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Raiders blow chance at win

BY TERRY ROUSE

The Georgetwon Gemini

The Georgetown Raiders were staring victory right in the face Monday night at Vaughan, but the Vipers turned up the pressure and were able to squeak out a 3-2 win over the struggling Raiders.

"We choked," said head coach and GM Rick Bince. "We should have at least come out of there with a point. They turned up the pressure and we started panicking," an upset Bince added.

The Raiders had established a 2-0 lead entering the third period on goals by Andrew Peters and Rob MacLeod, but as they have done a lot this year, they found a way to lose yet another one goal decision.

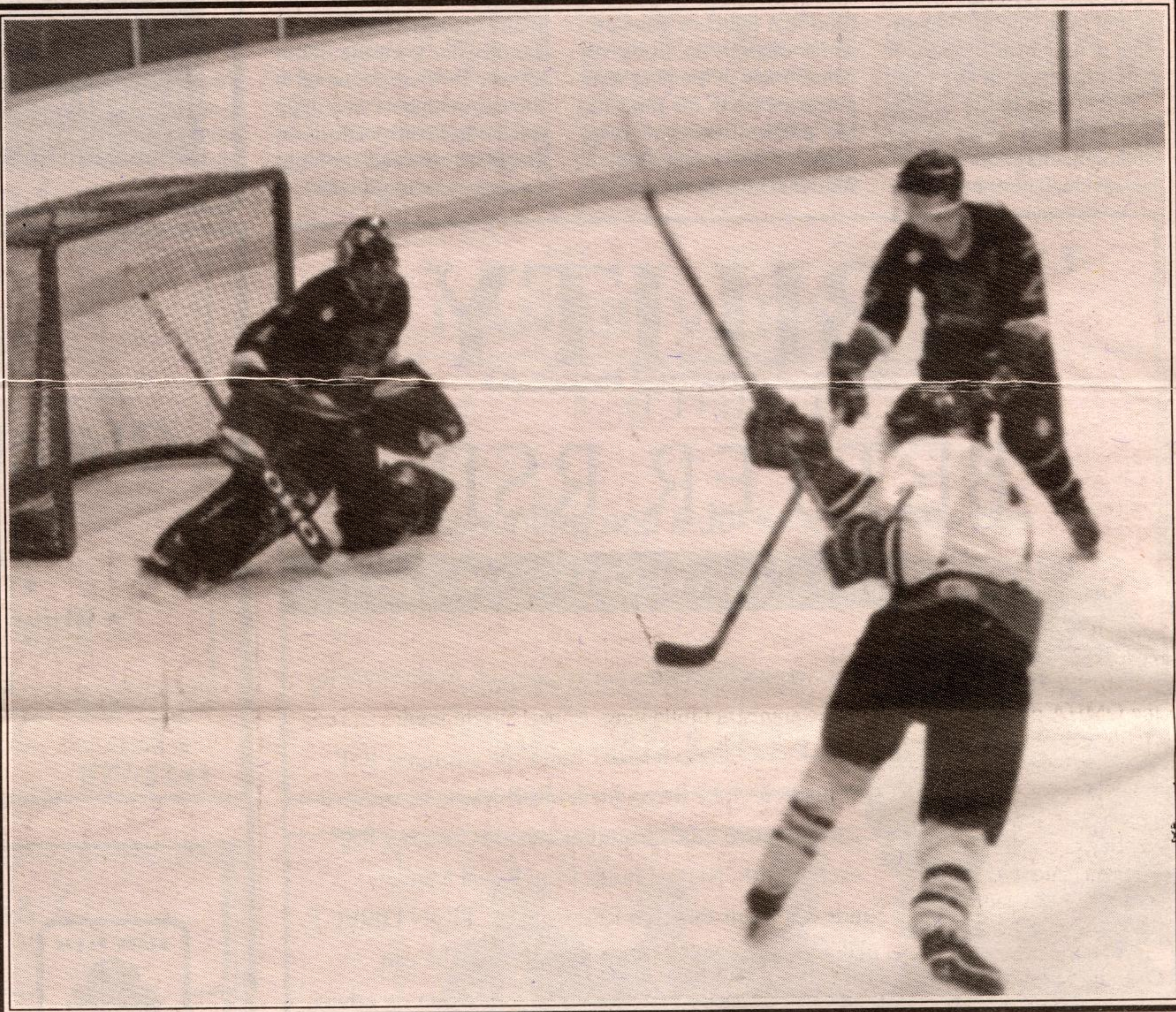
Saturday night at home the Raiders fell behind early and were never able to fully recover despite a spirited effort

by the team. "Saturday night was one of our better games of the year," said Bince despite dropping the game 5-4.

After one period the Raiders were down 2-1, and after two periods Hamilton had extended their lead to 4-2 as they held on for the narrow win. Scoring for the Raiders were Bill Rennie with a pair, Krystopher Barch and Garry McNiven adding singles. Even the coach of Hamilton was impressed with the Raiders effort trying to understand why they didn't have a few more wins. A problem Bince has been trying to understand for a while himself.

