

The 'Dundas Jinx' has done it again to the Raiders

Was it the "Dundas Jinx" or "just one of those games" for the Raiders? Either way the Raiders blew it badly Friday night at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, letting the Dundas Merchants rob the Georgetown Intermediates with a 4-3 overtime victory.

For fear of having a Dundas Merchant plant a stick soundly between our ears, let's be truthful. There's no way the Merchants warrant the win. They were out-numbered, out-played (for the first half) and out-classed.

But, on the other hand, the

Raiders were out-scored. Not during the first half though. Georgetown showed the stuff that first place teams are made of. They skated well, forechecked ever better and scored. After the first 20 minutes of play the Raiders were leading 2-0 and deservedly so.

The first Raiders score was a powerplay effort. With a two-man advantage the Georgetown squad moved into the Dundas end and set up a beautiful passing play that eventually saw Rick Schurr pass to Pat Maloney, who

without a second to consider, flipped the puck between the posts.

At the 15-minute mark Dundas goaltender Gerry Aussem presented the Raiders with an early Christmas gift which, unfortunately, the Raiders would eventually return.

Neil Cotton and Ray Peacock set up John Boyce for a hard shot from the point which Aussem managed to get his glove on, but forgot to hold onto. The puck dropped nicely into the goal.

That was one of the few

mistakes Aussem was going to make. About the only hot spot in the Gordon Alcott on that cold, cold Friday night was the hot goaltending of Aussem. Normally, a consistently adept netminder he seems to really turn on when he's facing a bunch of upset Raiders.

Mind you, he was getting a lot of help from a group of Raiders who seemed to need a road map to find their way to the Dundas net. With the shots ringing time and again three feet wide of the mark Aussem really didn't need to be all that sharp. Even when the Raiders

did manage to get their aim a little more exact and on the general range of the Dundas net the majority of the shots were fired right at his pads.

One of the few shots that a Raider actually took his time in setting up and firing to a corner proved to be the Raiders last goal. That came late in the third period after Dundas had battled back to a 2-2 draw.

Doug Tate playing his first game in a Raiders uniform since returning to Intermediate action after a stint with the Whitby Senior 'A's

(more about Tate later) did a tremendous job in carrying the puck into the Dundas end. Despite having two Merchants applying a bit of subtle pressure on him Tate coolly kept digging to come up with the puck. Spying Tom Polonic moving into the slot Tate passed it back. Polonic picked a corner and easily fired the puck home.

That lead had a life span of about two minutes. Then Georgetown's goalie, Keith Pallett, was caught flat on a play that could be called a gimme.

Dundas forward Ross Busselle let an easy shot go from the point. It didn't have any speed at all on it. There weren't any players possibly interfering with either Pallett's vision or the flight of the puck. It was an easy shot that Pallett appeared to be making his standard competent save on.

In fact he did make the stop but the puck somehow managed to find its way over his shoulder and down into the net.

The game went into overtime, the details of which would be better left unsaid. At the 1:30 mark Merchant Larry Wilson set up Joe Donald for a hard shot from the left side.

Penalty-wise the game did have its moments. A rough start did, however, cool things down.

Facts and figures for goaltenders' saves really point out where the tide turned against the Raiders. In the first period Aussem made 17 saves to Pallett's total of five. In the second Aussem had the period off making only five saves to Pallett's 10. Both goalies took it relatively easy in the third as Pallett made eight saves, Aussem 10.

One of the bright spots in the Raiders' game analysis (besides the fine playing of Pat Maloney) had to be the introduction of Doug Tate in the lineup. His first time out showed that he's got the ability to break any game wide open when he almost scored on a one-man drive.

He almost did it again eight minutes into the second period when he whistled a hard shot off the Dundas posts. When the

shuffling of lines by coach Junior Tibbetts slows down somewhat the Raiders are no doubt going to find themselves with some extremely dangerous lines.

The Raiders coming off that one week rest are facing a busy week ahead. On Friday they host the Port Colborne Sailors at the Gordon Alcott then they move to Oakville to face the league's number one, but faltering squad, on Sunday. Next Tuesday they move to Port Colborne for a return match against the Sailors.

