

# Inglis looks at trade to Roughriders as being positive

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It didn't take Jeff Inglis long to fit into Saskatchewan Roughriders' scheme of things.

The 29-year-old Halton Hills native was dealt Wednesday to Saskatchewan by Toronto Argonauts in return for import linebacker Gary Moten and a 1987 draft pick. After arriving in Regina Thursday and having had but one practice with his new team, Inglis was in the Roughriders' lineup as the right offensive tackle Saturday night as Saskatchewan defeated Ottawa 34-24 in Ottawa.

Inglis said playing that quickly after having been traded was difficult physically. However, having played against Ottawa linemen Greg Marshall and Lloyd Lewis before, made the transition easier because Inglis knew his opponents' tendencies.

The win moved Saskatchewan closer to a potential playoff berth as the Riders trail Calgary Stampeders by a point in the battle for fourth spot in the Western Conference. Under new League rules if the West's fourth-place team has more points than the East's third-place club, the West qualifies four teams for the playoffs while only the top two in the East advance. To date Ottawa is third in the East with six points while Calgary and Saskatchewan have 12 and 11 points respectively.

Inglis said in a telephone interview Monday he wasn't too surprised at being traded. After all there was a lot of media pressure on Argos to find a spot in the starting lineup for former Dallas Cowboys' offensive tackle Chris

Schultz. The 6'8", 295-pound Schultz, a native of Burlington, was Argos' first-round selection when he graduated from University of Arizona in 1984, but was also picked by Dallas in the NFL draft that same year. However, what did surprise Inglis was that he was headed West to Saskatchewan.

"I thought it would be to Montreal," Inglis said. "Toronto traded Tony Antonovic (fellow offensive lineman) to Montreal but he didn't pass the physical (and was returned to Argos) so I thought I'd be headed there."

The Toronto media has made a lot about the number of sacks given up by Argos this year, so changes along the offensive line too didn't come as a surprise. But sending Inglis to Saskatchewan was surprising as the former Calgary Stampeders was enjoying his best season. Off-season shoulder surgery had corrected a career-long ailment and Argos' offensive line coach Ellis Hainsberger had said Inglis' last two games in an Argo uniform were his best of the year. Toronto head coach Bob O'Billovich had commented on a couple of occasions too he was pleased with Inglis' play this season.

With the trading of Inglis Argos will pencil Schultz in at left tackle. Kelvin Pruenster, who was the starting left tackle, moves over to Inglis' former spot as right tackle. The move also allows O'Billovich the luxury of having two players to replace starting linebacker Willie Pless, who is out with a foot injury. Marcus Marek is the other.

"It just so happened Saskatchewan wanted an offensive lineman who could start right away," O'Billovich said. "It was a good trade. Jeff will play somewhere and it solved problems for us immediately."

"I'm kind of glad to get out of that pressure cooker (situation in Toronto)."



Jeff Inglis

Inglis said. "There's a lot of pressure there because of all the players they're bringing in. When I got to Regina I felt a tremendous burden leave my shoulders. The only bad thing is my wife's situation. She'll stay and continue going to school at University of Toronto. But my family is in Limehouse so they'll be close by."

"You can't really blame the offensive line for all the sacks. We had totally abandoned the run-and-shoot and gone to a drop-back style which sometimes had backs with blocking assignments on players like James Parker (B.C. linebacker) which is a mismatch. When you go to a drop-back you're going to have more sacks," Inglis added.

What the trade does do is make Inglis' road to a possible Grey Cup game a little tougher to hoe. But being with a club involved in a fight for a playoff spot is exciting to the 6'5", 275-pound veteran.

"I've got a renewed enthusiasm now. We host Calgary this weekend so it's pretty exciting going into these big games," he said. "Before the Ottawa game I was experiencing sort of a jet-lag syndrome physically. But mentally the biggest thing was everyone came out to help me and made me feel right."

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Corner kick

Footloose player Melanie Booth gets set to make this corner kick during a game played Saturday in the girls' soccer Cup Day. This attempt did go wide, but Footloose

came back to take top Cup honors in the Mosquito Division. For further soccer details and photos, see A9. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

## Acton A's sweep IFL title series

ROCKWOOD-Acton A's captured the Intercounty Fastball League title last week in a finale that featured a little bit of everything.

The A's won the fourth game of the best-of-seven championship Wednesday in a game played here. Acton took the contest with a come-from-behind 16-12 decision to sweep the final 4-0. Throughout the playoffs the A's emerged with an undefeated record as the Acton club swept Hornby 3-0 before taking the championship.

As in the first three games of the Rockwood series, the A's struck for a homer in the first inning. Roy Spear tripled, then came home on a Gary Halls homer. Mark Hirtle then doubled, and came home on Paul Cargill single as Acton led 3-0 after the first-half-inning.

Rockwood came back with a single score in their half of the first inning, then tied it up in the fourth frame with a pair of tallies. But Acton went ahead 4-3 in the fifth when Halls hit a triple. He came across with the go-ahead tally when the

Rockwood pitcher had the ball leave his hand midway through the pitching delivery. Acton added another run in the seventh inning when Halls singled and went to second and third bases respectively on separate errors. Halls then came home when Hirtle grounded out.

But Rockwood countered with seven runs in the bottom half of the inning to take a 10-5 lead heading into the eighth inning. But the A's came right back with five more runs to tie the game at 10-10.

That comeback set the stage as the A's came right back with six more runs, three of which came on Halls' bases-loaded double. Rockwood came back with two more runs in the bottom half of the frame to close out the scoring, and end the contest.