Friday night the Raiders were thumped by Vaughan at home 8-3, but were able to bounce back and play two of their better games after the loss.

The Raiders are busy this week playing all weekend Friday through Monday.



SNAPSHOT: An unidentified Raiders' player buries the puck Saturday against Vaughan. (Jamie Harrison photo)

Novice Raiders open first round of playoffs

The Georgetown Minor Novice Raiders opened their Tri-County playoffs with a close contest in Milton, edging the Winterhawks with an exciting last second goal to win 2-1. The Raiders held their opponents to only four shots on goal. Scoring for Georgetown was Gregory Heywood from Kyle Westwood and Jeff Bayley and Raymond Martin assisted by Mike LaRose.

Their next outing against Oakville was a disappointing 7-0 loss for the Georgetown

squad, however they bounced back and came out firing on all cylinders to start their best of five series in the OMHA play against Burlington. It was a great team effort as the Raiders won with a decisive 9-2 final.

On the strength of a hat trick by Jeff Bayley, the team took a commanding start to the series. Also scoring for the Raiders were Chris Darling and Raymond Martin with two apiece and Michael Clost and Mitch Thompson.

Rebels back in swim of things

Caught in the middle of the dispute settled recently between the Board of Education and the Town of Halton Hills, the 60 members of the Georgetown District High School swim team are back in the pool and showing impressive results.

After only a month of training, the Rebels traveled to McMaster University placing second only to last year's OFSSA champions, the

Kennedy Clippers of Windsor.

"I was impressed with the swimmers doing so well at the meet," said coach Jon Newcombe. "Kennedy has been training since the beginning of the school year with 11 practices a week compared with our late start and only five practices a week."

The second meet, also held at McMaster, saw most of the rookie Rebels compete for

the first time. All Rebels swam admirably and were easily the most spirited team in the pool.

Overall result from the three meets attended so far are too numerous to mention here, but there have been some splendid swims with three swimmers qualifying for OFSSA: Shirley Grant in the Senior Girls 100m freestyle; Fraser Charles in the Senior Boys 100m freestyle;

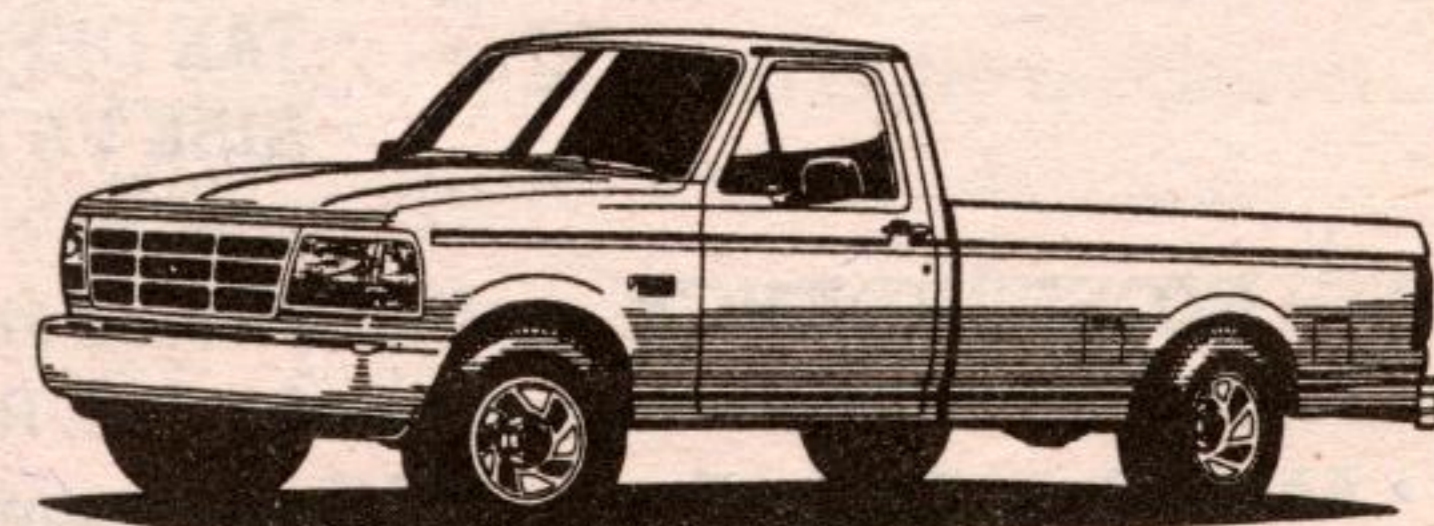
and Laurie Crocker in the Open Girls 100m freestyle. Crocker also set a new school record in the 100m freestyle. Eight relay teams have qualified and several other swimmers are close.

This will be a building year for the Rebels. Feeling the loss of 10 senior swimmers who have moved on, for the first time in several years there is a large group of juniors.

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