

Beat Brampton 5-4

Geminis open season with win



The Georgetown Geminis burst onto the Central Ontario Junior "B" scene with a vengeance this past Saturday as they defeated Brampton 5-4 in their first ever league home opener.

Brampton had been touted in pre-season polls as possible pennant contenders, as they made the league playoffs last year, and appeared strong in exhibition games leading up to Saturday's contest.

The "Twin G's" showed little respect for either the pollsters or the more established club and in fact appeared at least four goals better than the "Howertown" team.

A slight Gemini letdown in the second period combined with a rash of local "sin-bin" time in the middle frame allowed Brampton to come back and thus the score was much closer than actual on-ice performance.

The most impressive line for the Geminis in their home-opener was that of Craig Fleming, Steve Buchanan and Dave Chapman, while the defensive corps of Kent Kentner, Larry Peterson, Scott Richardson and Paul Allison - who had been sent down to the Juvenile ranks for more seasoning but was brought up to replace Bill

Kirby who sat out the game for an exhibition fracas - all deserve praise for a stalwart performance.

Gemini coach, Paul Robinson, although naturally pleased with his novice team's initial win, qualified his praise by noting that he felt his charges were capable of playing a better brand of hockey and expressed disappointment in the Brampton showing.

Robinson had expected more of a challenge from Brampton and is confident using the Geminis excellent game with the Junior "A" Windsor Spitfires as an example that his club will rise

to the occasion when stiffer tests present themselves.

Paul feels that because of, as he termed it, his club's "superior conditioning" the Geminis opening win should be taken as a harbinger of things to come rather than a fluke and likewise is confident that Georgetown is capable of beating any team in the Central league.

The first official Gemini regular season goal was scored by Doug Barnes, from Rick Becker and Joe South at the 1:43 mark of the opening frame and less four minutes later, Steve Buchanan raised the roof of the Gordon Alcott

Memorial arena as he converted passes from Craig Fleming and Larry Peterson to give the "Twin G's" a 2-0 lead.

Larry Peterson, from Rick Becker and Doug Barnes completed the Gemini first period scoring and the locals left the ice with what was felt to be a comfortable three goal lead.

As mentioned previously a rash of penalties, eight minors, in the second period, blunted the Gemini offence in the second frame and Brampton, within the space of a little over two minutes, from the 10:26 mark to the 11:29 mark knotted the contest. Scoring

for Brampton were Paul Cook, Mike Kraskozon and Ross Brownridge.

Doug Barnes, with his second goal of the night from Rick Becker at the 11:47 mark, quickly gave the "Green and White" squad back the lead and from this point the Geminis settled back to a solid checking game and dominated for the rest of the contest.

Dave Chapman, from Steve Buchanan and Craig Fleming stretched the Gemini lead to 5-3 at the 4:37 mark of the third frame and although Brampton's Rob Young brought his team to within one goal of the lead it can be safely said that

the local "Gems" were never really threatened.

As witness the dominance of the Geminis, they outshot the visitors, 33-19 and if not for many struck goalposts could easily have won by as many as four goals.

The Geminis played an exhibition game in Preston on Sunday and for the local team the tilt against the Kilbuckner area club almost proved a disaster. The ice was in terrible shape and as for the Preston players, perhaps the best that can be said is that they play a fine game of football. Chippiness and cheap shots highlighted this

