

Raiders and GMHA to stage "Kids Nite"

In what is becoming a Christmas tradition in Halton Hills hockey circles, the Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders of the Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League will join with the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association in hosting "Kids Night" Thursday, Dec. 28, 8 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

Raiders have a league contest scheduled against Streetsville Derbys that same night and with the kids in attendance and cheering for their hometown favorites, the game inevitably turns into a barn-burner.

Tickets have been distributed to various sponsoring merchants in Halton Hills and not only provide free admission to the game for kids but also the chance to win numerous prizes.

Posters have been put up designating sponsors for the event and the tickets are free for the asking.

Georgetown's Sunny Acres Farms major midgets are the cream of their Tri-County Hockey League division, sporting a fine 16-3-1 record which should stand the team in good stead entering play in the 1990 Midget Hockey Tournament scheduled for Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, Jan. 2-7.

The host Georgetown entry faces challenges from teams from Acton, Milton, Mississauga, Unionville, Northwest Toronto, Ajax, Chinguacousy, Guelph, Elora,

Newmarket, Orangeville, Markham, Waterloo, Port Perry and Sudbury.

Games are scheduled starting at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 2 and Jan. 3.

The Sunny Acres Farms major midgets first game is scheduled for Jan. 5, 8 p.m. against Waterloo.

In the double-knockout format, the Consolation Final is set to go at 2:30 p.m., Jan. 7 with the Championship Final scheduled for 4:45 p.m., Jan. 7. All games to be played at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

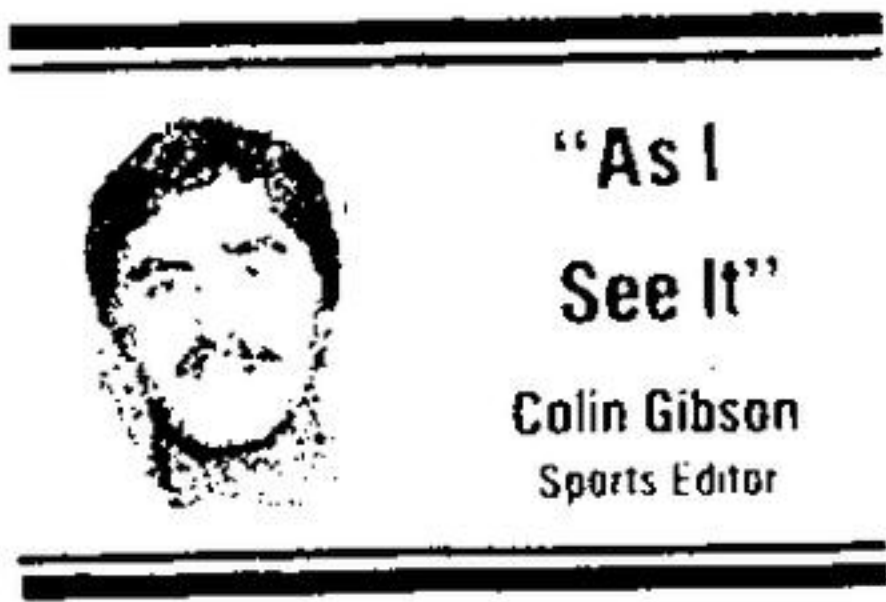
It's not visions of "sugar plums" dancing around the head of Georgetown's Brian Hayward, but trade rumors heading into the Christmas season.

The Montreal Canadiens net-minder, who just recorded his sixth career shutout over the New York Rangers, is reportedly being shopped around again.

Hayward and his goaltending compatriot, Patrick Roy, are providing solid work between the pipes for the Habs but the Canadiens offence is struggling.

Hayward's name was mentioned in earlier-season trade rumors involving either Gary Leeman or Ed Olczyk of the Toronto Maple Leafs, but these rumors were more Toronto media meddling than anything else.

The latest trade rumor regarding Hayward appears to have much more substance and makes a lot more sense.



