

Picture of the Dixie Staffords and Dixie Athena 25 years ago. Staffords featured in shot are goalie Al Lord, Pete Bannister No. 2, Bob Fitzgerald (right) and Blackie Graham (left).



Jack Stafford of Stafford Farms and sponsor of the '49 Stafford team was on hand to drop the puck for the official opening ceremony. (Times photo by Ray Saltz).



Times' Rick Desrochers prepares to beat Stafford goalie Al Lord for the first goal of the game for the Times All Stars. (Photo by Ray Saltz).

Times and Oldtimers play classic 5-5 draw

By JAMES BAILEY
The Mississauga Times All-Stars, in their classic confrontation with the Dixie Staffords Oldtimers Sunday night, appeared at the arena in a mismatched and misbegotten assortment of sweaters, socks and headgear which more or less symbolized their calibre of play throughout the game's first period.

In a vain attempt to avoid a thoughtful analysis of the game, Times editor (and defenseman) John Kernaghan assigned this writer to the story because of his complete inexperience in covering sporting events. Unfortunately for him, however, this writer learns

haste to equip themselves, they neglected to order team logos, with the result that their chests were covered with nothing — again, very symbolic.

With a wisdom befitting his greater years of experience, an Oldtimer called out, "If this is the team we're playing, I'm going home."

Timesmen were effectively demonstrated by captain (and sports editor) George Kaz's last-minute exhortation as the players left the dressing room:

"Let's do a good job, guys. If we lose this game by 30 to 1, nobody will want to play with us."

The fighting spirit of the

hair, the Staffords of 25 years ago dominated the first period with an effort which suggested that their pension cheques may have been on the line.

In the first minute of play, Jim Gray scored off a Bob Primeau pass, then Bruce Langdon popped one in assisted by Bob Fitzgerald and Jim Gray. Langdon scored next, with the assistance of Primeau and Fitzgerald.

The slaughter continued as

Blackie Graham put in a pass from Bud Stock to bring the score to 4-0.

The coup de grace was administered by Langdon and his cohorts McIntyre and Gray, with the period ending Oldtimers 5, Times Allstars 5.

The truth about the fateful second period will probably never be known. Maybe the Oldtimers ran out of Geritol. Maybe compassion touched the hardened arteries of their wizened hearts. Maybe

their Grecian Formula 44 was failing, and a quick finale was necessary.

In any event, the tide turned in favour of the embattled Times players. Rick Desrochers scored first, with assists from John Enright and Havelly Andrews. (Note: this reporter wishes to refute the vicious rumours which allege that John Enright is, in fact, living with Times coach Nancy Enright. They are entirely without foundation.)

Unassisted, John Enright scored the next point and was followed to the goal mouth by sportswriter Dave O'Brien, assisted by Kernaghan.

In an ostentatious display of actual ability, Enright scored again, with the assistance of Doug Matthews.

