

Raiders look good: out-score opponents 15-1

It must be a new year for the Raiders. They surely squashed any doubts that had been arising during the latter part of '75 among their fans that just possibly our entry in the local intermediate "A" league had peaked too soon.

This past week, however, such problems as overtime losses, at home losing streaks and even goalkeeping difficulties were all put to rest as

The Raiders put two solid victories together, notching a total of 15 goals themselves and allowing only one by their opponents.

The turnaround came as the expense of Dunville whowere totally humiliated last Thursday with a 9-0 drubbing and a struggling Oakville crew who were downed 6-1 Friday night at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

In Dunville Keith Pallett firmly re-established his reputation as perhaps the league's best goaltender if and when he's psyched into producing the extra effort such honors require.

Despite the lopsided score the Dunville squad still peppered 32 shots at the Georgetown nets and some were definitely of the tough variety to handle. Through it all

Pallett held his ground to come up with his shutout.

The win was definitely a morale booster for coach Junior Tibbetts and the rest of the Raiders who have suffered some tough blows to their egos these past few weeks. They've once again reset their sights on first place, a level they're just short of.

Intermediate standings being rather hard to come by,

Raiders executives can only estimate that they're somewhere between the first place (the last they heard) Fort Erie Mavericks and the third place (ditto) Port Colborne Sailors.

Everyone got in on the scoring against Dunville with Pat Maloney and Art Webster leading the way. Webster hit for two goals and two assists while Maloney got his four

points setting up other's goals. Tom Gilbert hit for two goals plus an assist while Neil Cotton blasted home one goal and two assists.

Bill Wheeler and John Boyce rounded out the Raider's scoring with single goals. With one assist apiece Bill Currie, Ray Peacock and Pete Fencliey completed the point accumulation.

Raiders' earned their wild

victory rather conservatively adding three goals in each of the periods. The Dunville squad, displaying mounting frustration as the score mounted against them, became rather chippy finishing the game with a total of 13 penalties. Raiders were tagged with 10.

The game was definitely not of regular intermediate "A" caliber both in the lack of finesse shown, the rough play and the high score.

Friday night the Oakville Adanacs arrived in Georgetown and all the rumours that have been floating about the league about their problems proved to be true. The Adanacs are definitely teetering on total collapse.

Interest in the Adanacs this year is Oakville has been next to nil. The team even had to go out of town to find sponsors. Most games in the chilly Oakville arena see out-of-town spectators out-numbering local fans two-to-one.

The Adanacs' coaching staff too has been suffering, having undergone a change in command two weeks ago. The morale of the team, as a result of all these off-ice problems, has taken a pretty sharp dive. It's a bit of a gamble from one game to the next see if the

Oakville Intermediates are going to have enough players on hand to ice a team.

Friday night they arrived in Georgetown with a minimal 12-man unit, including the two goalies. They had barely enough to put together one set forward line.

But, giving credit where credit is due, the Adanacs who did show up certainly came to play. They provided a good accounting of themselves despite being at an obvious disadvantage right from the first faceoff.

They managed to pepper Raider's competent backup goalie Brian Hardman (Pallett finally got a weekend off with 27 shots while Brad Prophet, Oakville's netminder had to face 35 shots.

The Raiders came out storming in the first period to notch five goals and the win but the Adanacs were the ones to hit first just. Just one minute into the period Ray Chisholm hit from Kim Grant to give Oakville a brief 1-0 lead.

From that point on, however, the game was all Georgetown's. They answered back with goals during the final part of the first and then coasted during the last two periods, adding their sixth with less than three minutes left to play.

Paul Burger scored twice as did Craig Simpson. Pat Maloney and Doug Tate rounded out the goal getting with singles. Bill Wheeler drew two assists as did Ray Peacock. Single assists were handed to Mike Maloney, Art Webster, John Boyce, Tate, and Bill Currie.