The final word about Friday's game came from a rink side pundit who, after seeing Raiders' Mike Mahoney skate to the bench with skate problems, commented, "I hope it's the left foot. They've got plenty of replacements for left feet."

HERALD sports

Snow and Brampton blanket the Geminis



Friday night Raiders action (?)

The big game that wasn't

The battle for first place that wasn't. Despite the fact that the two teams tied for first place in the Georgetown Industrial Hockey League standings did battle last Sunday at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena the top spot is still as much up in the air as ever before.

Norval and Thompson Construction, who share the league's top honors, battled their way through a bitter three-period tussle only to wind up tied 4-4.

The only team that benefitted was Sandhill who, with a strong third period effort, downed the floundering Total Sports squad 6-3. With their win Sandhill now are just one point behind the two top teams, a solid four points ahead of third ranked Total Sports.

The other game Sunday saw the Royal Pizza Kings and Guelph-Clair Sunoco play to a 3-3 tie.

In the day's big game between Norval and Thompson it was only the strength of a concerted effort by Norval in the third period that they were fortunate enough to garner the single point.

Through the first period both teams saw-sawed back and forth finishing up with a 2-2 draw at the end of the period. Ray Ingalls scored both Norval goals while John Swann and John Blair hit the mark for Thompson.

Thompson Construction came out hitting in the second period, finishing the stanza with a good looking 4-2 lead. John Blair added his second

and then Doug Sargent found the range.

But the third period saw the trend twist the other way as George Poulson and Brian Beaumont both tallied for Norval with less than two minutes left to play in the game. Beaumont's tying tally in fact came with just seconds left to play.

The assists on the Norval scoring plays went to Dave McMenemy (2), Hugh Williams (2), Brian Beaumont (2) for high point honors for his team, Jim Hillhouse and Max Korzak.

Ed Pearce, Jim Blair (2), Bob Ingalls and John Swann were credited with setting up the Thompson tallies.

The 3-3 battle between the Pizza Kings and the Sunoco squad started slowly without any scoring in the first period.

Both teams, however, turned on the speed in the second from which the Pizza Kings drew a 2-1 lead. Glen Chapman opened the goal getting on a ray from Dwayne Hay.

Bob MacDonald gave the Royal squad a 2-0 lead on a pass from Guy Korzak and Dave Alexander but then, with less than five minutes left in the period, Keith Bennett from John McKeen put the Sunoco crew on the board.

The third period saw the table turn as Dave Irons counted twice for Guelph-Clair to Korzak's single tally for Royal. John McKeen and Keith Bennett set up Irons' first goal and Steve McLellan and Don Parsons aided on the second.

Although their 6-3 win may

look one sided it was only three third period goals that put the Sandhill squad on top of Total Sports.

Total Sports, in fact, on two goals by Terry Richmond in the first period led the game at the end of the opening stanza. Wid Bradley set up both goals by Richmond while Don Staddon received an assist on his second.

But Sandhill began to roll early in the second as Alan Craig, Bill Sikieryzcki and Terry Burke scored to put their team on top 3-2. Bill Davis, Terry Burke, Ken Norris and Sikieryzcki assisted.

At the 9:29 mark Ian Syme scored for Total Sports and the period finished with that 3-3 tie.

Saturday's snow fall did a bit more than blanket Georgetown; it put a definite damper on the Georgetown Geminis.

Coming off a hot and heavy 4-2 victory over Dixie Ventures Thursday night the Georgetown entry in the local Junior "B" loop could hardly wait to get their teeth into the first place Burlington squad Saturday night before their home town fans.

But the weather closed in, forcing the cancellation of the Saturday game, and the let-down was something else for the Geminis. The feeling was sort of like getting the entrees and the desserts without the main course.

Even the dessert turned bitter Sunday night as the Geminis floundered at the hands of the second last place Brampton Junior "B's" to the tune of a 4-2 loss.

