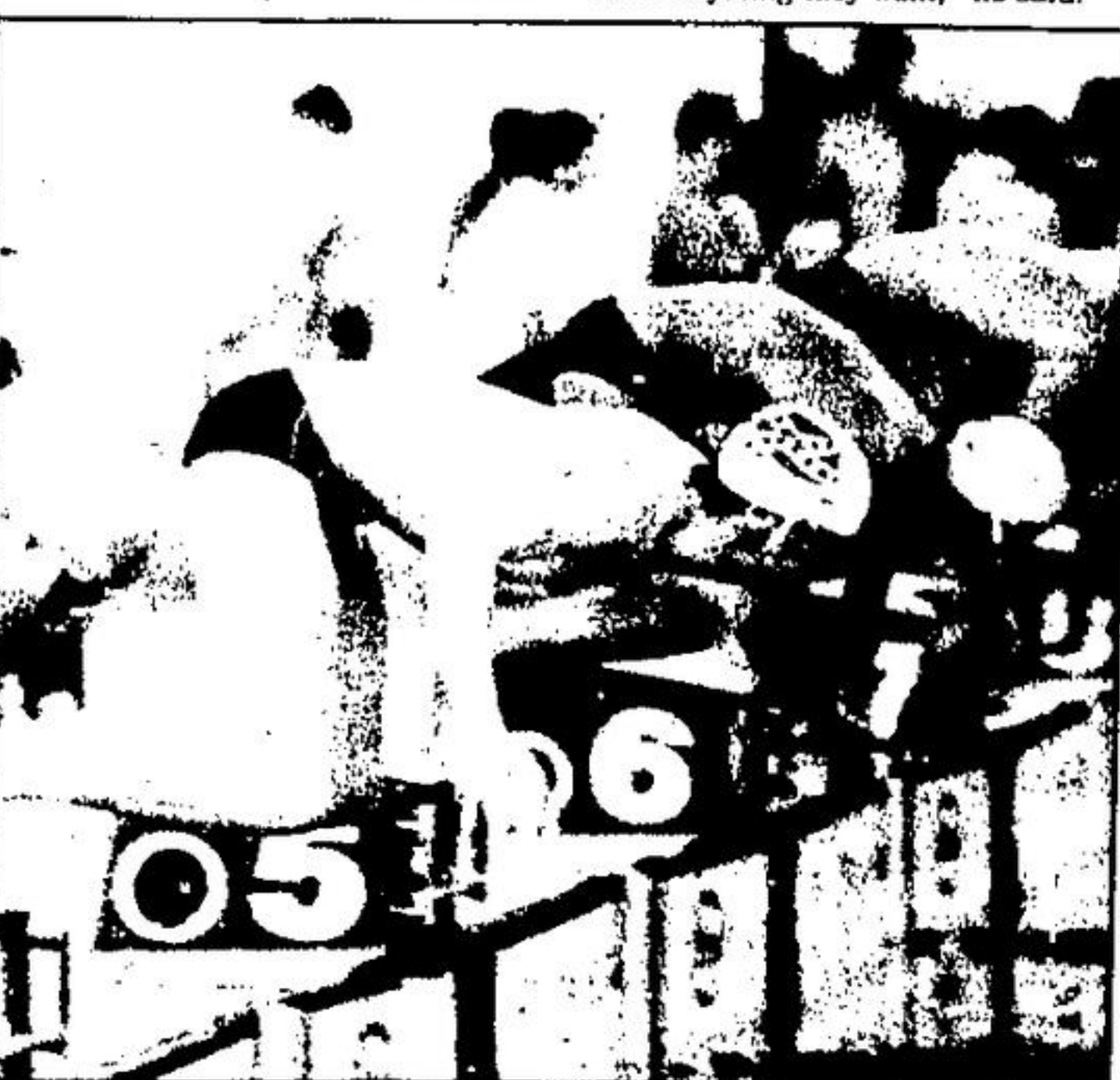
showed he can easily skate in the Senior loop and Eyre was pleased with the newcomer's play.

"For a guy who just walked in and didn't know anyone except Jim Poirier Roy did well," Eyre said. "He will fit in."

The Raiders' present win streak

will be put to the test Friday when Flamboro comes to town. In the past five meetings between the two, Flamboro has won four games. However, Eyre is confident his club can keep the streak alive.

