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Raiders take to the ice

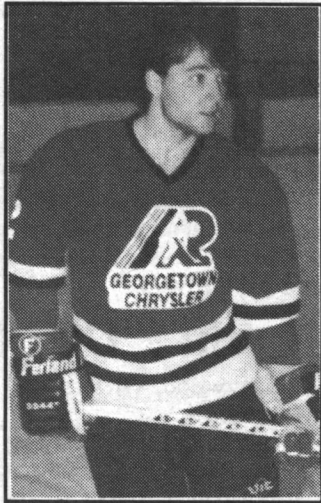
By Mike Zrostek

The time has come for Georgetown Chrysler Raiders head coach Gary Ford and his coaching staff to see what the team can do in game conditions.

The Raiders are set to play in an NHL Mini-Tournament this weekend in Etobicoke against five other teams from the Ontario Hockey Association Provincial Junior Hockey League West Division.

"The tournament is set up to get the players ice time and to see how they can play under game conditions," said Ford. "Also, to mix and match players on various lines and just see who can play where."

Even though it's early in the hockey season, Ford says the young players who have come out this summer for the Raiders are looking good and



Ian Ellis

that "half-a-dozen" have really impressed Ford in what he's looking for as far as role-type players.

"It comes down to their desire and attitude, their willingness to work hard and most important, intensity. You can



Trevor Brandt

tell if players are giving it everything they have and we need players who will do that in games," said Ford.

"Defense is where we need help," he said. "Some guys with some toughness. Because in June you need five or six who stand out because anything can happen in the playoffs. The forwards look good so far. There's two or three good hockey players that may play with (Trevor) Brandt and (Ian) Ellis."

Ford admits the Raiders are hoping Brandt and Ellis will lead the team again this year but says that any could emerge and become a leader and that five or six may fill that roll.

Another question mark is at goal where the Raiders will have to find someone to fill the spot left when Jason Sirota decided to play south of the border this year.

"We've been carefully looking at goal but their aren't many top goalies around. I think Sirota was the best goalie in the league last year and that every team is in the same boat (searching for goaltending)."

This year is expected to be tight again in the West division but Ford thinks the Raiders will be much improved.

"Burlington, Brampton and Oakville are always tough and now with Hamilton in the division, it will continue that way, I think .500 hockey is a step in the right direction because the team played well last year at the end of the season."

"It will be a fight to the end for the players to see who makes the team and a couple from Halton Hills have a good shot of making it."

The Raiders play Markham Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and then Streetsville at 7:30 p.m. at Etobicoke Arena with the mini playoff round going Sunday.



The Georgetown Raiders 3-on-3 street hockey team of (from left) Ryan Field, Kyle Hotham, Ryan Busby and Chris Henderson went undefeated to win their 10 and 11-year-old division in a Mississauga-hosted tournament. Henderson, in goal, had a shutout and allowed only four goals in tourney play. Tomorrow (Thursday) the youngsters will challenge in the Ontario finals at the C.N.E. photo by Gord Busby

Denny's Insurance downs Lions Club

By Ellen Piehl

The Acton Denny's Insurance Mosquito baseball team will move on in the playoffs as they defeated the Acton Lions Club on Thursday 4-1 at Prospect Park.

Denny's went up 1-0 in the bottom half of the first inning when Chris Near came home from third base on a wild pitch.

Denny's scored on another wild pitch in the second. This time it was Craig Lockwood who scored the

run.

After two innings of play, Denny's led 3-0.

Denny's loaded the bases in the third with two outs, but were unable to score any runs.

The Lions finally got on the board in the top half of the fourth on an infield hit, which brought in a runner from third.

Denny's got their fourth run in the fifth on a pretty strange play.

Wayne Hopkins walked to first and for no apparent rea-

son, decided to head for second.

The Lions pitcher threw the ball over the second baseman's head and into centre field.

Hopkins ran all the way home on the error to record the winning run.

As a result of this victory, Denny's wins the best-of-three series, two games to one.

Denny's will face either Waterdown or Campbellville in the next play-off round.

Day of Champions

Seven hundred young Georgetown baseball players raise dust this Saturday in Hyde Park during the day-long House League Playoffs. The stiffest competition in years has all seven leagues going to the wire with final match-ups in all leagues awaiting the outcome of the last week - or the last game - of regular season play. For example, Halton Hills Trout Farm Athletics lead the PeeWee league, but four other teams still have a shot at the second Gold Championship berth.

Exciting minor baseball for enthusiasts; coffee, hot dogs, and pop for the weary - all guaranteed at GBA's Day of Champions.

Junior T-Ball League

Blue championship	Park School diamond	9:00 am
Red championship	Dump diamond	3:00 pm
Bronze championship	Dump diamond	9:00 am
Silver championship	Dump diamond	12 noon
Gold championship	Barn diamond	12 noon

Senior T-Ball League

Bronze championship	Senior Citizens diamond	9:00 am
Silver championship	Senior Citizens diamond	3:00 pm
Gold championship	Senior Citizens diamond	12 noon

Squirt League

Green championship	Armouries diamond	9:00 am
Red championship	Park School diamond	3:00 pm
Blue championship	Park School diamond	12 noon
Bronze championship	Barn diamond	3:00 pm
Silver championship	Armouries diamond	12 noon
Gold championship	Armouries diamond	3:00 pm

Tyke League

Blue championship	Barn diamond	9:00 am
Red championship	'C' diamond	3:00 pm
Bronze championship	'B' diamond	9:00 am
Silver championship	'C' diamond	9:00 am
Gold championship	'C' diamond	12 noon

PeeWee League

Bronze championship	'A' diamond	9:00 am
Silver championship	'B' diamond	12 noon
Gold championship	'B' diamond	3:00 pm

Bantam League

Bronze championship	'A' diamond	12 noon
Silver championship	'A' diamond	3:00 pm
Gold championship	'A' diamond	6:00 pm

Midget/Juvenile League

Midget/Juvenile championship playoffs are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of next week. M/Js play a tournament in London this Saturday.

Sponsors invited to attend 'Big Day'

On behalf of Georgetown youth baseball players, the Georgetown Baseball Association thanks their sponsors for their generous support.

All sponsors are invited to attend the House League Day of Champions this Saturday at the Fairgrounds. House League sponsors are:

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