

Signs of improvement but...

Gemini slump continues

If someone discovered a sure cure for a slump either an individual one or a team one, he'd make a million. Myriad reasons and similarly countless excuses have been offered for this malignancy in the past, but to date, the best diagnosis offered seems to be, "Wait it out."

The Georgetown Gemini, of the Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League, are still mired in their rut, following a 5-1 loss to Burlington at home on Saturday night and a 5-3 loss to Brampton, Sunday night in Brampton but coach Paul Robinson feels things are improving.

Asked to assess the losses, he commented, "Yes, sure I'm puzzled and concerned about the way the team has been playing lately, that's natural in

my position. Still, I don't feel the boys played that badly on Saturday and Sunday and there were signs that things are turning around."

Prior to the weekend losses, Robinson was displeased about the play of several players and the play of the team on the whole. However after an extensive talk and a team meeting, he felt the air had been cleared.

The losses to Brampton and Burlington didn't change his view as he felt that the players criticized were playing better and that the team was instituting the coaching suggestions he'd insisted on. "It will come together again, I'm sure of that," insisted Robinson.

"I feel we have the players to be successful in this league

once things fall into place and I definitely believe we are a much better team than our present position in the league standings indicates."

Robinson has given his charges a vote of confidence, now it is up to them to prove that their coach's confidence is not being misplaced.

At home on Saturday night, the Gemini were simply overpowered by league leading Burlington.

Burlington held a 3-0 lead before Larry Peterson, from Doug Barnes, got the Gems on the scoreboard to narrow the gap to 3-1. Burlington scored again however, less than a minute after the Gemini goal and added one more tally in the third frame for the icing on the cake of the 5-1 win. Mark Lipnicky, with two

goals, Ron Royle, John Glass and Terry Bovair were the Burlington marksmen.

Two Gemini inadequacies really came to the fore on Saturday night and they, in effect, spelled the difference. The Gemini had 13 powerplay opportunities and converted only one into a score. This problem ties in with another

irritant and that is the lack of drive from the blue line in. In other words, finishing off scoring chances. Although five shots slipped past him, Rick Tomkinson, again came up with a solid effort. Gemini Captain, Rick Becker, showed signs of shaking off her personal slump and young Bill Allison is proving that he belongs in Junior "B" hockey. A third period lapse proved

the Gemini's undoing in Brampton on Sunday evening as they led 2-1 after two periods of play. Dale Mieszanec drew first blood of the game for the "Gems" at the 10:11 mark of the middle stanza, converting passes from Joe South and Rick Becker.

Brampton tied the game at the 18:21 mark on a goal by Craig Hartwell, but Rick Becker, with his first goal of the year, on passes from Chris Milne and Terry "T.T." Turner sent the Gemini to the dressing room with a 2-1, two period lead.

Brampton began to move early in the final frame, on a goal by Blake Shorthill at the 2:23 mark and before the Gemini hit the score sheet again, the "Flower Town"

boys had an insurmountable, 5-2 lead. The other Brampton scorers were, Ross Brownridge, who potted a pair and Paul Cook, who added a single.

Kevin Reeks rounded out the game scoring for the Gemini on a pass from Charlie Knoepfli at the 15:33 mark but that was all the offensive thrust that the locals could manage in the 5-3 loss.



The Gemini play twice this week, on Friday at Milton and back home at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena on Saturday night against Dixie. Four points would certainly prove a haul on the Gemini's suffering at this point and would get them right back in the league's first division. Game time on Saturday night is 7:30 p.m.



IAN CLARK OF THE GDHS CROSS COUNTRY team won All-Ontario honors this past weekend at the OFSSA meet held at Blue Mountain Park near Collingwood. Ian won the Midget Boys race over a distance of 4200 metres. The All-Ontario's capped a fine season for the GDHS team, one which far surpassed previous year's performances.

Clark tops Ontario

The GDHS Cross Country team capped its best year in competition this past Saturday at the All-Ontarios in Collingwood's Blue Mountain Winter Park by coming up with their best ever performance at an All-Ontario meet.

This premier event for high school distance runners attracted between 1,800-2,000 athletes representing over 400 schools throughout the province. The terrain was rugged, over 50 percent of the course was run up and down hills, and to further test the weak, over 300 runners competed in each race.

The GDHS team captured one first, a second, a seventh, a ninth, an eleventh and a 29th place position, while the

Midget boys team placed fourth, the Mid girls placed sixth and the Junior boys team placed ninth.

The meet itself was dominated by Northern Ontario schools, namely Lockerby High School of Sudbury and Manitoulin High School, so the GDHS accomplishments are doubly impressive.

GDHS coach, Donna Metcalfe, was extremely pleased with all team members' efforts and wished to express her thanks to them for a very satisfying cross country season.