"I think we can give them (Flamboro) anything they want," he said.



And they're off

Rebels' swimmer Carber Goodlet (middle with cap, goggles) gets set to start the Senior boys 50-metre freestyle race here. Goodlet won both the 50 and 100-metre races at Thursday's Peel-Halton Swim Meet held at the Etobicoke Olympium. The Rebels, however, again were second to Q.E. Park in the team standings. See B3 for further results. (Herald photo)

**Heritage tickets
are still available**

It still isn't too late to find tickets for the Hockey Heritage Dinner.

There's about 20 loose tickets still available, and information can be obtained by telephoning Dave Kentner at The Kentners Catering. The number to dial is 877-1113.

This year's dinner will honor Sunny Acre Farms sponsor Walter

Bianchi. The formal dinner and awards presentation will be held at Holy Cross School Monday Mar. 10 starting at 6 p.m.

Among the hockey dignitaries like Bucko MacDonald and Bobby Baun who have confirmed their presence at the dinner, Toronto Sun Sports Editor George Gross has also said he will be in attendance.

**Glen skipper Wilkes
retires from fastball**

After having spent the better part of the past 17 summers managing ladies and men's fastball teams, Ted Wilkes has decided to retire from the sport.

Wilkes has managed Glen Williams Specters of the Inter-County Fastball League (IFL) the past three seasons. Prior, he spent 14 years as manager of the Georgetown Royalettes ladies fastball team. A major reason for his decision Wilkes said was to spend more time doing other recreational activities during the summer months.

"I've been coaching almost 20 years and if you're going to quit you have to do so before the start of the season," Wilkes said. "I look forward to doing all the other things (summer activities)."

Wilkes said the decision to leave baseball wasn't one he made overnight. Wilkes made the decision some 14 months ago, and knew last year the '85 season would most likely be his last.

"It was a decision I seriously looked at last year," Wilkes said. "But I wanted a crack at the provincial championship."

The provincial championship Wilkes referred to was the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) tournament held in Ingersoll last summer. Glen Williams won its zone to qualify, but dropped both tournament games and was eliminated.

However, last year Glen Williams did win the IFL championship. Wilkes said leaving after having won a title is somewhat easier for a coach to do.

"The nice thing about retiring (now) is I do so on a high," he said. "I've had a super three years with the men (Specters) as well as 14 years with the Royalettes."

A high point in Wilkes' managing tenure came in 1978 when the Georgetown Royalettes captured the Ontario Juvenile "A" championship. That year

with the Raiders. "Mauro has accepted it (being third goalie) and wants to be part of the club." With the signing of Roy, it appears Darren Lower won't play in Georgetown come playoff time. The Raiders have no more cards left as Feb. 10 was the roster deadline. John Gibson played Friday, and played well.

Georgetown defeated Amstbury of Toronto 2-0 in the best-of-three series. "That was my most successful year and team," Wilkes said.

When some of Wilkes' former players were contacted for their reaction to his retirement, many said a personally conflict had existed between them and Wilkes. That news came as a surprise to Wilkes.

"I'm not aware of any problems," he said. "You have a choice to make as a coach; whether you're going to win a popularity contest or do what is good for the team."

"You can't always be popular," Wilkes added. "If there was a personality conflict, it was one-way."

Now that he has decided to retire from baseball, Wilkes said he does feel somewhat of a relief.

"There is somewhat a sense of relief," he said. "You can't go on forever. It's someone else's challenge now."

"It has been nice coaching in a small town. A big town lacks the personalism of a small town."

To date, no names of a possible successor have surfaced.

NOTES-At a IFL meeting held recently, it was made public that Guelph has folded and won't be back for league competition. Of the remaining seven clubs, five sent representatives. Acton, Fergus, Orangeville, Rockwood and Hornby had people present while no representatives from Erin or Glen Williams were there. The deadline for entries is Mar. 2



Ted Wilkes

Skiers do well

A pair of local cross country skiers did very well on the weekend competing in the World Loppet event held in Hull, Quebec.

Kevin Peaker finished fourth in the junior men's class, covering the course in three hours, 56-minutes. Also, fellow Georgetown native Glenn Edwards was fifth with a time of four hours one minute. In this race the two Georgetown skiers were competing against some of the world's best skiers in this age classification.

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