Former Raiders playing Senior hockey with Hornets

Georgetown's loss is Cambridge's gain

By DAN RALPH Herald Sports Editor Georgetown's loss sure has turned out to be Cambridge's gain.

When Georgetown Chrysler Raiders decided to leave the Ontario Senior "A" Hockey League ranks it left all players as free agents, free to go wherever they wanted. Well, the direct beneficialry of that move appears to be Cambridge Hornets as no less than six former Raiders are playing for the team this season. In addition, the Hornets have former Raiders coach-general manager Gil Eyre as their manager this year.

The former Raiders playing in Cambridge are defencemen John Gibson and Leo Brideau along with forwards Russ Elliot (who Is also the assistant coach), Dave Hill, Tom Gibson and Paul Gallagher. Cambridge isn't the only team with former Raiders as both Doug Fry and John Gibb are with Dundas.

"I guess you could say that," said Eyre when asked if Georgetown's misfortunes have benefitted Cambridge this year. "If Georgetown were in the league this year I'm sure they would have had a good team. They had a good nucleus and solid core of young guys."

Last year the Senior league was beseiged with teams folding. The league began play with seven teams, but that quickly dwindled to seven when Chatham ceased operations. At season's end the league lost three more franchises when Petrolia, Collingwood and Georgetown notified league officials they wouldn't be returning in 1986-87 season.

That left the Senior league with but three teams (Dundas, Cambridge and Flamboro - presently now Brantford) for the upcoming season. The Ontario Hockey Association begai looking for teams to join, and came up with Thunder

Detroit Red Wing greats

When Detroit Red Wings Oldtimers, arrive in town to play the Toronto Maple Leafs Oldtimers, these three Detroit stars will be in uniform. Former

Wings' players (from left) Nick Libbet, Afex Delvecchio and John Wilson

will be among the many stars to hit the ice surface at the Alcott Arena.

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Bay of the Canadian Amateur Senior Hockey (CASH) league. Currently the four teams make up this year's Ontario sentor loop.

But the lack of teams doesn't seem to have dampened the quality of play any. In fact, the lesser amount of teams has meant more quality hockey players being available, thus climinating the fringe hockey player from being able to solidly a spot on the roster. Currently the senior league is home to such familiar names as Don Edwards, Rocky Saginuk, Stan Weir and Fred Boimistruk.

League standings attest to the closeness of the league. Brantford is on top with a 13-5 record, followed by Cambridge with a 10-9 mark. Dundas is in third position while Thunder Bay is in fourth. Dundas has had some bad luck this year, having dropped a pair of games in overtime. However, this year teams losing in overtime do manage to get a single point for their efforts.

"It's a real competitive league," Eyre said. "Outside of a few games all the scores have been close and they've all been good games."

"Brantford has a good club, but we feel we're at the point where we're just as good," Eyre said. The two teams have met twice this

month with the visiting squad gaming the road win.

But even if Cambridge does finish first in the league standings, Eyre doesn't expect a cake-walk to the league championship. The league is just too even for anyone to think that

"Looking at it I foresee anyone being capable of beating anyone in the playoffs. Thunder Bny is strong at home and if they get the home-ice advantage they'll be tough while both Brantford and Dundas have good teams too. I would certainly hope we're one of them tin league final) but anything can happen," Eyre said.

While the Senior league presently is made up of just the four teams and the brand of play is quite high, Eyre feels there must be at least six teams registered to play next season. However, that doesn't mean just giving a community a franchise because it has the financial backing to do so. Eyre said a new franchise must have the personnel to run it and especially have a general manager who can attract topnotch players.

"I think if a new team coming in doesn't have a good GM who can put a good team on the ice that team is in trouble," Eyre sald. "You can find the people who have the money but you need to find the right people to run it. Look at what happened in Woodstock Stratford. Chatham".

Eyre is enjoying this season not only because Cambridge is doing well, but also because he too isn't having to work at two jobs at once. The two years Eyre was in Georgetown he assumed both the general manager-coaching positions with the club.

"I like this better because I can concentrate on just the one job and not both,"Eyre said. "I wondered how I did that for those years".

scored first. Within a minute, Gary

McNiven put one in unassisted after

a goalmouth scramble. Two goals in

the second put Markham out in front

and it was late in the third when

Robert Walsh wove his way in from

his defense position to beat most of

the other team and bring the score to

3-2. Markham scored again und even

with an extra forward and plenty of

pressure the Fuelers couldn't pull

Even though the results were

disappointing the other teams took

advantage of the breaks they got

while Georgetown didn't seem to get

many chances to capitalize on.

out a win...

Novices have some tough luck were hungry early but Markham

The Casselman Fuels AA team took part in the Streetsville Minor Novice Tournament with 15 other teams from the Central Ontario area and had less than positive results.

In the first game against Dixie, it was the first goal that turned out to be the Fuelers downfall. The first period was relatively rough hockey for this age group with plenty of contact - mostly between the blue lines. It was scoreless until Dixie got a goal midway through the second. Then, in the third Tim Van Hinte broke in on goal and Nathan Milne followed up to put the rebounding puck into the net. The teams went into a five minute overtime period with the winner being decided by a sudden death score or on the basis of which team had scored the first goal in the game. Close doesn't count and after five minutes it was still 1-1 so the Fuelers went on to the Consolation side of the schedule. Andrew Craig kept Dixie off the scoresheet with several good saves and some key ones in the overtime.

Markham was the opposition in the second game as they'd been beaten in overtime. Both teams

Peewees take home puck split

Shemin Nurseries peewee "A's" finished the week before Christmas with a win and a loss. Travelling to Burlington Wednesday night, Georgetown came out on the losing side 4-2 with Chris Burns netting both goals assisted by Jeff Timmons, Craig Juby, Greg Dawson and Calude Johnston.

Hosting Orangeville Sunday night, the locals playing with three boys away, came out flying, scoring five goals in the first two periods, one in the third and allowing Orangeville only three goals in the third period. Earning assists in the game were Dawson, Burns with two, Chad Hartman, Brad Tutt and Peter Lee. Goalgetters were Jake Poulstrup, Hartman with two, Tutt, Juby and Jeff Saunders.

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While being non-commital about Cambridge's chances to win its third Allan Cup, Eyre feels the signs are all there signifying the Hornets will be in the hunt including the signing of longtime Hornet defencemen

Brian Chricton in the new year. "John Gibson has been here since Day One and has been playing well. Dave Hill is having a good year and Tom Gibson is playing better than ever. The guys from Georgetown are

"I'm enjoying it in Cambridge. From an organization standpoint this is their 24th year of operation so they must be a good one. We've got a good crop of players, a good ex-ecutive and we're getting good support fromthe fans. It's unfortunate that things went the way they did in Georgetown because they had a' good team and I feel we were on right right track", Eyre said.



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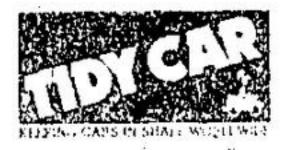
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