



The Thornhill Thunderbirds' Chris Boucher celebrates a goal during his team's 5-4 conquest of the Georgetown Geminis Saturday night. On the scene for the Gems are defensemen Mark Falby and Bob McCandless, behind the net, and goalkeeper Brad Miller. The Gems came back after trailing 3-0 after the first period to tie the score but Thornhill eventually won the contest.

Junior standings

The Burlington Cougars maintained their five point lead over the Streetsville Derbys in the OHA Central Junior "B" standings.

Meanwhile the three North Halton teams, Acton, Milton and Georgetown are bunched together at the bottom of the heap.

Here are the standings:

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Burlington	25	23	2	1	181	77	47
Streetsville	23	21	2	0	177	64	42
Oakville	24	14	10	0	144	111	28
Oak Ridges	25	13	10	2	136	128	28
Orillia	26	13	11	2	120	127	28
Brampton	25	12	11	2	104	106	26
Thornhill	25	10	12	3	106	118	23
Dixie	26	7	14	5	108	131	19
Barrie	26	9	16	1	124	141	19
Acton	24	7	15	2	110	153	16
Milton	25	7	16	2	107	159	16
Georgetown	25	3	20	2	84	164	8

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Gems make comeback, but lose 5-4 at Alcott

The Georgetown Geminis were nipped 5-4 by the Thornhill Thunderbirds Saturday night at Alcott Arena after a strong comeback fell short.

The loss was a heartbreaker for the Gems as they need wins against second-division teams like the Thunderbirds.

It was a penalty-filled match

with the Gems taking 19 minors and two fighting majors. The Thunderbirds had one less minor and the same number of majors.

HOT GOALKEEPER

In the end what did the Gems in was an exceptionally hot goaltender in the Thunderbirds' Brad Steel.

Steel made 56 saves for the Thunderbirds with 20 in each of the last two periods when the Gems had the pressure on.

Brad Miller also had a busy night in the Gem net as he made 40 saves with 17 of those coming in the opening period. The visitors opened the scor-

ing at the 8:26 mark of the period when Mike Egu beat Miller with Mark Falby off serving an interference infraction.

Bob Hunter then caught the homeside by surprise when he scored to make it 2-0 with his teammate Al Dellabro off serving a penalty.

It appeared the Thunderbirds were going to turn the game into a rout when with 37 seconds still left in the first period Bruce Clatworthy made it 3-0.

The homeside came out flying in the second period and with only 3:21 gone Bob Allison, who was back in action tallied on the power play with Mark Euleneier and Larry Melton being the playmakers.

Before the period was half over Steve Crossman had brought the Gems within one on a play set up by defenseman John Barnes.

Then with just over five minutes remaining in the frame Andy Broadbent, who has been a scoring machine in recent weeks, tied the score on an unassisted effort.

As in the first period, the Thunderbirds came up with a goal late in the second period.

Kurt Pearson tallied with Bob McCandless serving another interference infraction.

THOMPSON TALLIES

Gary Thompson, still with the Gems from the juvenile squad, brought the Gems even again with just over five minutes gone in the last period. It too was unassisted.

It was another power play that cost the Gems the game. With 6:54 gone Marty Power took a high sticking penalty. Just 18 seconds after he entered the box the Thunderbirds tallied their third power play marker of the evening.

Hunter, with his second of the night, notched the winner for the Thunderbirds.

The Gems had the territorial advantage in the last two periods, but as previously mentioned they ran into a red-hot netminder.

Chris Saija was again the Gems' back goalkeeper.

The loss ended a two-game undefeated string for the Gems, but they did play very respectable hockey again.

This Saturday the Acton Sabres will pay a visit to Alcott Arena and try to avenge a 7-4 loss at the hands of the Gems on November 24.

Raiders short of players, still defeat Owen Sound

The Georgetown Raiders ventured up to Owen Sound Sunday night and returned home with a well-earned 4-2 victory.

"We played really well up there," said coach Gerry Inglis. "Considering we had so few players dressed I would say it was our best game of the season."

The Raiders had three players, Juri Kudrasovs, Ron Twiss and goaltender Peter McDuffe sitting out the game as a result of a suspension they incurred in Friday's game against the Fort Erie Mavericks.

Several other players were also missing because of various reasons.

FOGAL ABSENT

One player who was not at the game, but was expected to be was defenseman Ron Fogal.

"I don't know where Ronnie was," said Inglis. "We expected him there, but he did not show." Fogal also was not at practise on Monday night.

The absence of Fogal and Twiss meant the Raiders had to once again use Ray Tonelli and Tom Daley partly on defense.

The first period was very tight checking with neither team able to score.

It was also very cleanly played with referee Clarke Pollock handing out just three minors. Two of those went to the homeside, but all of them were inconsequential as there were no scores in that opening period.

It did not take the Raiders long to get on the board in the second period as Tonelli connected on a power play goal before the period was two minutes old. Terry Porter had an assist on the marker.

MALONEY TALLIES

The goal scoring machine,

Pat Maloney, put the Raiders up by two goals with just 3:32 gone when he tallied from Steve Novis and Bob Elinesky.

The homeside got one of those goals back when they capitalized on Elinesky's holding penalty. Bill Barclay, from Dave McComb and Terry Kelling, were the marksmen.

The Raiders went up by two again when Novis scored his team's second power play goal of the night. Tonelli and Ray Evans set up the play.

Late in the second period Owen Sound on a power play score by Kelling got back to within one goal.

Early in third period Porter beat Tom Coughlin in the Owen Sound net to make it a two-goal Raider lead again. Chris Milne

and Maloney had the assists on the goal. The game remained scoreless the rest of the way.

IMPORTANT VICTORY

The victory was very important for the Raiders.

Not only did they draw to within two points of Thorold and Dundas in the southern division standings, but they also proved that they could beat one of the expansion teams.

In three previous outings against the so-called expansion teams the Raiders came out empty. They lost twice to Port Elgin and once to Collingwood.

Mario MacDonald went all the way in the Raiders' net. He has yet to suffer a loss in any game he has played in.

Standings

NORTHERN DIVISION

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Collingwood	15	13	2	-	118	41	26
Port Elgin	18	10	7	1	91	73	21
Owen Sound	17	7	9	1	70	78	15
Orangeville	15	1	14	-	42	139	2

SOUTHERN DIVISION

Thorold	13	10	3	-	87	58	20
Dundas	16	10	6	-	90	75	20
Georgetown	16	9	7	-	88	59	18
Fort Erie	15	7	10	-	59	89	10
Port Colborne	17	5	12	-	79	114	10

ALL STAR GAMES THIS WEEK (REP HOCKEY)

Memorial		Visitors
Georgetown	Alton, Thursday Dec. 14, 6:45 p.m.	Streetsville
Minor Atom, Tuesday Dec. 19, 6:45 p.m.	Chinguacousy	Ancaster
Minor Pee, Tuesday Dec. 19, 8:00 p.m.		
Alcott		Visitors
Georgetown	Minor Bantam, Thursday Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m.	Ancaster
Minor Midget, Thursday Dec. 14, 8:45 p.m.	Dundas	
Novice, Sunday Dec. 17, 12:30 p.m.	Guelph	
Bantam, Sunday Dec. 17, 4:00 p.m.	Ancaster	
Midget, Sunday Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m.	Ancaster	

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