

Canada's hockey hero of '72 now answers to "upper management"



Turnstile
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Ask most Canadians what they were doing on a given afternoon last week, and chances are, at best, they'll only be able to vaguely outline how they were occupying their time.

But ask most Canadians what they were doing on the afternoon of Sept. 28, 1972, and they'll remember in graphic detail where they were when Paul Henderson fired "the shot heard 'round the world."

With one mighty swat at the puck, Henderson achieved hockey immortality, scoring the series-winning goal at 19:26 of the third period in the final game of a match-up that was billed as the clash of hockey's super powers.

The Soviets surprised the Canadians in the eighth game set, and most people agree, had it not been for "that goal" by Henderson, there would have been a lot of Canadians left with a very sour taste in their mouths for a very long time.

Last month, players and fans alike were given the opportunity to "Relive the Dream" when the Soviets of '72 crossed the ocean to

take on the Team Canada squad of 15 years ago, in four games.

This time though, the emphasis was more on fun and fellowship, than win-at-all-costs.

Henderson was in Georgetown Saturday for a speaking engagement, and given a few moments to reflect, admitted the rematch with the Russians had a few surprises.

"It was better hockey than I thought it was going to be," he said. "It was very low key. I think there were only two penalties called in the whole series, but it was really entertaining hockey."

The teams played to standing ovations in all four games. But this time, players from both sides were able to sit down together after each outing and actually get to know each other.

According to Henderson, the series probably went a long way towards bettering Canadian-Soviet relations. "It was positive. We were able to sit down with them and ask them about different things. It was meant to be in good sportsmanship, and we had a great time."

Today, Henderson is a youthful 44-year-old and lives in Mississauga after migrating from Birmingham two years ago.

As a professional, he hung up the skates in 1980, but while he is farther removed from the hockey limelight, he maintains a close relationship with pro athletes in his new calling.

After attending a seminary in



Paul Henderson

Birmingham, Alabama several years ago, Henderson began working with Athletes in Action in 1984.

He works closely with professional athletes, helping raise them up as positive role models to youngsters.

It seems as though every day, the sporting world is rocked by headlines of pro athletes involved with drugs or alcohol, and Henderson says it's an easy trap for career athletes to fall into.

"All athletes are in a 'fast lane'. It's just from one degree to another," Henderson says. "They strive to make the pros, they get all the money they need, but they can't be happy with where they are. They need a kick, a high."

While Henderson himself didn't go through drug or alcohol problems while balancing a pro hockey career, he says there was a major void in his life.

"I had everything the world told me I needed. I was doing

something I really enjoyed. I loved my career as a hockey player. I had a terrific wife and family, and I was in good shape financially. But I knew in the bottom of my heart, there's got to be something more, something to pull this all together."

Through the Athletes in Action ministry, Henderson works with players from the Toronto Blue Jays, Hamilton Tiger Cats and other pro sports teams. He also meets regularly with businessmen in Toronto and Hamilton, and is associated with former Edmonton Eskimo Gord Barwell of Georgetown, another member of the Athletes in Action ministry.

Henderson's time is divided today between charitable work, fund-raising projects, and promoting the ministry. There are also many speaking engagements, such as the one Saturday for the Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship.

When Henderson became "The Toast of Canada" in 1972 with his hockey heroics, he had no idea his life would eventually lead to the ministry.

Today, the exhilaration of scoring a history-making goal has been replaced by a new "high."

"God gives you a peace for today, and a purpose for tomorrow. And it's free. That's the greatest thing about it."

"If I could ever wrap up what I feel, the calmness, the purpose, I could sell it for a million bucks. And the beauty is, it's free."

Cougars upend Trojans in basketball action

The Cougars surprised the Trojans 63-51 in the opening game of a best-of-three championship final last Wednesday as the Georgetown Ladies' Basketball League began its final few weeks.

In a consolation match-up, the Capricorns took a one game to none lead in a best-of-three series with the Mustangs, as they rolled to a 67-30 victory.

The Cougars and the Capricorns will both have the opportunity to wrap up their respective series Wednesday when they take to the court for their second games of the sets of Centennial School.

The Trojans went through the league's preliminary round robin playoff series undefeated, but found a tough opponent in the Cougars.

