

Editorial

Champs already

While hockey fans elsewhere in the country may be bemoaning the fact there are no playoffs this spring, the same can't be said for those of us living in Halton Hills.

Hockey here has never been better or more exciting.

Thanks to the Georgetown Raiders, hockey fans in this area have been treated to a wonderful roller-coaster ride that has culminated in the Raiders advancing to the Royal Bank Cup in Weyburn, Saskatchewan May 7-15.

The Raiders began this thrill-a-minute journey nearly three months ago with a first-round sweep over Mississauga. They then survived an early scare against Milton to win that series in six games before turning on the jets to down arch-rival Oakville in five games.

In the league semifinal against Aurora, the Raiders fell behind 2-0 and 3-1 but came up off the mat to stun the Tigers in a seventh game showdown 2-0 and earn a trip to the Ontario Provincial Jr. A Hockey League final against the St. Michael's Buzzers.

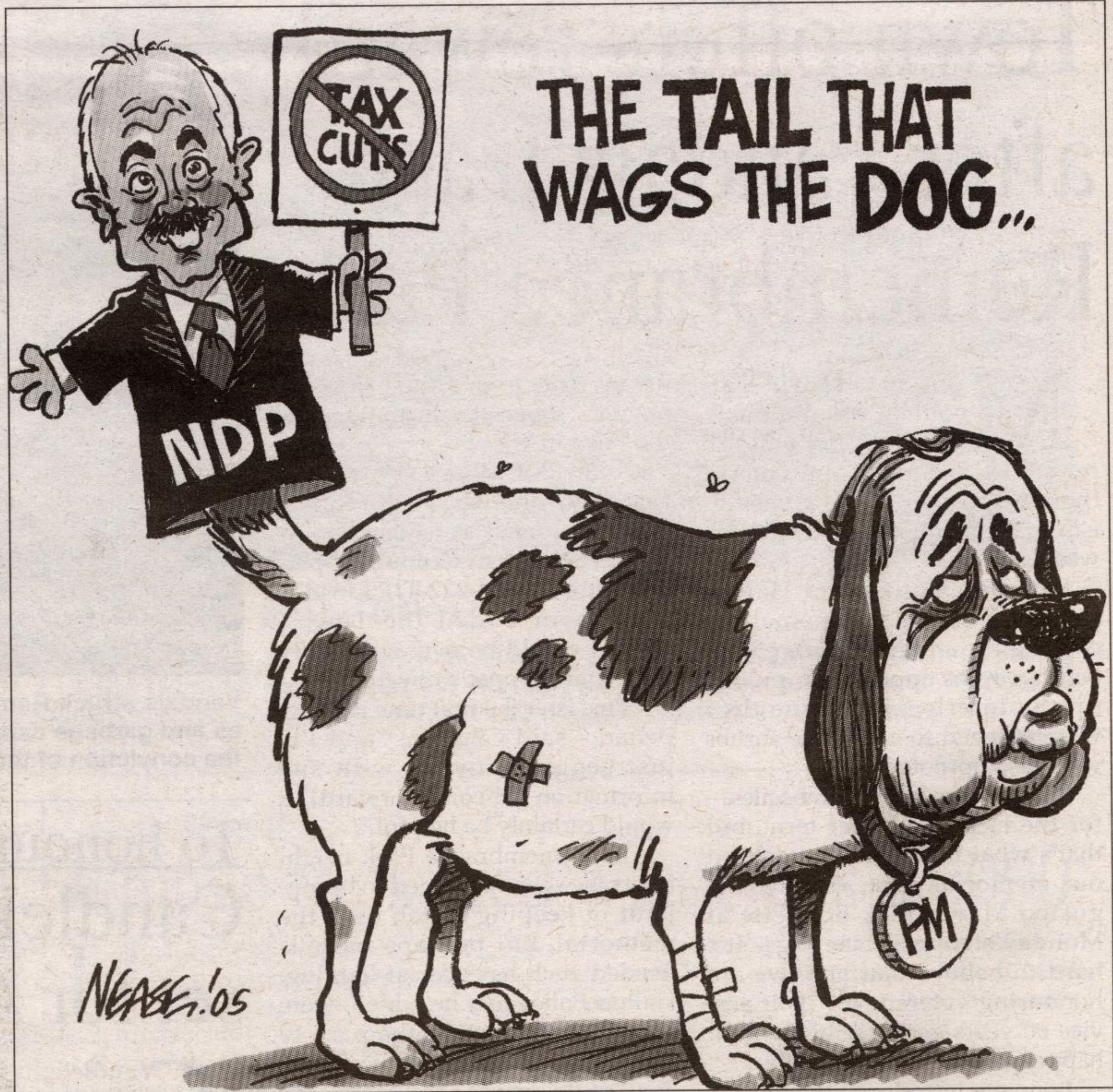
In the final the Raiders dropped the first three games of the series before winning the next two and were an overtime goal away from sending the series back to Georgetown for a seventh game.

