

# Dixie no match for loaded Platers

By TOM MALONEY  
Times staff writer  
GUELPH — Guelph Holody Platers gave away their sticks last Thursday. Dixie Beehives still have theirs, but they will sit on a shelf until training camp in August.

For the Beehives' season is over. We Are The Champions blared out of the crackling sound system after Guelph's 7-4 win over the Beehives in the fifth game of the Provincial Junior A final last Thursday while Guelph players threw their sticks to the young fans.

Despite Beehives coach Larry Stern's once in a lifetime prediction before the series that Dixie would win it all, Dixie lost it all.

Platers added healthy college players to the roster while Dixie added players to the injured list.

Dixie did not have the muscle to play a physical

game, but that's the only way to beat the Platers. That became evident in game four when Platers rolled over the lifeless Beehives 7-0 following Dixie's hard-hitting 8-4 win in Dixie Arena Gardens the previous Sunday.

Despite an impressive first period, three consecutive Guelph powerplay goals killed the Beehives in the final game of the series.

"Even if we had won this game, where would we have been Friday?" said Stern. "Tonight, there were times when I looked at the bench and realized I couldn't put anybody out there. We had injuries and we couldn't cope with their muscle."

Dixie's usually effective power play became a showcase of incompetence with the loss of forward Chris Costello, who scored 17 of Dixie's

43 power play goals during the season. Costello tore knee ligaments in the first game of the series.

"We had a two-man advantage in Tuesday's game and couldn't do anything with it," said Stern. "That let us down. Our play was a disgrace on Tuesday and I kicked some asses in practice Wednesday. We played better but losing Cunneyworth really hurt us."

Cunneyworth, Dixie's leading goal scorer in the playoffs, and a Plater defenceman were ejected for fighting.

"That was a real blow," said Guelph coach Don McKee. "I looked over at Larry and saw he was really upset. I think he realized there was nothing he could do to come back. It didn't hurt us — we went from using six defencemen to playing five."

"We played only four



This one got by Bees goaltender Paul Fisher in Guelph

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good periods in the whole series," said Dixie

defencemen Bob Jones. Guelph captain Tim Sittler started the scoring. Ken Holmes replied for the Beehives late in the period.

Mark Duck, playing his best game of the series, evened the score in the second period. With Fisher was caught for slashing and Guelph scored with Dixie two men short again.

and Andrews in the penalty box, Bill North scored for a 3-2 Guelph lead. Beehives goaltender Paul Fisher was caught for slashing and Guelph scored with Dixie two men short again.

Steve Black scored for a 5-2 Guelph lead while Gord Michaud served Fisher's penalty. Slack added another goal at the 14:18 mark before Andrews flipped in a rebound.

Dave Stott slapped in a rebound behind Guelph goaltender Tom Herrigan. Minutes later, Herrigan, stopped a possible Dixie comeback with a save off Andre Hidi.

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## Stern leaving Bees?

By PAUL WILLIAMS  
Times sports editor  
Success was hard on the 1977-78 Dixie Beehives. It may even be harder on the 1978-79 Beehives.

Last season the Beehives finished in second place in the Provincial Junior A hockey league and went to the semi-finals. As soon as the season ended, nine players were snapped up by U.S. Colleges.

This season the Beehives upset North Bay Trappers to reach the league finals despite a rookie laden squad. The next Beehive to be snapped up could be coach Larry Stern.

Stern, in his second season with Dixie, confirmed last week he has two offers from Ontario Major Junior Hockey League clubs.

"I'm not sure I will be back with the Beehives next season," said Stern. "We'll find out after the season is over."

It is highly doubtful that I will go. If I can't work something out with Coca-Cola I will be back."

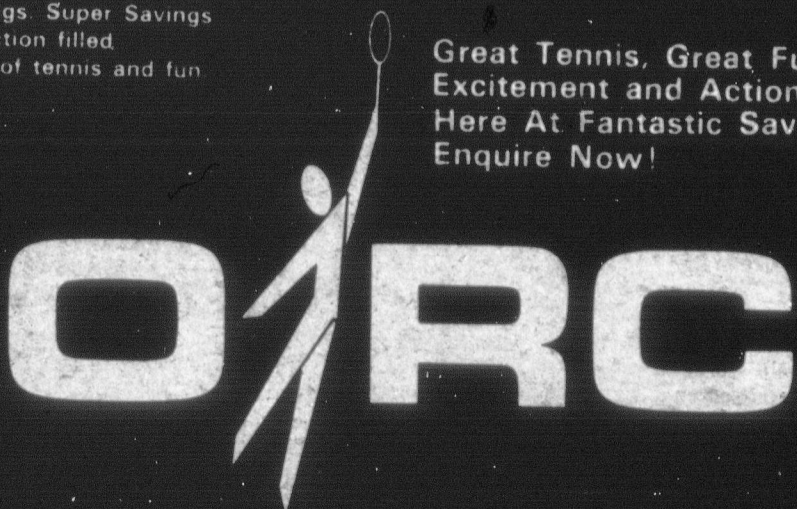
Stern has worked for Coca-Cola for 21 years. He doesn't want to leave the company and would only consider a major A coaching job if he can get a leave of absence from Coke.

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