

Raider rumblings

Aside from on-ice preparation for the upcoming Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League 1989-90 regular season, Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders headquarters has been a virtual beehive of activity this past little while.

Thursday (Sept. 7) the Raiders signed the renewal of their sponsorship contract with Georgetown Pontiac-Buick, for one year plus an option at the sponsor's discretion. This allows the Raiders to budget for the year ahead under a stable sponsorship umbrella.

That same night, Thursday, the Raiders and Acton Sabres, of the Mid-Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League officially inked an affiliation pact that is expected to be beneficial to both teams and boost interest in junior hockey throughout the environs of Halton Hills.

Ray Pasma moves up from the board of directors of the Raiders to take over the position of vice president in charge of hockey operations for the team.

Pasma replaces Jack Handy, who resigned the position citing medical reasons and a change of

status at his place of employment as necessitating his stepping-down.

Handy remains with the Raiders on the board of directors.

When the Ontario Hockey League's major junior Platers shifted their base of operation from Guelph to Owen Sound, affiliation ties with the Raiders were severed. Word from the Raiders camp is that an announcement can be expected shortly concerning a similar affiliation with an area major junior team.

This would be the final piece of the puzzle needed to complete the hockey collage in Halton Hills.

With the Junior "B" Raiders and the Junior "C" Sabres now affiliated and both teams having cemented ties with the respective minor hockey organizations in Acton and Georgetown, a talented local hockey product can rest assured that a viable and stable support system is available on a local basis.

Three more members of last year's Raider team have gone on to greener pastures.

Information received indicates that three former Raider



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defencemen, Trent Cull, Rod Pasma and Shannon Storr have signed cards with Junior "A" teams.

Storr is reported to have signed with Smith Falls, of the Ottawa District Junior "A" Hockey League, while Cull and Pasma are reported to have caught on with Major Junior clubs. Cull with Owen Sound Platers and Pasma with Cornwall Royals.

It appears that the behind-the-scene workers on the team including coach, Peter Sturgeon, have been determinedly doing their homework.

Judging from Saturday's game against Oakville, management and players seem to be on the same wave length; a sign that bodes well for the team's 1989-90 Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League prospects.

As I see it, anyway



All are winners

THREE'S A CROWD. Three runs scored on this play in Kinsmen Girls Softball League Junior action, Saturday at the Fairgrounds. Everyone was a winner in the Junior division, with all players receiving a trophy. (Herald photo)

Hisaki bantams one game up

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The Acton Hisaki bantam girls softball team is well on course for a run at the Halton Rural Softball League playoff crown after defeating Cheltenham, 10-5, in the playoff championship best three-out-of-five series opener, Monday night in Acton.

The Acton team advanced to the championship playoff series against Cheltenham by knocking off Rockwood, two games straight in the best two-out-of-three playoff semi-final series.

Over the course of regular season play, the Hisaki squad finished in top of the league, compiling an impressive 13 win, one loss and one tie record while outscoring the opposition, 94-35.

Against Cheltenham, Monday evening, it took the Halton Hills team some time to get their offence rolling. Once the fireworks started, however, Cheltenham was 'done like dinner'.

The game was tied, 1-1 after two innings, then the Acton lumber came to life.

Acton moved in front, 5-1 after three innings; opened up a 9-2,

live-inning lead then coasted to the win.

Tracy Hagan and Leanne Preuter provided the firepower for the winners - each stroked two run homers.

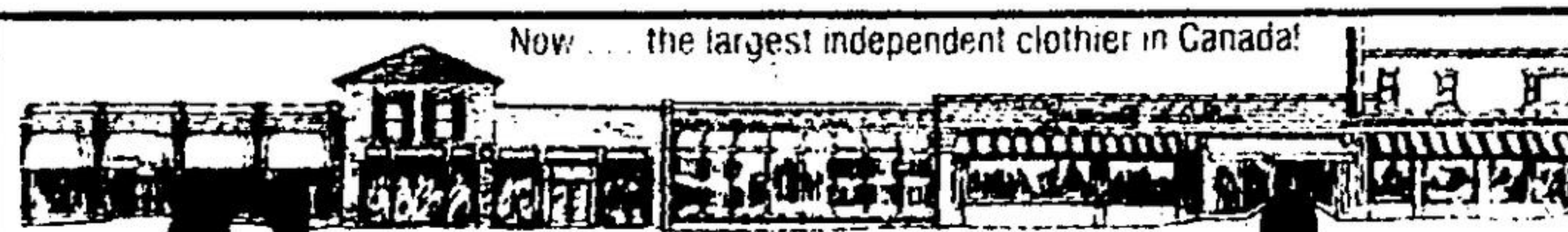
Shannon Morris got the Acton team moving in the third inning with a two-run double.

Deanna Louth played a strong centre field and was constantly moving runners along with crafty hitting.

Kelly Ambrose tossed five innings to pick up the win, with Heather Wilnot pitching the final two innings for the save.

The second game in the best-of-five playoff championship series is tentatively scheduled for Thursday night in Cheltenham.

However, Hisaki coach, John Kwiatkowski, is looking to switch the Thursday game to a Sunday afternoon doubleheader because of his players' availability.



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