Ian Clark led the GDHS team as he won All-Ontario honors in the Midget boys run at 4200 metres. Ian's sister, Cathy Clark, almost

duplicated her younger brother's feat but fell just short and had to settle for second place in the Junior girls run at a distance of 3,000 metres.

Jenny Thompson took ninth place in the Midget girls run, while team-mate Heather Rogers finished 11th. This race was run over 3,000 metres.

Alex Otto finished 29th in the Junior boys run at 5,600 metres, while Mike Dixon was seventh in the Senior boys race at a distance of 7,200 metres. Mike's placing was a bit disappointing, however he should not be faulted as it was just one of those races where the pieces just didn't fit together.

A great season for the GDHS runners and the whole team deserves hearty congratulations.



The GDHS Senior Rebels volleyball team competed in the Halton Finals this past Thursday at Woodlands High School in Erinville. The team won one match while losing two, but played well throughout. Back row, left to right, coach Russ Linney, Gary Scully, Mike Stankovits, Paul Wolfenberg and Ralf Masser. Front row, left to right, Doug Lamb, Paul Nichol, Andy Long, (Captain) Mike Reed and Don Gibson. Absent, John Lenski and Bill Rivers.

Out but not down

The GDHS Senior Rebels volleyball team completed their season's play last week as they took part in the Halton Finals held at Woodlands High School in Erinville.

The GDHS crew lost two matches while winning one, thus placing third in the tournament but failing to qualify for the Halton-Peel final, but coach Russ Linney was pleased by his team's efforts and praised all members.

The Rebels lost their first match to the eventual champions, Glen Forest High School, 10-14, 11-15 and 9-15. It was especially pleasing to coach Linney as the boys played extremely well.

Their next match was against Central Peel High School of Brampton and the Rebels won handily, 15-10 and 16-14.

In what turned out to be the semi-finals, the Rebels faced

archrival Nelson High School of Burlington, but the Nelson jinx continued as they downed the Rebels, 15-2 and 19-6. Nelson lost in the finals to Glen Forest.

It was a satisfying end to the season for the Rebels as they started the year in shaky fashion, then came on strong, downing Blakelock to reach the Halton Finals in what was perhaps their best match of the year. With a better start, they could go all the way next year.

Basketball belles win

It was with some trepidation that the Varsity "A" and Varsity "B" GDHS basketball Rebelettes prepared to meet Acton High School last Thursday as the "A Town" girls, were known to be capable of playing some fine basketball. Both teams' fears failed to materialize however as the Varsity "B" Rebs downed Acton, 20-18 and their Varsity "A" counterparts chalked up a 39-31 victory.

The Varsity "B" win was mainly the result of an excellent defensive display by the whole team. Acton led 10-8 at the half, but the defence toughened in the last half while the shooters found the range for the GDHS win. Meredith McLaren was the high scorer, with eight points, but special mention should be made of Janet Gundry, two points and Carey Worrall, a single point, as this represented their first ever scoring in high school basketball.

The Varsity "A" Rebs were never really severely tested as

they led, 24-17 at the half, but again it was the defence, especially the defensive rebounding, that should be credited with the win. Sharon Barclay had 13 points, Sue Alexander had nine points, Brenda Smith, coming back after suffering what could have been a serious injury in the team's last outing, had six points, Leanne Gilson hooped four points, while Debbie Kirk and Karen Herrington added two and one points respectively. The Varsity "A" record now stands at 2-2.

Varsity "A" coach, Mavis O'Neil, praised the play of the Acton girls and felt that with the proper facilities, their home gym is little more than a band box, their team would improve tremendously. She felt they shot well, had good floor sense but were just slightly lost on the large floor surface.

This Thursday the Varsity "A" squad hosts Milton and the game should be interesting

Statistics reveal Gemini problems

The current slump that is plaguing the Georgetown Gemini of the Central Ontario Junior "B" hockey league is reflected in their slip in the league standings. Two weeks ago the Gems sported an undefeated record and were pursuing lead

Since then, however, the Gemini have managed but only point in five games and find themselves tied for third spot with Dixie. Each club has 10 points.

The most telling statistic as far as the Gemini are concerned is their "Goals For" total. Although Brampton and Milton trail the local favourites in the point total, Georgetown has scored seven fewer goals than the last place club. It is in this area that they will have to improve to get back on the winning track.

