

Teeter-totter start has Raiders lose one, win one in season start

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"If anything could possibly go wrong, it did," said Raider Coach and General Manager Rick Bince of Friday's season opener at St. Mike's.

The Raiders were on the wrong end of an 11-1 trouncing at the hands of their opponents from Newmarket.

Severe traffic on the 401 caused many Raider players and their equipment to be late for the game. However, it would seem as though many Raiders didn't show up to play at all.

After the first six shots of the game, and with no warmup, the Raiders found themselves down 4-0 and net minder Carl Rossignol found himself on his way to the Raider bench.

A game that started out badly for the Raiders got worse as their lone marker

didn't come until the midway point of the second period. Garry McNiven banged home a shot from the point with help from Marco Presuiti and Andrew Peters.

Saturday's home opener proved to be a better game for the Raiders. A 5-3 victory over a young Vaughn Vipers squad was satisfying for players and fans alike.

Despite being shorthanded for much of the first half of the game the locals came up with four first period goals that sent them on their way.

Brad Cripps opened the scoring at 12:53 with help from Bill Rennie and Marco Presuiti.

Andrew Sandziuk had the next two goals for the Raiders. The first from Presuiti and Adrian Vienneau. His second of the evening came on the power play from Garry McNiven, who had three points on the night, and Krys

Barch.

Adrian Newcomer Vienneau rounded out first period scoring for the hometown Raiders also on the p.p. as he was sent in by McNiven and Captain Duke Bouskill.

First period goals for the Vipers went to Brian Monlz See RAIDERS, Page 14

OUT! STRETCH Carl Raider goalie Rossignol stretches out against a Vaughn attacker. This shot got by Rossignol, but the Raiders won 5-3. (Jamie Harrison photo

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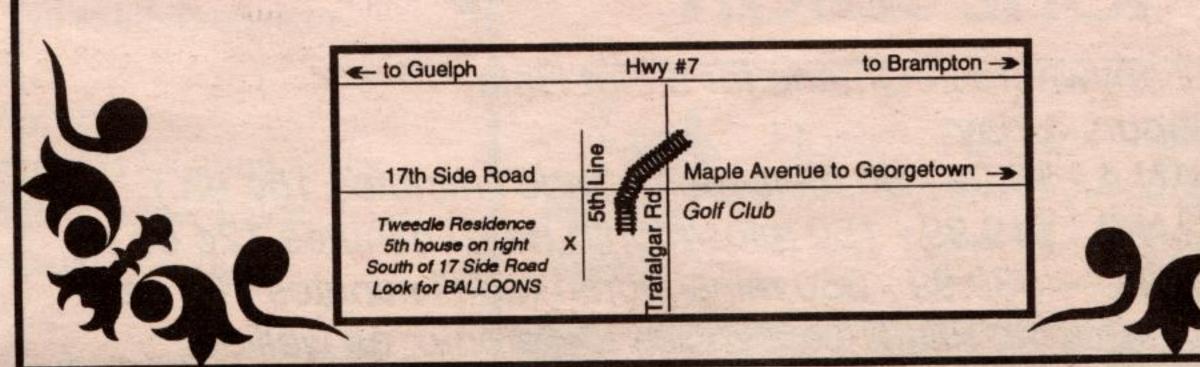
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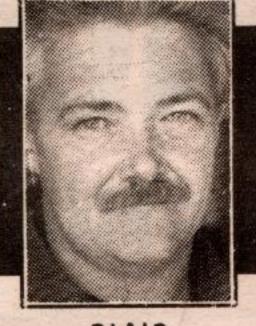


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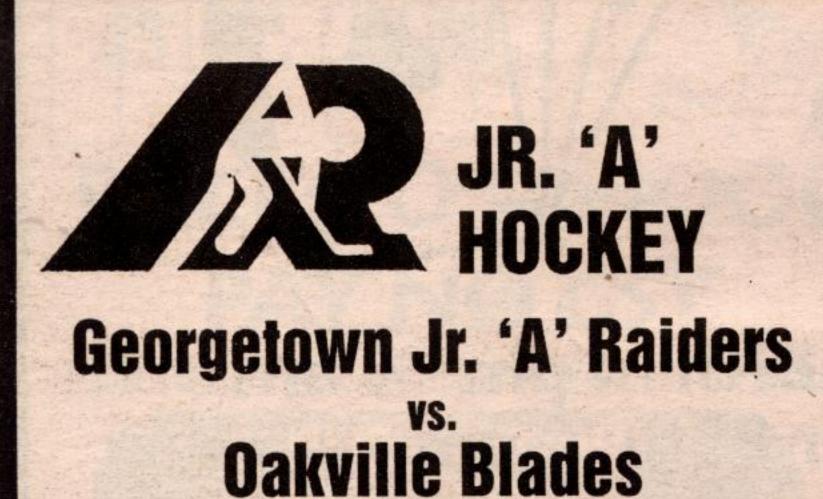
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