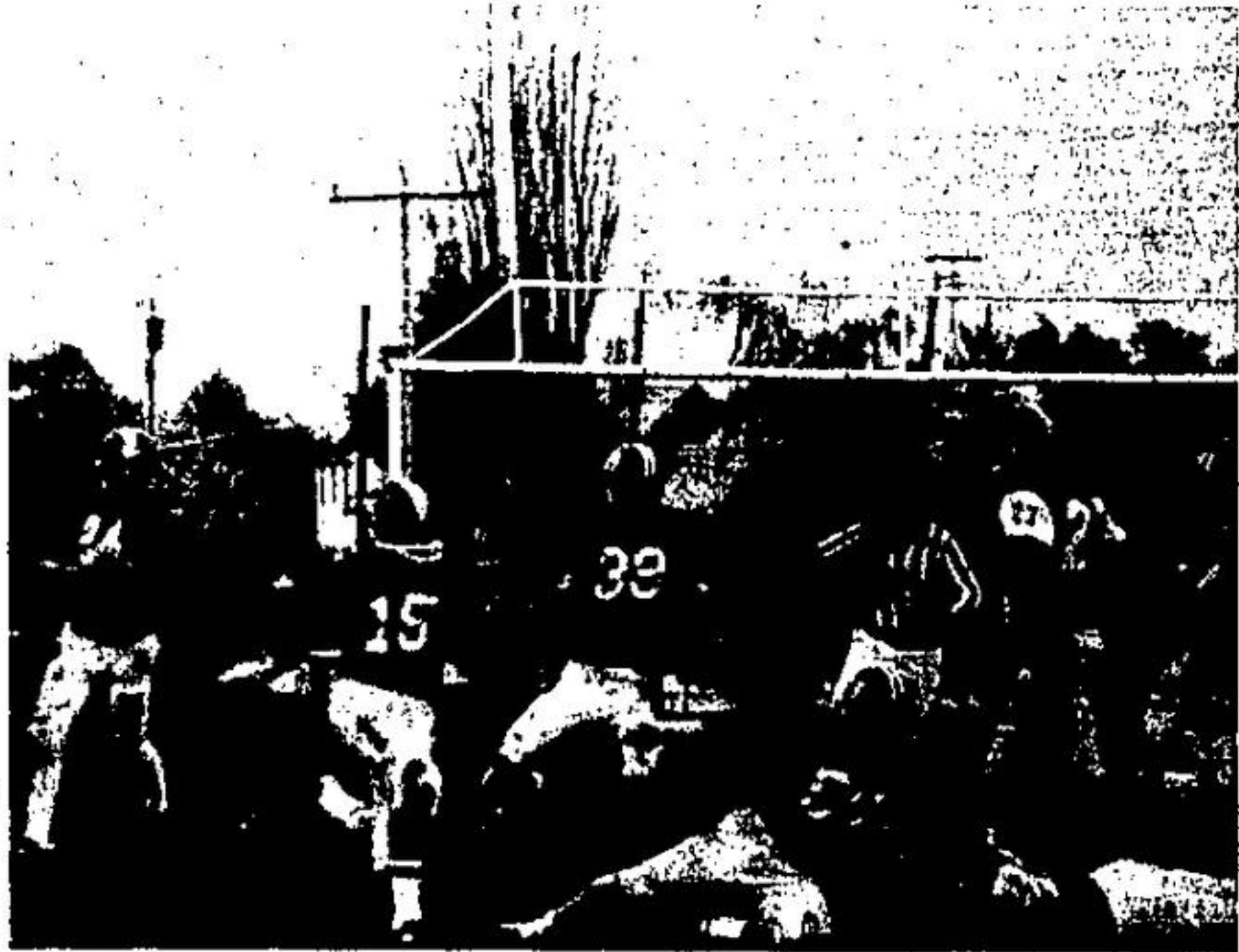
exhibition and by the third frame, coach Paul Robinson was warning his charges to be on their toes and stay out of the corners.

The Geminis came away winners, on a 5-4 count, but in reality were fortunate to escape without serious injury to key players. Scoring for Georgetown were Charlie Knoepfl, with two, while singles went to Bob Fotheringham, Dave Chapman and Craig Fleming.

This coming Saturday, the Geminis will truly have a chance to prove themselves as they go against last year's league winner and provincial

finalist, Oakville Blades. Five members of the fine Oakville team have returned, including Mark Cassidy who potted 43 goals last season. Although it is not expected that Oakville will be as strong as they were last year, as defending champions, their pride will be at stake and as is known, pride can sometimes prove the difference in a tight game. Game time this Saturday is 7:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

The winner of the Gemini draw for a Deluxe Gas Barbecue was Dennis Taylor of Waterdown. The winning ticket was drawn by club president, Pete Pomeroy at the end of the second period.



A BLAKELOCK BALL CARRIER is surrounded by GDHS Junior Rebel tacklers in his own end. This was one of the few times that the Junior Rebs properly executed tackling techniques as Blakelock ran roughshod over the GDHS gridders to the tune of 44-0.

Dog days for Rebel football

The "Dog Days of September" is a term usually associated with baseball and refers to teams slumping near the end of a long drawn out season. From this past week's happenings in GDHS football circles it almost appears that this label has found a new and it might be added, unwelcome home. Both the GDHS Junior and Senior Rebels were in action - to use the term loosely - this past week and both are still longingly searching for their first win of the season. The Seniors played two games against Aldershot on Tuesday and against Perdue on Friday while the Juniors hosted Blakelock and in 180 minutes of football the combined Junior and Senior efforts failed to produce a point.

On Tuesday the Senior Rebels were trounced by a powerful Aldershot squad, 48-0; on Friday at home, the Juniors were humiliated by Blakelock 44-0 while in the Senior game at Perdue on Friday, the local gridders lost a tough defensive battle to the

Panthers, 6-0. The Senior record now stands at 0-3 while the Junior record is now, 0-2.

