Gems prove goalie can make a difference

The Georgetown Geminis certainly proved a point over the weekend. That point being, as your goalies go so

goes your team. Friday night in Cakville. Gems' goalle Ken Eckroth, perhaps feeling the gloom and doom that pervades the dingy Oakville arena, just couldn't sharpen his reflexes enough and his team-mates matched his inabilities stride for stride. The Geminis fubbed a perfectly attainable win and a second place spot in the league's standings, falling to an extremely unimpressive Oakville crew, 6-5.

Then, the next night, before an enthusiastic crowd of over 650 home town fans at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, the Geminis turned the tables to easily squash any hopes the Milton Continental Flyers had had of being the league's dark horse entry. Georgetown easily handed the last place Flyers an 8-4 win. What a difference a day

makes? What a difference a goalle to a crawl, particularly during

from Georgetown coach Paul

Robinson to man the fort

Saturday night and he justified

the choice coming up with a

tremendously sharp game. He fortified a sagging defence and

provided the all round spark

that got the Gems rolling after

The Gage Stationery Major

Bantams did not have one of

their better weeks this past

seven days. In two games they

only managed to earn a single

point, that coming on a 5-5 tie with their old nemesis, Dun-

das. Their other battle saw

them drop a 3-2 decision to

totally due to a slow start by

the Georgetown crew. Within

the first five minutes and

only 25 seconds apart-

Furlington had racked up two

of their three game-winning

Georgetown finally battled

their way onto the scoreboard

midway through the first

period on a goal by Bill Taylor

from Mike McMenemy and Ed

That loss to Burlington was

Burlington.

a miserable start.

Within the first five minutes of Saturday's game the Flyers peppered the Georgetown nets with some hard shots, all of which Tomkinson pulled in or blocked with his pads or stick. Of the 12 shots that he would have to make during the first 20 minutes of play Tomkinson made at least eight during the first series of plays in the

The Gems, seeing the kind of support they were receiving behind them, decided to open their game up a bit and from the mid-way point of the opening fray the majority of action - on those infrequent moments when both teams were either at strength or close to it - centred in the Milton

The referee was, to say the least, overly diligent. Which in simpler terms means he made good use of the new whistle he got as an early Christmas present. Following a wide open first 10 minutes of play the frequent calls for infractions slowed the play down

the second set. At one point the Geminia

scramble but no score. Geminis attack during Saturday's game.

(tripping). Yet, thanks to still looking for.

Rough week of action for Bantams

(hooking) and Kent Kentner with a hard shot that Jubb is

Tomkinson and a lot of good where they left off in the

hustling by the Georgetown - second. Seventeen seconds

were two men short for close to

two minutes thanks to in-

fractions to Bob Fotheringham

some super saves by

play in the second on a good

slapshot from the point by

Marty Power, assisted by Bill

A wet spot on the ice proved

Burlington capitalized on the

only break for either side in the

third. Georgetown as moving

the puck out of their own end

when the puck stuck on a wet

Phil Buck and Marty Power

played strong games for

match against Dundas and it

Taylor and McMenemy.

Flyers from scoring. The Milton crew scored first late in the first period but that ahouldn't indicate that the Georgetown squad hadn't had

its chances. Craig Jubb, Milton's goalle, had a lot of luck during some moments in the first period managing to hold Georgetown scoming But, just 56 seconds after Milton had managed to break the scoreless draw Gems'

Fotheringham got Lady Luck to move, flipping the rebound from a Larry Peterson shot over Jubb to make it 1-1. Joe South drew an assist on the scrambling play. Milton edged ahead for the

last time at the 19:13 mark but Georgetown were determined to head to the locker room on part with their opponents as, with only 10 seconds left to play in the first period, they scored on a beautiful pass from a faceoff to the right of the Flyers' goal.

Howie Meeker couldn't have done better himself. Chris Milne managed to come up with the puck, passed back to the point and Larry Peterson. Showing the form that has

scored on a goalmouth shot set up by Peterson and Rick Becker.

At that point the game expended to a 13-man game as the referee played a role that was only outdone by Tomkinson in the Gems' net. Despite playing short for a

large part of the game and despite calling upon Tomkinson to make an astounding 22 saves in the middle 20 minutes, the Geminis managed to come out of the stanza with a 5-3 lead.

Peterson made it 42 on another hard shot that Jubb managed to block with his shoulder but couldn't stop trickling over his shoulder nd into the goal.