Considering their definite disadvantage in manpower, even at full strength the Adanacs stuck strictly to playing hockey, as did the Raiders. Georgetown drew five penalties and the Adanacs seven.

The Raiders' season is drawing steadily closer to its completion. Only eight games remain, being evenly split between home and away efforts. This Friday night, for one of the few times this year, the Raiders will not be playing at home. Instead they'll be on the road to Dundas for a late game there.

But Raiders' fans will still have something to watch this weekend. Georgetown has set up an exhibition match against the Barrie Flyers, reigning champions of the OHA Senior "A" league. That game is scheduled for Sunday night and should be an interesting test of just how well or how poorly intermediate hockey matches up against the higher Senior level of play.

Gems look for more players

If you were quick enough to catch a glimpse of Geminis' coach Paul Robinson heading out of the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena Saturday night you might have mistaken him for a bystander fleeing the scene of an accident... or a robbery.

Because what a fairly full house of local Junior "B" fans had witnessed for three hours Saturday had been a discouraging mixture of two-thirds robbery and one-third accident.

The Dixie Ventures had been the instigators of both and the

Geminis the hapless victims, suffering a 6-4 loss at the hands of a not-all-that-great Dixie crew.

The only comment that could be dragged out of Robinson as he fled was a blank, "No comment."

His Geminis, after all, have had better moments. In fact Saturday night's venture was perhaps their worst outing—either home or away—they've come up with this season.

Totally powerless from goalie to forwards the Geminis could only grit their teeth and promise themselves and their

fans "better days ahead."

Manager Bob Tost, always an optimistic voice in the crowd, couldn't even muster a bright note.

His duties, in fact, were blackened during the past few days by the news that an unnamed Junior "C" player they had been eyeing for a possible signing prior to the February 10 OHA cutoff date had broken a leg during a recent game.

Which leaves Tost and the rest of the Geminis' management on the lookout for two extra players and, as of Saturday, they have now less

than a month to do it. The Geminis have three extra cards waiting to be signed to bring the team up to its 19-man limit. As yet Tost has not any definite players in mind, in fact he admits that he doesn't even know which of the three squads—defense, offense or goalie—he's going to be shopping for.

The alternating goalie system crumbled for a good part of Saturday night's game. Starting netminder Rick Tomkinson was pulled at the 15-minute mark of the first period after the Ventures had trouble not scoring.

The same went for the Gems offensive squad. Their goals were nice ones but there just weren't enough of them. The height of the offense's problems getting on the right track came midway through the third. Given a full two minutes with a two-man advantage the best the Gems could do was a hard shot off the post rifled by Larry Peterson.

The game is going to have some costly repercussions for both the Gems and the Georgetown Juveniles. Joe South, the fine Juvenile defenseman the Gems have been making good use of, was taken to hospital after suffering a painful back injury. It appeared that he would be out of action for some time.

The Gems actually pulled a bit of a deception on the good crowd of loud and loyal fans pulling ahead 2-0 within the first 10 minutes of the game. Seven minutes into the period Doug Pemberton made a couple of quick moves at the Dixie blue line to keep the puck in play.

He fired a pass to Bob Fotheringham who ended up making a swan dive into the Dixie net complete with puck under him. It somehow bounced loose and onto the waiting stick of Steve Buchanan who just had to flip it into the wide open net.

Just over one minute later affiliated player Bill Allison came up with a real Howie Meeker Special. Most of the

credit for the goal has to go to team captain Rick Becker who scrambled along the board to come up with the puck. Spying Allison racing into the slot from the right side Becker made a beautiful pass right onto his stick.

After Dixie had come back with two answering goals the Gems pulled ahead once again at the 14:02 mark on a powerplay goal by Doug Barnes from Dale Mieczanec and Becker.

With Dixie ahead 5-3 late in the second period Larry Peterson hit for the Gems' final goal, a powerplay effort set up by Barnes.

Dixie added their final insurance touch at the 7:51 mark of the third. Their big guns for the night were Miles Forget and Jim Baker with two each. Both of those players are new additions to the Ventures' lineup.