The same affliction plagued both the Senior and Junior Rebels in their lopsided losses, that being, failure to properly execute football fundamentals. Poor or halfhearted tackling, missed blocking assignments and respective offenses that could at best be termed, stuttering.

When Aldershot journeyed to Georgetown last Tuesday it was a known fact that they were a highly regarded football machine in the Peel Halton region. They had walked over Perdue Panthers 40-0 but Senior coach, Mike McMahon, expected his charges would be better prepared to handle the Aldershot juggernaut.

From the opening kickoff, which Aldershot returned for a touchdown, it was obvious that the Rebs were in for a rough afternoon. Aldershot led 24-0 at the half and duplicated this production in the final 30 minutes of play to record the

win. As coach McMahon noted, "The best thing to be remembered about this game is that it be forgotten."

Perhaps the whipping proved a valuable lesson to the Senior Rebs as the defense came up with a superlative performance on Friday, in Perdue, and left the field with their heads held high despite a 6-0 defeat. The Friday game was a defensive tussle from the opening whistle and it was a GDHS miscue, charged to the offense, that accounted for the Perdue major.

Feeble punt coverage allowed a Perdue return to the Rebels six yard line and the subsequent off-tackle plunge went for a touchdown.

Most of the game was played at centre field, between the 40 yard lines, and had the GDHS offense been able to generate any kind of attack, the locals could have recorded their first win. Standouts for the Rebels on defense were, Ron "Oscar" Osborn and Jim Lindsey at the corner linebacking position, while Bill Allison had

a fine game at defensive halfback.

With the defense rounding into form, coach McMahon must now attempt to put some punch into the offense. Paul Allison has been handling the quarterbacking chores for the last two games and although relatively inexperienced at this position, should be comfortably settled when the Seniors host Blakelock this coming Friday afternoon. If the defense can duplicate its performance of last Friday and the offense manages to put some points on the board, then the Senior Rebs should notch their first victory.

The Junior Rebel performance in losing 44-0 to Blakelock was enough to send even the mildest mannered of coaches up the proverbial wall. Blakelock scored at will against the GDHS Juniors and the final play of the game aptly summed up their efforts. With only a few seconds remaining in the contest and Blakelock ahead 38-8, a halfback scurried into the visitors offensive huddle with instructions to

merely ground the ball and run out the clock.

A handoff was completed but the back, much to his astonishment, found himself being completely ignored by the Rebel defenders and promptly romped 55 yards for a touchdown. Both Junior coaches, Neil Cotton and Morley Leeking were left almost speechless by their team's ineptitude and were at a loss to pinpoint the cause.

The Juniors had worked hard in preparation for the game, but as sometimes happens to even the best of teams, and as suggested by coach Leeking, perhaps they left their game on the practice field.

Blakelock led 6-0 at the end of the first quarter, 19-0 at halftime and continued to steamroll in the final 30 minutes, scoring 25 points to give them their winning margin. The only bright spot for the Juniors was the play of John Halliburton and Craig McGilly. John played well doing dual duty at offensive tackle and defensive end,

while Craig had a fine game at defensive half.

This Thursday the Juniors travel to Perdue and in the opinion of Coaches Cotton and Leeking, should show that Friday's game was a mere flash in the pan and not a true indication of the team's capabilities. Having seen the Juniors play well in a hard fought 15-6 opening game loss to OTHS, this writer is inclined to agree. The Juniors are capable of playing sound football and should prove this as their season progresses.

Llewellyn to Mexico

Clive Llewellyn of Georgetown, qualified to represent Canada as a member of the wrestling contingent of the Canadian Pan American Games team this past weekend in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Clive, who has accrued countless honours in the sport of wrestling, gained membership to the team by defeating Steve Markham of British Columbia in a three match wrestle-off in the 68 kgm weight class, two matches to one.

Markham, who wrestled with Clive as a member of last year's University of Western Ontario wrestling team, is current Canadian Champion in this weight class, so his defeat is quite an accomplishment for the young man from Georgetown. Both wrestlers are highly regarded and in terms of ability, closely matched. Clive lost his first match on points but then rebounded to take the next two matches, again, by points, and thereby won the Pan American wrestling berth.

The Canadian Pan American team will be leaving for Mexico City the site of the games, this coming Saturday and are expected to return in the latter part of the month.

Chrysler Raiders shaping up

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders are rapidly rounding into shape for the upcoming OHA Intermediate "A" season. According to many of the players who are attending the Raider camp, it is one of the best they have taken part in and nothing but praise is heard for the way rookie coach, Junior Tibbetts is handling the team.