"As I See It"

Colin Gibson
Sports Editor

It is reported that Les Habitants covet the services of Los Angeles Kings, Luc Robitaille, an NHL gunner who has been firing blanks thus far this season.

Aside from Hayward, it is reported Montreal would also be willing to part with grinders Brian Skrudland and Mike McPhee.

The Kings need defensive help and the Canadiens need firepower. Another factor which makes the

deal viable is Robitaille's French-Canadian background.

Still with hockey, the November issue of American Health Magazine rated hockey as the most challenging sport.

A survey was done of various sports in six categories - agility, endurance, eye-hand-foot coordination, flexibility, speed and strength.

Hockey scored 25 out of a possible 30 points. Soccer was ranked second with 24 points, followed by boxing, basketball and tennis.

Sports fans and curious onlookers alike appear shocked at the salaries being offered to professional athletes. For the life of me, I can't fathom why people resent the huge sums of money being tossed the athletes' way.

If someone offered me a million dollars to simply change the venue of my job, I can guarantee you, I wouldn't be foolish enough to turn it down.

Don't blame the athletes, blame the team owners.

All the fofoeraw reminds me of a line attributed to baseball immortal, Babe Ruth. Ruth received the princely sum of \$80,000 to play the game in the early 1930s and someone asked him if he deserved to make more than Herbert Hoover, then President of the United States.

Ruth is purported to have replied, "Hey, I had a better year than he had!"

I wonder how much our esteemed national leader, 'Baffle Baloney' is making. He should take a pay cut.

As I see it, anyway.

Sabres split pair

By COLIN GIBSON
Herald Sports Editor

From the camp of the Mid-Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League Acton Sabres the news is mixed.

There is good news, bad news, good news and encouraging news.

The good news is that the Sabres trekked to Caledon last Tuesday (Dec. 12) and dropped the hometown Flyers by a 7-3 count to end a four-game winless streak.

The bad news is that these same Sabres struggled in the early going and suffered a 7-4 setback at the hands of Alliston Hornets Friday night before a supportive hometown crowd at the Acton Community Centre.

The good news is that the Sabres acquired the rights to forward Jamie Curran from the Oakville Blades of the Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League. All Curran did was chalk up six scoring points in the games against Caledon and Alliston.

The split of games this past week by the Sabres leaves the team with a 9-14 season mark - still a vast improvement over the team's full season 6-29-1 mark of last year.

Sabres parlayed a strong performance between the pipes by Jim Manton to notch the 7-3 win over Caledon.

According to Sabres coach Ken Steen, "Manton was steady and at times brilliant and this really picked the team up. Especially after losing four games in-a-row."

Sabres edged ahead, 2-1 after the first period against Caledon then exploded for four goals in the second stanza, while limiting Caledon to just one marker, en route to the 7-3 win.

Newcomer, Curran, notched two goals and collected two assists. Craig Cullen, Jeff Shevalier, Adam Hills, Jay Jasper and Jason Lucas rounded out the Sabres scoring. Steve Locke matched Curran's

assist efforts by collecting two helpers.

It was a different story Friday night at home to Alliston for the Sabres.

Alliston jumped out to a 3-0 first period lead and extended the difference to 6-1 after 40 minutes of play.

Sabres regrouped somewhat in the third frame by outscoring Alliston 3-1 but the damage had already been done as the Hornets held on for the 7-4 win.

The less-than-stellar Manton was replaced by Jason Nicholson in the third period.

Jeff Shevalier scored twice for the Sabres and picked up two assists against Alliston, with Vince Rogers and Craig Cullen rounding out the Acton scoring.

Sabres have one more league game scheduled before the Christmas break.

Thursday (tomorrow) Acton travels to Schomberg.

In the new year, Sabres open play with a road game in Alliston, Jan. 3.

Sabres next home game is scheduled for Jan. 5, 8 p.m. at Acton Community Centre against Caledon.

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