Chugh Kim led the way for the Cougars with 20 points, while Anita Stankus chipped in with 14. Other scorers included Linda Robson with nine, Janne Dennis with eight, Jackie Dennis with six, Patti Barton

with four, and Kerry O'Neil with two.

For the Trojans, Tracey Yorke and Judy Thomson were top gunners as they clicked for 15 points each. Boo Tufford added 13, while Tracy Gerber had six and Wendy Forsyth added two.

A total of 11 players shared in the scoring for the Capricorns in their victory. Lorraine Brown led all scorers in the contest with 18, while Kyra Kristensen-Irvine and Marie Smith had eight each, Wendy Moore had seven, Donna Greenwood had six, Janet Tolton, Enid Gledhill, Carol McTaggart, and Joanne Shortt had four apiece, and Sandy Scholer and Mary-Ann Harrison contributed two each.

Natalia Pacheco led the Mustangs with 13, while Susan Tesar had five, Laura Young and Diane Gardiner had four each, and Rebecca Caverly and Melanie McCracken added two apiece.

Rivard leads bantam team to bowling championship

Georgetown's bantam singles rep, David Rivard powered a local team of bantams to the championship at the 27th World Bantam Bowling Championships in Guelph.

Rivard's 251 and 264 double captured for him the High Doubles Trophy and helped his teammates to a 1871 (901-970) total.

Coached by Gord Lane, this team of Ryan Martin, Jason Ogden, Brady Chandler, David Rivard and Joey Robichaud joins the ranks of two other previous winners.

In 1974 the championship bowlers were K. Harrison, A. Bodin, D. Finlay, R. Gourbe and G. Richardson.

In 1982 the champions were B. McLean, C. Somers, M. McElroy, B. Bell and I. Vint.

The 42-inch high trophy, almost the height of some of the participants, was awarded to the Georgetown group along with individual trophies and mementos of the occasion.

The presentations were made at this tournament sponsored by the Coca-Cola interests for the under 12-year-olds which was limited to 160 participating teams.

In addition, Georgetown had a

team of girls taking part, trying unsuccessfully to emulate former winners.

This team, led by coach Shirley Chaplin, was much younger than other competitors but did make a creditable showing.

Nevertheless, Tanya Martin, Cindy Smith, Tonya Morris, Sharon Shupcott and Laura Doyle received souvenirs of their entry in the tourney.

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Local people honored for achievements

Several Georgetown athletes were among those named to receive special awards of recognition, as winners of individual or team sport titles in national or international competitions.

Four hundred amateur athletes from across the province received Achievement Awards at the 20th Annual Ontario Sports Awards Banquet held Friday at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto.

The highlight of this year's dinner

was the presentation of the prestigious Gerald Gladstone sculpture to Ben Johnson, the 1986 Amateur Athlete of the year. He is the first athlete to win the honor two consecutive years.

Johnson is ranked the top 100-metre sprinter in the world and turned in a gold medal performance at the Commonwealth Games in 1986.

Among the others honored for their accomplishments in 1986 were Joanne Bouw of Windsor, Ontario's

first Disabled Athlete of the Year and the Marilyn Darte Curling Rink of St. Catharines, as Ontario's Team of the Year.

Joanne Bouw, a champion in shot-put, discus and javelin, was the recipient of the Dr. Robert Jackson Award.

The Marilyn Darte Curling Rink captured the Canadian Ladies Curling Championship and the World Championship in 1986. As Team of the Year, the Darte Curling Rink

received a Gladstone Graphic print.

Johnson, Bouw and the Darte Curling Rink all received a citation signed by Premier David Peterson and individual lapel pins.

Ontario's achievements in amateur sport in 1986 were outstanding. The province's athletes won 50 per cent of Canada's medals at the XIII Commonwealth Games.

Sports programs are now being geared toward the 1988 Winter and Summer Olympic Games in Calgary, Alberta and Seoul, South Korea with the "Best Ever Ontario" program of excellence.

Among the Georgetown athletes named for the awards were Brian Bell, Brinley Hole, and Chris Somers, and their coach Andy Parent, who were the men's team champions in the Central Ontario five-pin bowling association championship.