The Gems' powerplay difficulties were definitely the deciding factor in the loss. The Ventures were tagged with 22 penalties while the Gems were caught for only 10, yet the Dixie offense managed to equal the Gems' two power play goals.

With the loss the Gems' hold on second place was shaken quite seriously. Third place Oakville were rejoicing the outcome as they now still retain some hope of moving ahead of the Gems, but the team happiest with the outcome had to be first place Burlington. As Bob Tost commented, "We had a real chance to move up into Burlington but couldn't do it. But we still have two games with Burlington."

One of those is away (January 23) and the other is at home on a date that still has to be decided.

Next game for the Gems is this Friday when they travel to Milton and then they're back at home, sort of. The Gems will play host Saturday night to Oakville in the old Georgetown Memorial Arena, a result of the Midget Hockey Tournament at the Gordon Alcott.

Goalie Rick Tomkinson was voted December's Labatt's Sports Award winner.

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Saturday's action Geminis face the Dixie Ventures

HERALD sports

Georgetown skater in Canadian Championship

Today (Wednesday) at approximately 3:30 in the afternoon a young Glen Williams figure skater will perform one of the most important routines in his still very young skating career.

Chris Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barber, will be competing in the Canadian Figure Skating Championships being held this week in London, Ontario.

He and his partner, Patty Fletcher of Scarborough, have made it all the way to the finals of the Novice Pairs Dance category in the Canadian competitions, the top rung of competitions for Novice pairs in Canada.

To get there Chris and Patty last month finished first in the Eastern Canada divisionals held in La Salle, Quebec. They

topped 13 other pairs representing the best novice pair in eastern Canada.

In the Canadian's Chris and Patty face the top 11 pairs from across Canada.

The local hopefuls left for London Monday afternoon to spend the next two days practicing. The competitions, are taking place in the Ilderton Winter Club on the campus of

the University of Western Ontario.

Win or lose the Canadians mark the final competition of the season for Chris and Patty. Unlike the older categories the Novice division champions do not move onto the world competitions. They do, however, move up next year to Junior competitions which will permit them to, if they're successful.

Pizza Kings put 'works' to Thompson

Don't count the Royal Pizza Kings out. They're fourth today but who knows about tomorrow? The Pizza Kings came up with the upset of the week Sunday in Georgetown Industrial Hockey League action as they shut out, behind the fine goaltending of Grant Emmerson, the third ranked Thompson Construction squad 2-0 to move within striking distance of those very same Thompson players.

third Dwayne Hay broke the ice on a play with Al Arnold. Five minutes later Arnold did it again, setting up Mike Coffee this time for the insurance marker.

Kings showed that they are among the contenders once again for the playoffs.

The other two games of the week's GIHL action produced few surprises. First place Norval, in the first game of the day, dropped the last placed Guelph-Clair Sunoco squad 4-3.

The surprise of that match was that the Sunoco team made

such a close game of it.

The first period was a scoreless effort by both sides but then Guelph-Clair opened up the action in the second coming out of the 20 minutes with a 2-1 lead. Steve McLellan and Don Parsons hit for Guelph-Clair with assists going to Jim Robertson, Steve Waters, John McKean and Dave Irons.

The lone second period tally for Norval was scored by Larry Bradley from Benny Heppes.

Norval wasted no time in the third pulling into the front.

Brian Beaumont, and Bob Monckton scored within the first four minutes to put Norval on top to stay. Benny Heppes assisted on both tallies while Beaumont drew an assist on Monckton's score.

At the 15:59 mark Beaumont added what eventually proved to be the winner on a nice solo effort.

Dave Irons drew the Guelph-Clair crew back into contention with nine seconds left to play but that was as close as they were going to come to pulling off what could have been the upset of the season.

McLellan and McKean set up that late goal.