Late in the period Doug. Pembleton, on a play set up by Becker and Milne, made it 5-2 but Milton edged slightly back into contention with 44 seconds left to play but that was as close as they were going to

At the 3:58 mark of the third Milne, who played one of his best games of the year Saturday, caught Jubb by draw, and flipped the puck back to Charlie Knoepfli who had stationed himself per-

feetly in the alot. Before any Milton defen-

we mentioned, the cold atmosphere of the Oakville ice palace (surpassed only by the atmosphere of the Dixle

arena) can certainly have an

It did it to the Geminis as they

But that wouldn't account

totally blew a possible victory.

for the total fallure of the Oak-

ville Blades to generate any

kind of excitement either

among their fans or their

players. Gemini execs are

hopeful that the lack of attack

on Oakville's part is actually

characteristic of a team that

has blown its energy too early

in the season and is destined to

affect upon any visiting team.

Drop they could well do and rise the Geminis would equally do as the Gems, with a couple

final minute, the Gems, led by Peterson just about tied and then went ahead in the game on two close plays near the

Oakville net. But almost only

counts in horseshoes and the

Raiders headed for the

showers with a 6-5 loss hanging

Peterson was definitely the

leader of the club notching two

more goals to his rising points

total. Becker, Barnes and

Georgetown's scoring with two

assists going to Bill Allison and

singles to Knoepfli, Becker and

Without making excuses it

on their shoulders.

Turner rounded

should be pointed out that the Geminis are struggling through a tough period. playing without three of their

regular players these past two

games. Kevin Reeks was out

courtesy of the flu, Bill Kirby's

still having troubles with his

Next action for the Gema

will see them travel to Dixie

for a 7;45 game this Thursday

night. They return to the

Gordon Alcott Saturday for an

ultra-important game against

the league leaders from

Burlington this Saturday

Sunday for a meeting at 7:30.

night. Then it's into Brampton

foot as is Dale Mieczaniec.

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games in hand, are fust

three points behind the

Friday's game saw the

Gerns fall behind 2-0 after the

first period but rally to recover

in the second, finishing the

middle stanza in . a 4-4

deadlock. But the third period

proved to be the downfall of

both the Gems and their

netminder Eckroth. Two easy

goals were just too much for

the Geminis to recover from.

Pulling their goalle in the

faltering Blades.

cemen could react Knoepfli moved slowly in on Jubb, took precise aim and totally bedazzled the netminder with a soft shot to the glove side.

Just over a minute later the final Georgetown tally was notched on a powerplay effort by Bill Allison from Becker and Milne. That was Milne's fourth point for the night.

The tide definitely reversed in the third as Georgetown players, catching only two penalties, blasted a total of 17 shots at the Flyers' netminder. All in all Jubb faced 33 while Georgetown's Tomkinson

stopped 39. One thing that can be said about the referee's calls: he was completely neutral in handing them out, assigning 20 to each team.

It was the second night in a row that he had handled a game with the Geminis, refereeing Friday night's game in Oakville as well. As

Thanks Geminis

To the Editor of the Herald: Yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus and he was at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena on December 14, Sunday afternoon. Kids of all ages were delighted to meet the old fellow himself and their favorite hockey players, the members of the Georgetown Geminia.

Not only have these young lads put their hearts into their hockey games on the ice, they've shown the kids of Georgetown that they are all heart off the ice too.

Hamburgers, pop. cookles, candy, music, pictures and autographs were all extended to the youngsters.

Admission price you ask? Courtesy of the Georgetown Geminis. Our pleasure, smiled one young man.

How refreshing say I. The team is to be congratulated on making Sunday afternoon a very special day for their small fans.

The Rebels faced stiff competition in this tournament Thank you Geminis. You're but walked off with first place the greatest. honours, with 58 points. Next A Very Grateful "Old" Fan. were Smith Falls with 45

Secondary School of Ottawa,

Colonel Bye of Ottawa, Smith

Falls and Georgetown District

points. Plantagenet with 30

High Schools.

Smith Falls tournament

Wrestling Rebels best in

pull himself together.

