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GM feels club near to finding replacement for Charlie Hanman Raiders closing in on new coach

The search for a coach may be almost finished for the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders.

Raiders general manager Finn Poulstrup said Thursday a replacement for Charlie Hanman could be in place as early as this weekend. Hanman and assistant coach Bert Osborne stepped down Sunday afternoon after Georgetown had suffered its 19th straight defeat.

"We're getting a real good sense of what we want to accomplish," Poulstrup said. "I think the candidates we're looking at are all good ones and the one we select will be able to do the job."

Candidates in line for the Raider bench boss job include assistant Jay Anderson, a former Raider

player and assistant coach (who is the club's interim coach until a new one is found), former team coach Peter Surgeon and long-time Raiders player Gary Ford.

Former NHL'er Jerome Dupont, now an assistant with the Metro League's Aurora Eagles, was also in the running, but he backed out earlier this week.

"Jerome wants to go to the NHL as a coach and I have no problem with that," Poulstrup said. "It's my understanding that he felt the odds for failure here were too high."

Poulstrup also maintained that the successful candidate will either assume both duties of coach and general manager, or at least be

able to bring a general manager aboard after the season is complete. Currently Poulstrup has worn both hats of the Raiders general manager and team president.

"If we can get someone who would dedicate himself to the job and can afford the time needed to do the job, I think that would be better for the organization," Poulstrup said.

Poulstrup wouldn't officially say who the frontrunners for the job are, but hinted the former Raiders have definite appeal.

"They were here and played here and are part of the community even though they live out of town," Poulstrup said. "They are perceived that way by the people

and have that perception themselves."

Should the Raiders not be able to put a new coach in place before this weekend, Poulstrup has no reservations with putting Anderson behind the bench.

"We're really pleased with Jay," Poulstrup said. "I'm really glad he wanted to stay."

"I think it shows a lot of character on his part."

Even with the Raiders' woes, the team is still in the hunt for a Central League East Division play-off spot. Currently Georgetown and Royal York are tied for sixth place in the seven-team division standings. And despite having a 4-18 record (one win was a reversal

of a loss to Caledon after the Canadiens used an illegal player), Poulstrup doesn't feel Georgetown has a bad club.

"I think our problem was chemistry between the players and the coach," Poulstrup said. "Hopefully a new person coming in will be able to turn things around."

However Poulstrup said his club is in a dicey situation in its search for a new coach.

"We have to make certain we really look over the field, but also be decisive in our decision," he said. "I don't think the hockey club can take a lot of time in addressing this issue."

Atom AA have tough loss in exciting game

On Saturday, November 14, 1992, Hamilton hosted the John Henderson Pro Shop AA Atom Hockey Club for the first meeting of the year. These two teams have played exciting hockey during the past two seasons, and this game was to be no exception.

Matt Hotham put Georgetown ahead 1-0 at 3:02 of the first with a short-handed marker assisted by Jason Campbell.

Despite good saves by Tyler Pearce on close-in shots, Hamilton finally managed to tie the score at 1-1 later in the period.

Sean Muscat finished off a beautiful three-way passing play by scoring from the edge of the crease

with 14 seconds remaining in the first. Hotham had worked hard in the corner to get the puck to Campbell in front, who in turn, set up Muscat.

Jason Campbell had Georgetown's best scoring chance of the second period, just missing the mark on a short-handed break-away effort. Hamilton did manage to score, sending the teams into the third tied. Determined two-way play by Dan Smith, Josh Travers and Mike Rovere, combined with fine defensive plays by Jason Hayes and Bryan Stuttard helped hold off a fast breaking Hamilton club.

Hamilton scored two markers early in the third to take a 4-2 lead. Pearce continued to make several key saves, Scott Ellis and Brent McClung helped block scoring chances. Roddy Heinz closed the gap to 4-3, scoring from the slot with 3:05 remaining. Assists went to Dan Smith and Matt Hotham. Georgetown had opportunities to tie late in the game, but Hamilton managed an insurance marker with 46 seconds remaining. Final score, Hamilton 5, Georgetown 3.



Wellwood Containers/Judy's Bar and Grill was the A Division champions at last week's Acton Olde Crows oldtimers hockey tournament. Members of the winning team include back row from left: Ken Bellamy, Bill Whitaker, Brock Filman, Gary Gage (MVP), George Stringer, Paul Woodman and Bart Jacobs. Front row from left are: Dave Robertson, Bud Bendall, Jack MacNiel and Bobby Smith.

Photo, Jim Cooney

6-3 victory in Oakville

Novice Raiders continue winning ways

By Mara Fantegrossi

The Raiders are on a roll! With seventeen games behind them, the Beaver Lumber Major Novices are as yet undefeated.

Last Sunday, the Raiders travelled to Oakville and ravaged the hometown Rangers 6-3. One minute into the game, Ronny Larocque established an unrelenting lead for Georgetown, as he scored on Kyle Hotham's rebound from Brandon Valente. In the second period, the Raiders added three more goals before the Rangers responded with two. Kevin Binsell, who was set up by Corey Forbes and Chris Henderson, skated hard up the wing and flipped the puck home. Valente then combined with

Larocque as he scored with a booming shot to the high far corner.

Right off the face-off, only seven seconds later, Graham McCulloch took a pass from Brad Snow and shot it in. The same two combined again off the opening face-off of the third period, as McCulloch capitalized on Snow's pass and zeroed in on the top corner for his second goal of the game.

Mark Fantegrossi notched Georgetown's last goal as he caught the corner on a deflection from Snow and McCulloch, to tally a 6-3 final.

On Tuesday night, the visiting Raiders met up with inhospitable treatment from Burlington, who collected five penalties.

Georgetown, however, responded by playing a solid game and dumping a 4-1 loss on their scrappy hosts.

Late in the first, Burlington scored, however, Fantegrossi quickly tied it up 36 seconds into the second period as he deflected the puck into the 5-hole from Marty Lefebvre's point shot.

In the third period, Forbes notched the game winner from Snow and Ryan Busby. Fantegrossi then scored his second of the game on a high breakaway shot, assisted by McCulloch. Two minutes later, McCulloch collected an unassisted goal on a wraparound.

Defensemen Ryan Field, Tim Mansfield, Alex Durham, Lefebvre

and Busby guarded their end admirably, as did goalie Ryan LaRose, who made 16 saves, including a stunning high glove save.

Adult Fitness Programs

The Recreation and Parks Department is offering a variety of Adult Fitness Programs this Winter to help you get over the festivities of Christmas eating. It's great for building up your cardiovascular system, strength, endurance and flexibility.

For details, call 873-2600, etc. 268.

Georgetown Bowl

Standing (as of 30 Nov./92)

Amies	159
LJB Contracting	149
Countrywide	138-1/2
Sam's Service Center	126-1/2
Custom Car Sound	101-1/2
Acid Rainbow	101-1/2
Los Amigos	88

High Averages

Carl Fisker	235
Bruce Clarke	230
Bryan Creasey	227
Gord Lane	223
Brinley Hole	221

High Triples

Brinley Hole	736 (298)
Paul Chaplin	733 (284)
Bud Haines	719 (273)
Aurello Garcia	695 (330)
Wayne Norton	681 (256)

Rec. Dept. News Acton Christmas Water Show

Everyone is welcome to attend the Annual Christmas Water Show at the Acton Indoor Pool, Fri., 4 Dec. at 7 p.m. Admission is free!

Acton Skating Lessons

The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is considering running daytime skating lessons in Acton, for tots and seniors alike. Call us at 873-2600, ext. 268, if you are interested.