Second place Sandhill held onto their position with a 4-2 victory over Total Sports. During the first two periods the Sandhill squad racked up four unanswered goals with Alan Craig notching two of them and Terry Burke and Rick Sierkierzycki getting the others.

Burke assisted on one and Don Glasford assisted on two of the Sandhill goals.

The best Total Sports could do in the third was register two goals with Brad Edgar hitting

for the first from Dave Holmes and Don Glasford and Brian James notching the other from Warren Chard and Marty Weaver.

This weekend Thompson Construction have an opportunity either to make it or break it as they push for top honors. They have an opportunity to knock off Norval at 9:45. Falling that they'll likely be relegated to third or fourth place for the rest of the season.

In the 8:15 game Sunday Royal Pizza Kings meet Total Sports and then at 11:15 Sandhill will take on Guelph-Clair Sunoco.

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GEORGETOWN INDUSTRIAL HOCKEY LEAGUE							
GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS	
Norval	12	8	3	1	44	28	17
Sandhill	12	8	4	0	38	29	16
Thompson	12	6	4	2	43	35	14
Pizza Kings	12	4	6	2	41	44	10
Total Sports	12	4	7	1	42	52	9
Guelph-Clair	12	2	8	2	29	46	6

LEADING SCORERS					
NAME	TEAM	GP	G	A	TP
Brian Beaumont	Nor	12	12	12	24
John McKean	GC	11	6	13	19
Dave Holmes	TS	11	8	10	18
Steve McLellan	GC	10	7	9	16
Benny Heppes	Nor	12	8	7	15
Inn Syne	TS	11	7	8	15
Dave Irons	GC	6	9	5	14
Dwayne Hay	GC	10	7	7	14
Bob Marchand	TC	8	8	5	13
Len Doucette	RP	7	5	7	12

T.A. Blakelock too much for Junior Rebs

Friday night spelled disaster for the Junior Rebels basketball team as they were trounced 87-41 by T. A.

Blakelock School from Oakville.

To make things worse the Rebs could not get a point on

the board until Chris Corbett scored with 52 seconds left in the first quarter to make the score at that point 21-2.

Blakelock then again poured it on and went to the locker room with a 48-15 half-time lead.

Paul Krowchuck was the top scorer for Georgetown with 15 points. James Lawson had 12 points and Grady Lenski had seven points.

What a weekend!

This is going to be a busy weekend for local sports fans as they are faced with some hard decisions on what to watch: Hockey? Football? or Wrestling?

The highlight locally of the weekend will be the tenth annual Georgetown Wrestling Tournament which will be taking place throughout the next five days. Play began last night at 8:45 and will continue through to Sunday's championship matches.

Play takes place tonight, Thursday and Friday nights

from 8:45 to 10:15 and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The two championship matches—for consolation and championship crowns—will take place Sunday at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena at 1 and 3 in the afternoon.

Meanwhile up at Georgetown District High School perhaps the best recognized high school wrestling tournament will be taking place Saturday. Teams representing schools throughout Ontario will be

competing in the GDHS tournament.

Sunday night some more fine hockey will be offered as the Georgetown Raiders, one of the best teams in Ontario Intermediate ranks take on the Barrie Flyers, the definite best in Canadian Senior hockey circles. That exhibition game is slated for the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

If that isn't enough to make a sports fan begin to go a little nuts trying to divide his time, there's also the Super Bowl on TV.

Rebs host Ontario's best wrestlers

This Saturday the GDHS "Raasling Rebs" wrestling team put their title on the line as they host the fourth annual Georgetown Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Top teams from all over Ontario participate in this prestigious event in hopes of walking off with the attractive trophy.

Tough competition is expected to come from Smiths Falls where former Rebel

wrestling coach Lew Martin is building a strong team.

Under the watchful eyes of coaches Bob McKay, Ray Smith and Mike McMahon the local wrestlers have been working out hard for well over

two months now.

Action gets underway at approximately 10 a.m. so drop into the high school and see some of Ontario's finest wrestlers in action.

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