Georgetown District High with 26 points. School wrestling team travelled to Smith Falls to Twelve of the wrestlers from Georgetown were undefeated. They included Frank Lenski at compete in a quad-wrestling tournament. Participating schools included Plantagenet 83 lbs., Pete Fournier at 90 ibs. who was absolutely devastating, Rick Rodgers at 96 lbs. who was unchallenged, Bill Fournier who pinned Pierre Leflesh of Plantakenet

who was previously unbeaten, Ted Phillips at 113 lbs. Pat Fobert at 130 lbs. defeated Fred Gerow of Smith

Falls, who, according to the

Falls wrestling coach Lew

and Colonel Bye of Ottawa Martin is the best wrestler on the Smith Falls team; Bill Bradley at 141 was uncontated, John Pendergast

Anyone get the number of that truck? As the Gemini player flees the scene

of a hard collision, the victim, Milton goalie Craig Jubb attempts to

at 157 lbs. who went unchallenged. Other fine showings were turned in by Victor Farkas who went two for three at 123 lbs., Steve Turner at 178 lbs. and Bill Lieder at 194 lbs. Steve and Bill also went two for three Tom Hastings and Paul Beer who faced very tough competition did not win their bouts, but, according to Coach

A sad point in the tournament was a head injury to Brian Pendergast who was easily leading his bout 7-to-1

when he suffered a seven-

stitch gash to his head and was

McKay, are excellent

prospects for the rest of the

forced to the sidelines for the__ rest of the tournament.

Bob McKay said, "It was a pleasure seeing former Rebel coach Lew Martin who had done a great job at Smith



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much needed break in the middle of the Intermediate hockey season the Raiders have been taking it easy for the

Their rest, however, will not last any longer than this Friday night. Dundas Merchants, the "jinx team" that the Raiders, for some inexplicable reason, can't beat, will be back at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena attempting to cast their spells over the first place Raiders. On December 23, this coming Tuesday, the Raiders will be back at it again, meeting the Fort Eric Mavericks in Fort Erie.

Raiders

All's quiet on the Raiders' front this week. Taking a

remains in the Respiratory Care Unit where We're happy to report that Colin Gibson,

Georgetown on the defence. Two nights later, Thursday night to be exact, the Georgetown crew once again failed to get fired up for a

in action this past week.

posting a 3-1 win.

insurance marker.

managed to inch their way to the 5-5 tie. Mark Falby led the way with

our mending sports editor, is slowly recuperating from injuries received in a car accident two weeks ago.

earned him a well respected aurprise to deflect a shot over

McMenemy counted for the Waters, who has been

other goals with assists going averaging a point a game in

Randy Waters played well 'the Bantam Four-Towners was

to John Barnes and Mc- the six games he has played

reputation in the local Junior

"B" loop, Peterson let fire

The Gems picked up right

defence, the Gems stopped the into the period Terry Turner end. Doug Barnes won the

disastrous for Georgetown as on defence while Randy one of the keys on the offence.

proved costly. They barely

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visitors are strictly prohibited. He did manage to ask us to pass along his

thanks for the many letters and cards he has received. The address is the Respiratory Care Unit, Seventh Floor, Urghuart Wing, Toronto General Hospital.

The Gage Gang tied the two goals. Mark Brabant,

Randy Waters and Mike game with 35 seconds left to TOWN OF HALTON HILLS Change of Refuse Pickups

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Colin's recovering

since being brought up from

the totally down and out

goaltender. Doug Barnes and

the game came at the 4:21

mark of the third on a play set

up from a faceoff in Milton's

Definitely the nicest goal of

Peterson drew assists.

The latest reports from Toronto General Hospital are that he's still in "fair" condition but is doing as well as can be expected. He

Come-trom-behind win tor Bantams Two games and two wins for Guelph, to the tune of a 4-2 win. Georgetown's Minor Bantams The game was marred by 24

penalties 13 of which went to Guelph and 11 to Georgetown. Running up against a troublesome squad from It was one of the hardest hit-Burlington the local reps made ting' games of the season short work of their opponents, highlighted with a lot of tough bodychecking.

Chuck Moffat from John Georgetown dropped behind 2-0 early in the game but came Lehman hit for the first back with four unanswered Georgetown goal. Steve Robbins from Barry Simpson goals. Bryan Bomholt was in counted the eventual winner net and held Guelph to their and then Kevin Thompson, on ' two tallies.

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an unassisted play, added the Steve Robbins from Herb Kewley put Georgetown on the The Minor Bantams' next scoreboard. Chuck Moffatt victory came at the expense of tied the game up on a play set

up by Kevin Thompson and then Kewley notched one himself on a pass from Danny The clincher was added by

Reynolds from John Thorpe

and Mark Bingham.

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