Hirtle took the win for Acton in somewhat a roundabout way. Hirtle started the game for the A's, and went six-and-a-third innings before giving way to Roy Spear for the next two-thirds innings. Hirtle then came back and tossed the next two innings for the winners.

Offensively, Halls headed the Acton attack with a five-for-five effort which included hitting for the cycle (two singles, double, triple, homer). In all, Halls also batted in six runs with his performance.

Acton manager Steve Marshall said winning the league title this year came mostly about from his team's maturation and the addition of the new players like Hirtle, Halls and catcher Greg Voisen.

"This year we had a lot more depth on the bench," Marshall said. "Last year it was the same nine players while this year we had 14 players who could play well for us."

The win was also a sweet one for the A's, who competed in just their second IFL season this year. Last year the team finished the year in top spot in the regular season, but lost to Glen Williams Specters in the championship.

Marshall pointed to the A's comeback in the eighth inning as the key of the ball game for his club.

"I'd say so," Marshall said. "Even after they (Rockwood) went ahead the guys weren't down. They came off the field clapping and saying 'Let's get it back!'"

Even though Acton is this year's league champ, Marshall said his club won't sit pat. Just like last year the team will look at improving itself for the 1987 season. However, all members of this year's team have indicated they will likely be back to help Acton defend its title.

"We can't sit pat," Marshall said. "That's because no one else will."

NOTES-The A's playoff sweep caps off quite a comeback for the Acton ball club. Acton began the season with a 1-5 mark after its first six contests. But Acton rallied to finish the regular season with an 11-9 record in finish second behind Rockwood in the league standings. Add to that mark Acton's 7-0 playoff record and the A's finished the season with an overall record of 17-4 after the bad start.

## Volleyball Rebels tournament victors

Georgetown District High School's senior and junior boys volleyball teams came away with their respective championships this weekend at the Rebels' Invitational volleyball tournament held at the GDHS gym.

The senior squad emerged from the tournament with a near-perfect record of 14 wins against just one loss. That loss came in the championship game with Queen Elizabeth Park. After winning the first contest 15-6, the Rebels dropped Game Two 15-10, but came back to take the deciding game in a convincing 15-2 manner.

Rebels' coach Grant Clatworthy, somewhat disappointed his club didn't come up against consistent competition, was pleased with his club's play.

"I'm certain we're better now than where we left off last year," Clatworthy said. "We've got a lot more depth along the bench."

Starters Jon Hammer, Brent Hutt, Graham Shepherd and Steve Chaffey all displayed good power throughout the tournament. Jay Corson and Pat Braund too passed the ball well, and Clatworthy was impressed with Braund's play.

"Pat hadn't shown a lot in practice, but he did show a lot in the tournament," Clatworthy said. "But the big plus for us was Chaffey. He took a middle position which allowed us to move Jon outside where he's more effective."

After sweeping Acton, Queen Elizabeth Park, Assumption, Loyola and Milton in the round-robin, Georgetown defeated Loyola 15-2,

15-4 to gain a berth in the final.

At the junior level, the Rebels had to work a bit harder than their senior counterparts to gain the tourney win. Georgetown had a 9-3 record in the round robin before sweeping Loyola 15-2, 15-11 in the semi-finals. Georgetown then met up with Oakville-Trafalgar in the final and dropped the first game 15-4. Oakville's Charles Hebert provided his club with the heavy-hitting, nailing 13 kills in the first game alone.

But junior coach Bob McKay said his squad stuck to its original game plan and began to effectively execute a triple-block scheme on Hebert in the next two games. The triple-block worked so well that Hebert was tipping the ball near the end after having been effectively blocked with the scheme. Hebert had just five kills the next two games.

"In the first game we just let Charles dictate the game to us," McKay said. "In the second and third games we were able to execute a lot better."

The Rebels swept Acton, White Oaks and Loyola in the round robin while splitting with Oakville-Trafalgar, Milton and Burlington's Assumption.

By virtue of their play, both squads were able to send a fair number of representatives to their respective all-star teams. The juniors had Adam Benett, Andreas Schirm and Travis Gardner earn the honors while the senior squad placed Hammer, Chaffey, Shepherd and Braund on the all-star listing.

Meanwhile Georgetown's starting goalie Mike McNiven looked a little shaky Saturday. Russiani also said McNiven appeared in the same state in Tillsonburg two nights earlier.

But Russiani is confident McNiven can resume playing much better hockey for the Gemini.

"We're not going to press any panic buttons just yet," he said.

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## Gemini opens 86-87 season Friday

Georgetown Gemini ended their exhibition hockey season Saturday on a sour note, dropping a 6-2 decision to Vaughn Raiders at the Alcott Arena.

The loss, coupled with Georgetown's 6-6 tie in Tillsonburg Thursday night, left the Gemini with a pre-season mark of 1-2-1 this year. The Gemini open the 1986-87 Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League

season at home Friday night to Burlington Cougars. Saturday Georgetown is in Mimico to take on the Monarchs.

Saturday the Gemini tried to play a hitting game with the bigger Vaughn club. Gemini's assistant general manager Jules Russiani was disappointed his club tried to play a physical game because the smaller Gemini is more a finesse-

type team.

"With the type of team we have we should keep our nose clean and rely more on our positive attributes," Russiani said. "If we try and duke it out with a big club, the big club will run us out of the rink. We should stick to moving the puck out and never mind the chippiness."

Rick Floto had a goal for the Gemini, while the other goalscorer

wasn't available.

Vaughn started Steve Webster in goal Saturday. Webster was in the Georgetown camp until he was cut last week. While Webster did look steady in goal, the Gemini did help his cause with a number of wide shots. Russiani too had no second thoughts about releasing Webster.

"We had a decision to make and we made it," he said.

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