Gabor Joo was honored as a competitor in canoe sprint racing; Kara McGaw received recognition as a member of the Pickering Gullhull Realty Junior women's team, which won the national title; Gary Morrow, a member of the Hamilton Steelers Air Canada Challenge Cup team; and John Nurse, a sports rifle competitor.

Georgetown bowler helps team clinch national championship

A Georgetown bowler was one of the members of a team that captured the national title in the 20th Annual Pepsi Challenge, held throughout the country on April 1.

Brian Bell, a 14-year-old Bishop Reding Secondary School student who competes out of Georgetown Bowl, was chosen for the five-man Central Ontario team which took part in the five-pin championships, at O'Connor Bowl in Toronto.

Bowlers from throughout the country competed on Saturday, and through telephone hook-up, the results were tabulated.

The Central Ontario team's score of 4,804 pins for four games was good for not only the provincial crown, but the national title as well.

Bell was one of 50 bowlers who tried to make the five-member Central Ontario squad out of 50 bowlers. The team went on to compete at the regional playdowns in Goderich,



Brian Bell

Milton, are all from Brampton. The Coach of the team is Sandy Procher, also from Brampton.

Rowe had the highest score on the team in four games at the provincial finals with 1,014.

Bell was second on the team with 984 pins, and had the single game team-high of 335. For him, it was a second taste of victory, and he was also a member of the team which represented Central Ontario in last year's tournament when they were crowned national champions.

Procher was third-highest on the team with 965 pins, while Milton chipped in with a 925 total, and Irvine had 916.

Each of the bowlers sports an average in the neighbourhood of 225.

Bell is well known in the bowling circles of Georgetown. Earlier he won a bronze medal in the Junior provincial championships which were held recently.

Cougars keep clawing away

The Burlington Cougars were looking to wrap up their Ontario Hockey Association Junior B quarter-final series with Henry Carr Monday night as they hustled the fifth game in the set.

Friday, the Cougars downed Henry Carr 6-3 to take a three games to one lead in the best-of-seven series, putting them in a position to advance to the Ontario semi-finals with a win Monday.

The Cougars reached the quarter-finals against Henry Carr after ousting Barrie Colts to claim the Central Junior B league championship.

The winner of the Cougars-Henry Carr match-up will advance to take on the Niagara Falls Canucks to decide which team goes on to the Sutherland Cup championships.

Other teams that remain in the hunt for the Sutherland Cup include the St. Thomas and London.

Fuelers compete at tourney

The Casselman Fuels AA Minor Novices were in action on the weekend at the 23rd Annual Mississauga Reps Novice Tournament in Port Credit.

A total of 48 teams are entered so it's a bit of a second season for the boys who played here last year and have their sights set a little higher this time.

Oakville was the competition and Georgetown came out the winners by a 4-0 margin.

The shutout goaltending of Andrew Craig kept the Fuelers from losing it early and won Andrew a

medallion as Star of the game.

It was into the second half of the game when Jamie Briggs and Warren Evans kept the play in the Oakville end and then Pete Mashinter scored from Robert Walsh.

The second goal was scored by Gary McNiven who converted Nathan Milne's rebounding shot. He is Nathan later took a pass from Aaron McLaughlin and while using Tim Van Hinte as a decoy finished off a breakaway by planting one in the corner of the net.

Ryan Taylor helped keep the pressure on by making a few rushes

and Chris Corney made some key blue-line stands when Oakville was threatening.

Then late in the game, Curt Carr was the corner digger as Brad Davidson set up Andy Kerstake for a goalmouth conversion to round out the scoring.

The boys were passing and backchecking well and the team effort really paid off.

A special word of appreciation goes to Michelle Corney of Re/Max who has generously assisted the team in Tournament play this year.

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Ladies fastball team seeks new recruits

The Georgetown Royals ladies' fastball team is preparing to go in to action for another season, and several players are needed to fill key positions with the club.

The 1987 season gets under way, May 11, and tryouts are expected to begin in the near future.

The team will compete against squads from Acton, Hillsburgh, Hornby, Orangeville, Alton and Glen Williams this season and home games for the Georgetown club will be under the lights at the Georgetown Fairgrounds park on Monday evenings.

Anyone wishing more information on the team and its tryout times should call coach Monika Mastalerz at 877-1520, or Linda Donats at 873-1158.

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