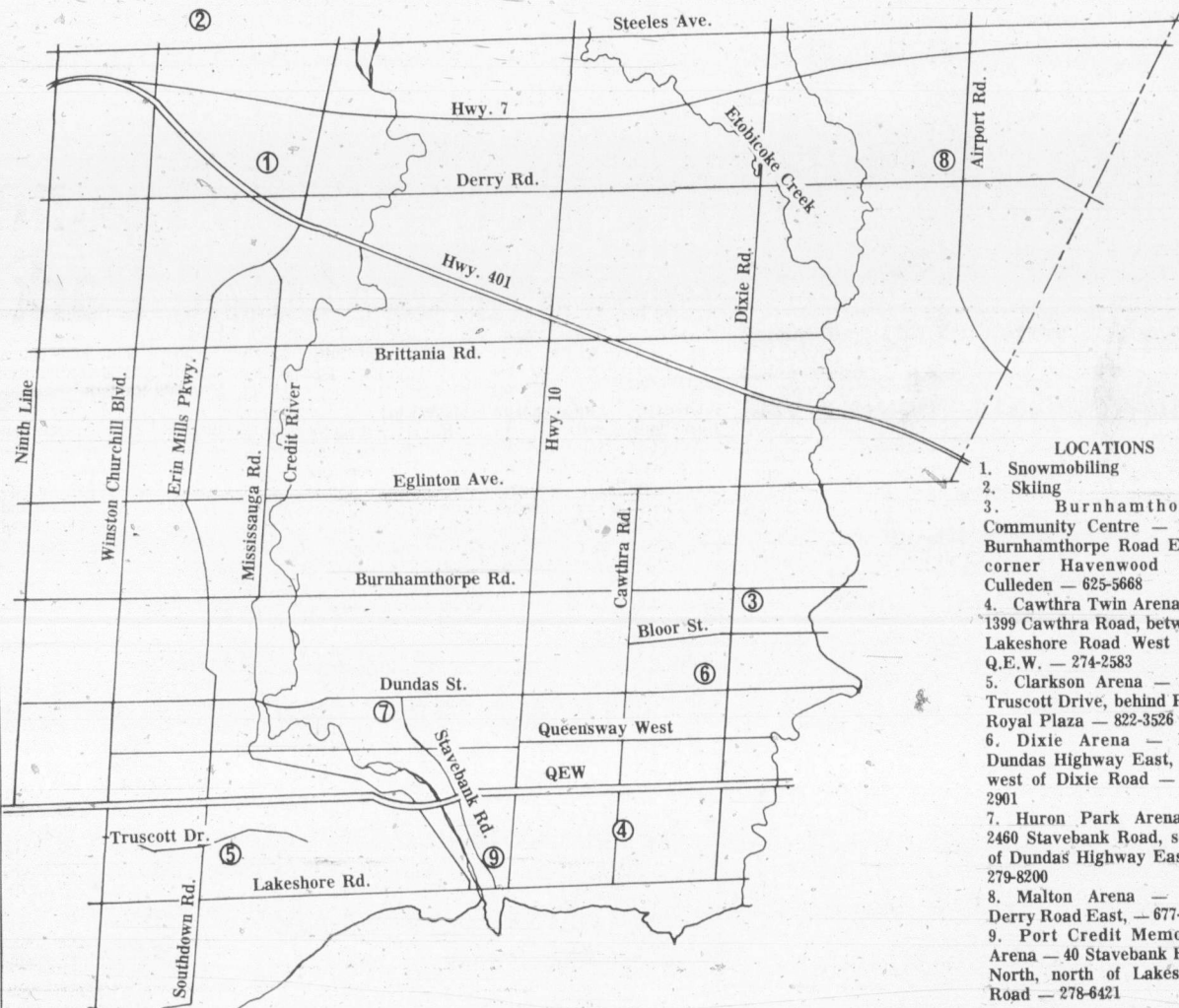
In the last 10 seconds of play the score was evened up 5-5, with a goal by Jim MacMillan, assisted by

Kernaghan and the ever-present Enright.

The game ended as suddenly as it began. The players skated quickly off to their dressing rooms, and hopefully, to the showers. The only remaining signs of their battle were the ankle-grooves worn into the ice by the Times players.

The Oldtimers had won, after all.

Times Guide to holiday recreation



- LOCATIONS**
1. Snowmobiling
 2. Skiing
 3. Burnhamthorpe Community Centre — 1350 Burnhamthorpe Road East, corner Havenwood and Cullenden — 625-5668
 4. Cawthra Twin Arenas — 1399 Cawthra Road, between Lakeshore Road West and Q.E.W. — 274-2583
 5. Clarkson Arena — 2475 Truscott Drive, behind Park Royal Plaza — 822-3526
 6. Dixie Arena — 1164 Dundas Highway East, just west of Dixie Road — 277-2901
 7. Huron Park Arena — 2460 Stavebank Road, south of Dundas Highway East — 279-8200
 8. Malton Arena — 3430 Derry Road East, — 677-7744
 9. Port Credit Memorial Arena — 40 Stavebank Road North, north of Lakeshore Road — 278-6421

With the youngsters home from school during the holiday season and father managing a few extra days away from the office, it's a great time to get out and enjoy some winter family fun.

Instead of sitting around the house with those post-Christmas blues, why not take advantage of Mississauga's many winter sport facilities. If the great Snowman in the sky comes through with a White Christmas "just like the ones we used to know", you can take the family out to one of the 43 outdoor skating rinks in the area for some fresh air, exercise and fun.

"Sleigh bells in the air" permitting, Santas can enjoy the scenery at the daycamp centre, located on Derry Road, just north of highway 401.

Families with a yen for cross-country skiing can enjoy the facilities at Albion Hills, just north of Bolton, or hike into any of the conservation areas of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

And even if the ground doesn't sport a snowy blanket, seven arenas in Mississauga will offer public skating hours at minimal cost during the festive season.

SNOWMOBILING

There is one sanctioned snowmobiling area in Mississauga, located at the day camp centre north of Streetsville. Take Mississauga Road north through Streetsville. Just past the 401 overpass, turn west (left) on Derry Road. The site is on the north side of the road, with "cannot miss" signs.