Officials seem to be playing a big part in the Geminis' life this season. Two weeks ago in Georgetown and Oakville it was a matter of too much officiating then this past Thursday in Dixie it was a case of too little and much too late.

Only eight penalties were called in a game that, for lack of a nicer term, could be summed up as "chippy." According to Geminis' coach Paul Robinson the game was downright dangerous. "There should have been 25 penalties in the game...for both sides of course."

The third period saw goals from Bill Davis, Jim Kerr and Don Glassford for the win. Warren Craig, Davis, Halls and Sikieryzcki assisted.

Action this week in GJHL action will see Sandhill presented with a golden opportunity to edge into second place at Norval's expense. Those teams meet at 8:15 followed at 9:45 by a meeting of Thompson Const. and Royal Pizza Kings. The final game of the day will start at 11:15 and will feature Total Sports against Guelph-Clair Sunoco.

Dixie, in their home arena, come out like blockbusters and the Geminis didn't take too kindly to being the blocks that were being busted.

The whole shebang came to a head with less than three minutes left in the game. A full-scale battle, with Kent-Kentner being the centre of the Ventures' attention, erupted. Coach Robinson came out of the whole affair worse than any of the players, thanks to a two-game suspension.

The only bright spot for Robinson to chew on during the ride home was the fine play of Bill Allison on the Geminis' defensive line. Allison is a familiar face to Georgetown Juvenile fans and is promising to be an equally well known name within Junior "B" ranks. The defence, all things being considered, put on a pretty good showing both games.

Georgetown packed all their scoring against Dixie in the first and third periods. Steve Johnson and Rick Becker scored in the first on plays set up by Becker and Chris Milne (on Johnson's) and Milne (on Becker's).

Dixie battled back in the second to draw to a 2-1 tally but that was as far as they were going to get. At the 9:39 mark of the third Johnson and Becker set up Kentner to set the scoreboard at 3-1 and then five minutes later Charlie Knoepfli made it 4-1 on a play set up by Larry Peterson.

Rick Tomkinson was in the Geminis' net for both the Thursday and Sunday games and better games he most definitely has played. Two soft goals, in fact, managed to elude him Sunday against Brampton.

That game was nothing but a sleeper, according to coach Robinson. "Brampton's the hardest team to play against," he admitted. "They don't seem to have any set plays. They just put around and eventually they get a score here and another there."

Again the Geminis had one bright spot. That, in Sunday's game, was courtesy of Dale Melzaniec who returned to

the lineup despite very recent problems with his ankle. He played a super game.

The line of Doug Barnes, Charlie Knoepfli and Kevin Reeks counted both Georgetown goals against Brampton with Barnes and Reeks the marksmen.

With Robinson forced into a spectator's role, assistant coach Fred Harrison was in charge of the Gems Sunday and will be for their next battle which comes this Friday in Burlington. On Saturday, barring any more snow storms, the Gems will return to the Gordon Alcott for a 7:30 meeting with their friendly foes from Streetsville.



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| TEAM | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | PTS | | |
| Norval | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 35 | 21 | 13 | | |
| Thompson | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 35 | 23 | 13 | | |
| Sandhill | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 32 | 23 | 12 | | |
| Total Sports | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 32 | 37 | 8 | | |
| Royal Pizza | 9 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 32 | 35 | 6 | | |
| Guelph-Clair | 9 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 12 | 37 | 2 | | |

| LEADING SCORERS | | | | | | | | | |
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| NAME | TEAM | GP | G | A | TP | PM | | | |
| Brian Beaumont | Nor | 9 | 9 | 9 | 18 | 6 | | | |
| Bob Marchand | TC | 8 | 8 | 5 | 13 | 4 | | | |
| Ian Syme | TS | 9 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 10 | | | |
| Dave Holmes | TS | 8 | 5 | 7 | 12 | 6 | | | |
| Benny Herpes | Nor | 9 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 16 | | | |
| Dwayne Hay | RP | 7 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 16 | | | |
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| Pat Shanks | TC | 9 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 10 | | | |

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