The Raiders, however, avenged the league final loss in a big way this past weekend by defeating St. Mike's 3-1 in the championship final of the Dudley Hewitt Cup Central Canadian Jr. A championship, thus earning a trip to Weyburn. (By the way tournament organizers did an outstanding job on this event and a tip of the cap to everyone involved.)

On many nights in the past three months Alcott Arena has been filled to capacity and "How did the Raiders do?" has often been the question of the day.

The Raiders will now face the best teams in Canada. We wish them all the best and congratulations on a stellar season.

Go, Raiders go!



Letters to the editor....

Tournament organizers 'raised the bar'

Dear editor,

I had the pleasure of attending and representing Hockey Canada at the recent Dudley Hewitt Champ-

ionship played at Georgetown.

I would be remiss if I didn't comment on the very fine organization and overall success of this event. Right from my arrival, I could feel the excitement and commitment that had gone into the planning and organizing of the championship. All of the arrangements were in place down to the very trivial expectations.

The friendliness and sincere interest of the volunteers certainly shows the loyal and devoted community you have. The committee and volunteers enjoyed helping and were proud to be a part of the event. It was fun to be involved. This feeling was evident to the many visitors invading your community.

The week of hockey was as entertaining and exciting as any fan could expect. It was great to see the rivalry, especially between St. Michael's and the host, Georgetown. The OPJHL final was still brewing throughout the community and the arena. Such competition is good for

the game and healthy for the fans. Who misses the NHL when you have this game in our communities?

I want to congratulate and thank the host committee under the leadership of Wayne Pries with his many volunteers, Commissioner Bob Hooper and the OPJHL, Rick Richardson and Brent Ladds and the OHA for putting on a true championship. You have raised the bar for Junior A Hockey in Ontario.

I send a big thank you to the Georgetown Raiders, the community of Georgetown and the fans for their continuous support for Junior A hockey.

I know the Georgetown Raiders will have a wonderful experience at the Royal Bank Cup in Weyburn, Sask. We wish them the very best in the tournament and look forward to the Cup coming to the OHA and the OHF. Thank you for a most enjoyable stay in Georgetown.

Joe Drago,
Hockey Canada representative
Dudley Hewitt Cup

UCHS had a roaring night

Dear editor,

The Upper Credit Humane Society's Roaring 20's dinner dance and silent auction held at the Caledon Golf and Country Club on April 16 was a "happening" place—the era was brought back to life and a nostalgic evening was enjoyed by all.

Many guests came in costume; elegant ladies and gentlemen from the 20's, flappers, gangsters and even a pistol-packing mama! The meal was delicious, the ambience and table decorations most attractive and the evening ran without a hitch.

The teddy bear raffle was a hit, as was the surprise live auction, where the guests had fun upping their bids to help the animals. Bidding on the silent auction items was brisk.

The evening rounded out nicely with a lot of dancing to the enthusiastic DJ who was able to keep the evening moving along at an enjoyable pace.

We would like to thank the committee members who worked so hard to make the event a success, the many companies and individuals who generously donated auction items, the volunteers who came out to help and a huge thank-you to every one of our guests who supported our major fund-raiser to help our residents now and in the future. I am sure, we will all remember the "night that roared".

Judith-Anne Kolu, volunteer
Upper Credit Humane Society

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