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Raiders give Walsh Christmas pink slip

By **ROBERT RISK**
 Herald Sports Editor
 Georgetown Raider general manager Joe Walsh was fired by the team's executive Saturday, citing Walsh's failure to produce prospects as their reason for releasing him.

Raider president Finn Poulstrup said he had no personal problems with Walsh, but didn't believe the former GM was performing his job as well as he could have.

"He's a nice fellow and he got along very well with the executive. He ran the administrative end of things very well, but he just didn't bring us the hockey players, which is the GM's main function."



JOE WALSH

Poulstrup said the players that formed this season's team are mainly returning members from last season or those that came to tryouts at the start of the season.

"Players we've had coming to skate with us are leads that came either from me or Dave Kentner or other members of the executive, not Joe."

Poulstrup indicated he wasn't happy with Walsh's handling of the attempted trade of Chris Lazaroff to Burlington, the team Walsh managed for two years before switching to Georgetown in May of 1990.

"He traded Lazaroff to Burlington for future considerations (since Burlington player Andy Pierce chose not to report to Georgetown). He traded a first line hockey player for nothing. He's supposed to be finding players and he's dealing them away."

Poulstrup said what decided the executive on removing Walsh was the absence of potential recruits at their practices during the Christmas holidays.

"There were three very good prospects out there and Joe had a very specific task to at least get them to come in so we could have a look. We expected to see at least four or five other new faces and there weren't any."

Poulstrup said removing Walsh was also the executive's way of letting people know how serious the organization is about putting a contender on the ice.

"We're making a statement to the fans and players that we're doing everything we can to make this a better team. Our goal is to win the first round of the playoffs come hell or high water."

Poulstrup said he understood it would be more difficult for the players to dig in the corners or make the extra effort on a play if they didn't believe the management was trying their best to support them.

For the remainder of the season, Poulstrup said he will

take over most aspects of the general manager's job, with coach Gary McFadyen handling contacts with the Ontario Hockey Association and other on-ice responsibilities.

"Bob Hooper, the previous general manager, will help us out

with recruiting, especially in finding the last three import players we need."

Poulstrup said putting a new person into the position would be too disruptive at this time and wouldn't likely be naming anyone until the off-season.



On the attack

Acton Midget player Mike Kinnon attempts to move the puck around a Streetsville defender during their game at Memorial Arena Wednesday evening. Sabres came back from a 6-0 deficit to win 7-6 in the first round of Georgetown's 24th annual Midget tournament, which continues today and tomorrow at both arenas. (Herald photo)

SPORT SHORTS

Sabres busy

Acton Sabres Jr. C. hockey team has a busy weekend after the Christmas break, playing last night (Friday), tonight and Sunday. Sabres played first place Orangeville yesterday, but results were unavailable at press time.

The team plays their second "home" game of the season in Hillsburgh tonight at 8:00 p.m. against Bradford. The games are designed to draw more fan interest from the surrounding area.

Sunday, Acton travels to Grand Valley for a 4:00 p.m. game. Grand Valley, one of the teams from the Western Ontario league, responds with a visit of their own Jan. 11 at 8:00 p.m.

Sabres have a 12-9 record and are looking to catch second place Schomberg in the near future.

Midget tourney

The 24th annual midget tournament, which started Wednesday, continues through the weekend, with playoffs tomorrow at Alcott Arena beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Georgetown's Sunny Acre Farms, which is hosting the event, plays against Acton today at 5:30 p.m. at Alcott Arena in round robin play. Halton Hurricanes play Mississauga Hawks at 8:30 p.m. in the final game of AAA round robin action.

Georgetown trading card collector always on lookout for a few good men



Georgetown resident Gary Lane displays some of the hockey cards that he has been collecting over the years. Lane now has all the NHL sets dating back to 1950 and is working on completing his CFL collection. (Herald photo)

By **ROBERT RISK**
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 Many people can remember back to those days in public school frantically trading their hockey cards during recess in a desperate search to collect the entire set.

Georgetown resident Gary Lane started out the same way, eventually losing track as he grew older. However, about 10 years ago, he picked the hobby back up and now has every hockey set dating back to 1950.

"There are still a few cards here and there, but I've got most of them. What I'm really looking for now are some of the CFL cards from the 1950's and early 1960's."

With the way things are with the CFL, O-Pee-Chee, the Canadian card manufacturer, stopped making the cards in 1968. Only a specialized company now sells them, and just in complete sets.

"People lost interest. The players change so fast these days, people don't get attached to certain names like they used to. I get some calls from the United States asking for Warren Moon (now a Houston Oiler, formerly an Edmonton Eskimo) cards though," said Lane.

He doesn't stop at collecting hockey and football cards either. Baseball, basketball and non-sport cards top the list, along with tobacco and tea cards.

Lane said collecting has become a multi-million dollar industry in the last few years,

especially in the United States. He often travels to the U.S. to look through some shows there.

"It's very big, with baseball being the biggest there, compared to hockey here. I can usually get a better price on Blue Jay stuff over there and sell it here at a profit, since the Canadian teams aren't as popular in the States."

Lane said the cards take up about one-third of his basement and it takes an effort to prepare for a show when they have to be moved.

"My son Dustin has his own separate end in the cards. He handles American baseball, football and basketball issues. There are so many it's impossible to be properly aware of all the card values."

Keeping track of particular values is also an industry in itself. Several publications come out monthly with breakdowns on just about every sport that has had cards printed on it.

"Even Hockey News has prices listed in it. When they started doing it, you knew it was getting big. Most cards appreciate in value if they're in good shape, so there must be lots of them out there."

Since there are still cards to be found, Lane continues to search. He is always interested in talking to people who may have cards to sell or are interested in starting or adding to their own collections. Call him at 873-7566 and maybe an interesting trade or two could take place.

REBEL REPORT

Georgetown District High School Rebels midget volleyball team has a chance to continue the trend of winning its own tournament Tuesday. Since there are so few midget teams, North Halton schools run a tournament every Tuesday with the championships scheduled at Acton High School Feb. 12. Acton hosted the first tournament Dec. 11, followed by Milton Feb. 18, with both schools taking first place. Georgetown's tournament is followed by Bishop Reding Jan. 15 and E.C. Drury Feb. 5.

In basketball, Rebel midgets, currently in seventh place in their division, are hoping to improve their 2-3 record Wednesday when they visit third place M.M. Robinson.

Juniors (1-4) are in eighth, while the seniors (1-7) are sixth, one point ahead of last place E.C. Drury. All three teams are at M.M. Robinson.

Rebel volleyball teams are faring better, with both teams holding second place. Juniors (4-1) host first place M.M. Robinson (5-0) Wednesday. Rebel seniors (5-1) are just ahead of M.M. Robinson (4-1) and will begin at 3:45 p.m.

GDHS athletes of the week (of the holidays) were Glen Oomen, for his first place finishes in swimming against St. Thomas and Loyola Dec. 18 and midget volleyball player Stacey Colarosse for her efforts on the court.