SKIING

Cross-country and downhill skiing is only a short drive from Mississauga at Albion Hills. The Metro Conservation Authority park offers ski trails, downhill ski runs, rope tow, tobogganing and outdoor skating. A ski chalet offers washroom facilities. Cost is \$1.50 per car, with a charge of \$1 per day for adult downhill skiing.

Albion Hills is located approximately three miles north of Bolton. From Mississauga, take Highway 10 north, drive west on Highway 7, then north on Highway 50 to Bolton. For further information, call the Metro Conservation Authority at 630-9780.

Although conservation areas of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority are officially closed, the public is

welcome to park at the gates, hike in and cross country ski at any of the seven parks.

The closest is Meadowvale Conservation Area, located in the old town of Meadowvale on Derry Road, just north of Highway 401. Other Credit Valley Conservation Areas: Limehouse, on Black Creek in Halton Hills, west of Georgetown; Terra Cotta, northeast of Georgetown; Belfountain, at the Forks of the Credit River; Silver Creek, just west of Georgetown; Orangeville Reservoir, just east of Orangeville; and Monora, on Highway 10 one mile north of Orangeville.

For further information, call the Credit Valley Conservation Authority at 451-1615 or drop into the Authority Administration office in old Meadowvale for

maps of the conservation areas.

INDOOR SKATING

With the exception of Dixie Arena, the following arenas will offer public skating at these times: Monday, Dec. 23, Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 26 from 1-2:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 27 from 7-9:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 28 from 7-9:30 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 29 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Prices are 25 cents for children under 12, 50 cents for students ages 12-18, \$1 for adults and \$1.25 for the whole family.

Dixie Arena will hold regular public skating on Friday, Dec. 20 and Friday 27 from 7:30-10 p.m. Prices are 50 cents for children under 13 and \$1 for those 14 and over. The first half hour is reserved for children ages 10 and under and their parents.

OUTDOOR SKATING	
Weather permitting, the following natural ice rinks will be in operation. For information on exact locations, call the Mississauga Recreation and Parks Department at 279-7600, Local 218.	
1. Applewood Hills Park	5. Burnhamdale Park
2. Ashwood Park	6. Camilla Park
3. Ashworth Square	7. Cherry Hill Park
4. Bloor Athletic Field	8. Clarkson Public School
	9. Coram Crescent
	10. Crookes Park
	11. Fairview Park
	12. Forestview Park
	13. Gordon Lummis Park
	14. Hawthorne Public School
	15. Hillcrest Public School
	16. John Knox Christian
	17. Kennedy Park
	18. Kenolle Public School
	19. Lewis Bradley Park
	20. Lorne Park Public School
	21. MacKenzie Park
	22. Meadowvale Community Hall
	23. Meadowvale Recreation Centre
	24. Meadowwood Park
	25. Melton Court
	26. Munden Park
	27. Munden Park Public School
	28. Northwood Park
	29. Oakridge Park
	30. Orchard Heights School
	31. Owenwood Public School
	32. Petrescue Community Centre
	33. Queen Elizabeth Senior Public School
	34. Queenston Drive Public School
	35. Sheridan Park Public School
	36. Silverthorn Park
	37. St. Christopher's School
	38. Tecumseh Public School
	39. Thornlodge Park
	40. Westwood Park
	41. Whiteoaks Park
	42. Woodlands School
	43. Vanessa Park

Meter needed

Schafer's checks keep opponents' heads up

By DAVE O'BRIEN
It would take a finely crafted audio-volume meter to settle once and for all which brings the loudest response from partisan rooters at Dixie Beehive games—a winning goal or a well-plotted hipcheck courtesy of Gerry Schafer.



Jerry Schafer

Like Toronto Maple Leaf's entertainer Eddie Shack, Schafer has that wonderful ability to awaken a slumbering crowd. He doesn't perform pirouettes or skate full tilt to and from the bench.

Schafer's glorious moment comes when he spots an enemy forward foolishly carrying the rubber disc without caution. The wiry defenseman crouches into position, like a cat about to pounce on an unsuspecting mouse, and glides into the

opposition's pathways at waist level.

The poor fellow never knows what happened. After turning at least one full somersault in mid-air, a manoeuvre that would earn him perfect marks at a water diving competition, the fallen prey will bounce back up with slightly bruised pride and get back into play.