Central Ontario Junior B Standings (As of Nov. 3)

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Burlington	11	9	1	1	73	44	19
Streetsville	11	6	5	0	61	50	12
Oakville	11	5	5	1	58	56	11
Georgetown	10	4	4	2	36	39	10
Dixie	10	4	4	2	53	55	10
Brampton	12	4	7	1	55	61	9
Milton	11	2	8	1	43	73	5

Up-Coming Games

Thurs. Oakville at Dixie
Fri. Oakville at Burlington
Georgetown at Milton
Sat. Dixie at Georgetown
Sun. Milton at Brampton
Streetsville at Oakville

You may ask how this gets a person into condition. Here are a few basic rules that may help you understand why. The players are not allowed to stand on the bottom or touch the ball with two hands. The goalie is exempt from that rule.

Holding onto the side, splashing, hitting the ball with a clenched fist, impeding the opposition when not holding the ball, delaying taking a free throw and entering into the opposition's two-metre area before the ball does are ordinary fouls which are accompanied with two-minute penalties.

Equipment? All that's needed is a player's hat, ball, goal, a whistle, referees' flags and a pool. So, even if your horse can't swim you can play water polo.



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Ontario Outdoors Respect your outdoors

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What to do? October was out, November in. Hunt grouse, or maybe pheasant. How about small game? Plenty of opportunity there. And then there is Salmon fishing or Rainbow trout.

Those are some of the activities that are available in October and November, along with ducks and geese. The problem is, when all these goodies are set before you on the same weekend, what do you choose?? I could not decide so I went Bass fishing instead. Dave Hobbs, who hails from down Nova Scotia, picked me up on a fine morning, I closed the car door, started down the street and down came the rain.

As we fished Bass in the pouring rain, the occasional ducks would fly over head well within range. Like they say, you can't win them all.

Outdoor education is everyone's responsibility. It is a job far too important to trust to any one part of our education system.

Schools cannot teach it efficiently. Conservation groups sometimes get too one-sided in the matter. Youth groups cannot handle it all alone. The so-called sportsmen's groups, though open-minded on these matters, are often busy enjoying the outdoors and not putting time in to education. There are exceptions to all these of course, with individual groups, but on the whole it must be a joint effort.

The recent workshop with the Farm Writers of Canada and the Outdoor Writers of Canada, was a great success and points up the need for these various groups to get together to discuss the many aspects of outdoor education. Only in this way can we understand each other's feeling and ideas as well as voice our own.

The Ontario chapter of the Outdoor Writers of Canada will hold their annual meeting at the Royal Winter Fair. All these outdoor recreation minded folk find the Royal worth their attention, maybe you should.

By now, everyone knows of the fabulous fishing in and around the Georgian Bay area and the Lake Huron tributaries. The methods may vary with individuals but the game is the same.

One angling family put it this way: The husband caught an eight-pound salmon. Knowing the poor quality of Salmon at this time of year, he took the roe, gave the fish away to his neighbor and took his family fishing with the Salmon eggs.

He proceeded to catch an eight-pound Rainbow Trout, his wife took a six-pound Rainbow, and his eight-year-old daughter complained that they would not let her in on the fun. Soon the youngster went off to play leaving her line in the water and the rod on the bank. Father soon noticed the rod moving and called the girl to take it. She landed a fine three-pound Rainbow Trout. Better than one eight-pound salmon??

The Georgetown Anglers and Hunters are having another Turkey Shoot at their club house on the Eighth Line near Ballinlad. I don't know whether or not there is any specific cause to which the proceeds will go, I just read about these and don't know first hand.

However it has to be something worthwhile, so get out and support the club and have a good time while you are at it.

Try to do something this week to educate someone on the conservation of our ONTARIO OUTDOORS.

Raiders recruit new talent

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders of the OHA Intermediate "A" League have been having their problems in the early going of their young season, what with injuries to key players and suspensions, and this past weekend didn't do much to lighten the situation. Team Captain, John Boyce, a defenceman has been bothered by a nagging injury and has seen infrequent action of late and now it appears that their number two rearguard will be lost to the team for several games. Neil Cotton drew a match penalty last Friday night in Dundas for an alleged spearing incident and his sentence will be a three game suspension. Facing a depleted defence corps, the Raiders signed Tom Polanic on Monday night in the hopes that he can cure some of the ills.

Polanic is a big rugged blueliner who played last year with the Bramford Senior "A" club and saw action the previous year with Senior "A" Orillia. His aggressive play is sure to make him a favourite with the hometown fans.

The Raiders received more bad news over the weekend when it was learned that young Pete Fendley, a Georgetown product who played with the Acton Sabres, was involved in a car accident and will be lost to the team for several weeks. Fendley has lost his awe of Intermediate play in recent games and was proving to be quite a find for the club.

Two players who suited up for the Raiders last week, were Art Webster, who was with the club until Christmas last year, then joined the Oakville Intermediates and Benny Heppes who had signed early in the year but did not see action. Heppes is a former Georgetown Industrial Hockey League player.

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