The Raiders are allowed to carry 30 players, up to January 10th, when that number must be reduced to 25. However, the consensus of opinion is that no more than 22 or 23 players will be carried by the club. To date, five players have signed Raider cards, Keith Pallett, Tommy Gilbert,

newcomer George Grigor, Neil Cotton and John Boyce. Including the five signees, 22 players are currently attending the "Red and White" practice sessions.

The Raider season at home will open Friday, October 10th, when Fort Erie travels to Georgetown and the first Raider away game will take place Tuesday, October 21st, again, against Fort Erie.

In preparation for the upcoming campaign, the Raiders have scheduled two exhibition games with Oakville, this Friday at 8:30 p.m. at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena and back in Oakville, Wednesday, October 8th.

Atoms in action

Georgetown Major Atoms travelled to Chinguacousy Sunday to play their first exhibition game of the season against Chings central team. Two unanswered goals, one by Sandy Watson, another by Bobby Boucher, both new players to this years team, gave Georgetown an early lead.

Further goals by John Pryce, Eric Clark and Maurice David, with assists from Andrew Braun, Mike Stone (2) and Eric Clark gave Georgetown a solid 15-2 victory over the higher assessed central team.

With three newcomers on this years squad the Major Atoms played good all round hockey. Outstanding players in Sunday's game were, Sandy Watson, Greg Muir and Mark Snow.

The team lineup for 1975-76 is:

Goal - Derek Murphy, Kevin Gillespie. Defence - Blake Harrison (capt.) Greg Muir (Asst.), Dave Doucette, Jeff Moore, Mark Snow, Freddy Kendrick. Forwards - Howie Oram (Asst.), Sandy Watson, John Pryce, Bobby Boucher, Andrew Braun, Eric Clark, Mike Stone, Maurice David and Robby Duke.

Rebel volleyballers

The 1975 Junior and Senior Rebels volleyball schedule is nearly completed and at this point in time, there is a possibility that the Seniors will make the East-West "A" tournament while the Juniors will be competing in the East-West "B" tournament.

The set-up to decide champions in Ontario High School volleyball is somewhat complicated but basically the format is worked out in this way. The Junior and Senior Rebels play four matches against schools from East Halton. After these four matches, the top two teams in East and West Halton compete in an "A" tournament while the remaining teams compete in a "B" tournament. The tournaments are spread over several dates at several schools and are round robin affairs.

Once the winner of the respective tournaments have been decided, the "B" winner has the right to challenge the "A" winner and the subsequent Halton Champion advances into Peel-Halton playdowns. The eventual Peel-Halton champion will represent this region in the OFSSA tournament scheduled for Clarkson High School on November 8th.

To date the Senior Rebels have a 12-1 match record, having defeated Blakelock and

OTHS, while losing a second match to Blakelock. They played OTHS on Tuesday, at prestimate the score was not available, and a win could gain them a berth in the "A" tournament as the league's number two finisher. Should they find themselves relegated to the "B" tournament, the chance is still there for a championship because of the league's playoff formula.

Mike Reed, Andy Long, Doug Lam, Paul Wolfenbarg, Don Gibson and Ralf Massar anchor the team as returnees from last year's squad, while Doug Lenaki, Paul Nichol, Dave Richardson, Mike Parsons, Paul Krowchuk, Mike Stankovits and Gary Scully round out the team's roster. Senior Rebel Coach, Russ Linney expects a great deal of success from this year's crew and one of the reasons for high hopes is the innovative offense that the team employs.

Most high school teams form an attack with two main spikers at the net but Linney has introduced a multiple offence to the Rebels by utilizing three spikers. With three spikers, you have an extra attack position and can take more of an advantage of both left and short sets. Similarly, by using the centre front man as a spiker rather than a setter, you develop and

quicker offense which in turn does not give the opposition much opportunity to form defensive positions.

Linney is pleased by the play of his team as a whole but singles out Captain, Andy Long, Doug Lamb and last year Junior Rebel Paul Nichol as playing a large part in the team's success to date.

The Junior Rebels sport a 1-3 record but with a team composed mainly of newcomers, who for the most part are just being introduced to the intricacies of volleyball, are faring quite well. Scott Turner, Gerry Gale, Norm Izbki, Rod Glmpel and Derek Todd are the veterans while other team members include Rick Fisher, John Karolidis, Terry Waldrum, Brian Pendergast, Danny Fisher, Bill Taylor, Mark Eutener, Grady Lenaki, Ken Lonbro, Mark Brabant,

Dave Bew, Mike McMenemy, Kevin Brown, Joe Scott, Kevin Neill and Dean Spittal.

The tournament sites and representatives will be straightened out this coming week but for now, fans, players and coaches alike must trust in the system and rest assured that things will eventually right themselves.

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