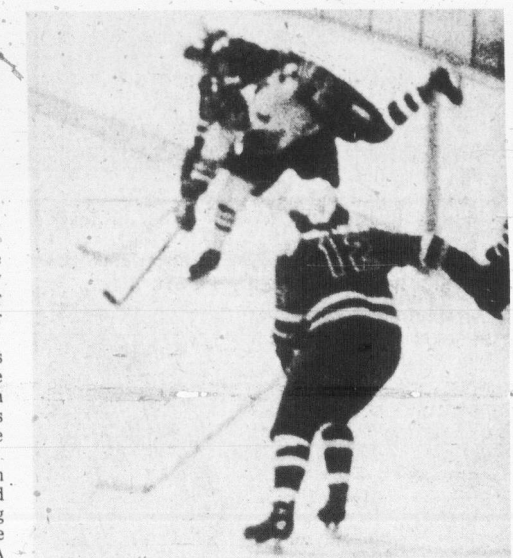
Some will be slow to rise and experience difficulty finding the bench in their dazed state. They are never hurt — just stunned.

The crowd, of course, loves it. Pandemonium broke loose at a recent game when Schafer dished out four of his patented hipchecks in one shift.

Schafer's seriousness in life is reflected both on and off the ice. While patrolling the blue line for the Provincial Junior A Beehives, he is out there to win and to make a contribution.

He gets mad when he goes, and while he stands only five feet nine inches above sea level and carries 150 well upholstered pounds, he is more than eager to physically challenge a much bigger adversary.

Off the frozen sheet of aqua, the 19-year old Applewood Heights Secondary School student wants to be a lawyer, which



Beehives Gerry Schafer lands one of his patented hip checks on a North York forward. Schafer is looking towards law school and college hockey when landing players on the seat of their pants. (Times photo by Stan Carmichael).

Coach Inglis is an amazing man and a pleasure to go on the ice with. I learn a lot at practice sessions and his style of hockey makes it unnecessary for me to do a lot of hitting and running at guys. As a result, I don't think I've had as many goals scored against me this year," offers Schafer.

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Popularity on the decline as Gregson hits at Glenforest

There's no way Bill Gregson would win a popularity contest at Glenforest Secondary School, especially after the sharp shooting forward exploded for 24 points to help Erindale Raiders register a 56-47 Peel Secondary School Athletic Association Junior Basketball victory over the host Gryphons.

Gregson powered the Raider's court conquest with his high percentage shooting and was no slouch in the defensive department by any means.

After being bombed in the first quarter, Erindale stormed back for a 45-42 lead with four minutes remaining. At that time, their tough man on man defense enabled them to pull away and stall out the clock.

Ray Epema and Dave Pickering each contributed 10 points to the winning side while Glenforest got a spectacular 21-point effort from Al Zaragoza. Les Sifarski added eight.

Woodlands Rams capped off a perfect four-point week via a 52-40 victory over Clarkson Chargers.

Earlier in the week, a defensive minded clash saw Rams get by Mayfield Mavericks 39-29.

Coach Paul Brace was pleased to see his troops take advantage of Mayfield fouls and his zone defense worked well.

Hubert Smith rallied the Rams with a big 18-point afternoon.

Balance proved to be Lorne Park's advantage as Dan Gregson, Steve Paul and Steve Manning each hit for nine points to power the Spartans to a 57-30 verdict over Clarkson Chargers.

Byron Loepki was top retailer with 12 points and Carmen Colangelo followed close behind with eight.

Bramalea Broncos roared out of their stable and bucked Chinguacousy 66-34 behind the 20-point shooting of Mark Fisher and 17 from big Bob Hamilton.

In a sloppily played con-

test, Cawthra Park Panthers hung on for a 58-55 decision over Chinguacousy.

"Chinguacousy got all their points on rebounds or from inside the key and we got all our points from outside shooting," offers Cawthra coach Jim Grant.

In a midget game, Chinguacousy eked out a 36-34 triumph over Bramalea Broncos in a real crowd pleaser at Bramalea.

Erin Mills Soccer Club holds clinic for students

The Erin Mills Minor Soccer Club is holding a winter soccer clinic for boys (or girls) aged 7-14 who live in the area bounded by Winston Churchill Blvd., Erin Mills Parkway, Burnhamthorpe Road and the QEW.

The clinic will be held one evening per week at Pierre LaPorte Community School Gymnasium.

Basic soccer skills and fun activity games will be stressed.

The program will be geared towards conditioning and instruction preparatory to team play in the 1975 summer season.

The clinic costs \$3.00 per child or \$5.00 per family and will cover approximately 18 weeks instruction.

The Clinic will be under the very capable direction of Mr. Jim Pitfield and Mr. Herb McPeak.

Registration will be 10:00 a.m. - noon Saturday January 4th at Pierre LaPorte School. For further information call: Jim Pitfield 828-9528, Herb McPeak 828-9868.