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Raiders swamp Thorold

The Georgetown Raiders showed further evidence that they are definitely a power in the Intermediate "A" loop by trouncing the Thorold Athletics 10-3 Friday night at Alcott Arena.

The ease with which the Raiders thumped the Thorold was more understanding when the fact that Athletics are missing several key players is considered.

Out of the lineup for the Athletics were goaltender Bill Cheropita, the leagues' Most Valuable Player of last year, Ron Woodhouse, Dave Pay, Mike Quinn, Gino Farinacci and a couple of others.

"We played a lousy game," said coach Bob Urquhart. "But we'll be a lot better the next time you see us."

CAR ACCIDENT

The most important absentee from the Thorold lineup is without a doubt Cheropita. He was in a car accident and came out of it with a bad back and neck. It happened five weeks ago and at first it was thought he was out for the year. However, Urquhart said he is practising again and should return to the lineup soon.

Meanwhile the Raiders were also missing some top-flight players, but the ones that showed were definitely there to play hockey as they were all over the Athletics.

"I really thought tonight would be close after we dominated them in their own rink last week," said coach Gerry Inglis. "But they came out flat again."

Inglis pulled a switch moving Peter Sturgeon up to forward and having Chris Milne play defense.

"I moved Peter up because he can put the puck in the net," said Inglis. "I thought I'd try Chris at defense and I think he played a good game."

Sturgeon, playing on a line with Juri Kudrasovs and Colin Gordon, made his coach's move pay off by beating Thorold netminder Bob Bullung twice.

The first period totally belonged to the Raiders as they pressed the Athletics throughout the 20 minutes of action.

Less than five minutes into the game Kudrasovs put the Raiders in front when he lipped in Ron Twiss' slapshot from the point. Gordon also earned an assist.

Less than one minute later it was 2-0 when Kudrasovs set up Sturgeon from behind the net. Sturgeon took two tries to get it in. Twiss was also credited with an assist.

ROUTON

The rout was on when Steve Novis moved right in and fired a wrist shot passed Bullung. Terry Porter and Ray Tonelli were given the assists, but big Tom Daley also played a major role in the goal. He kept a defenseman and Bullung occupied as Novis moved in close.

Five minutes before the per-

iod was out Tom Kelly put the visitors on the board when he put a rebound by a sprawling Peter McDuffe.

Less than a minute remained to be played when Kudrasovs scored his second of the night with Daley given an assist on that one.

With the game all but in the bag the Raiders lost a little bit of their edge in the second frame and it turned into a shootout.

McDuffe showed good form in this period by making several key saves. Bullung also had his best 20 minutes of the game at the other end.

Although the Raiders fired 18 shots at Bullung and McDuffe had 13 go his way there were only three goals scored.

Novis made it 5-0 with his second of the night. He stole in the puck at the blueline and moved in alone on Bullung. He took it on his backhand and easily scored.

Kelly got his second of the night midway through the period on a goal very similar to his first as again he got hold of a rebound with McDuffe down on the ice.

With exactly four minutes left to be played Gordon, who worked hard all night, broke around the defense and backhanded the puck home.

In the third period the Athletics got a goal from John Martin, but the Raiders scored four more.

Sturgeon and Milne got almost identical goals. Both players moved right in and fired hard wrist shots by Bullung.

Sturgeon's came from 25 feet out while Milne moved into within 10 feet before shooting.

ANOTHER BACKHAND

Gordon scored his second of the night on yet another backhand and Pat Maloney got a marker on (guess what?) a backhand. One had to suspect after the onslaught that Bullung has trouble handling shots from the backhand slide.

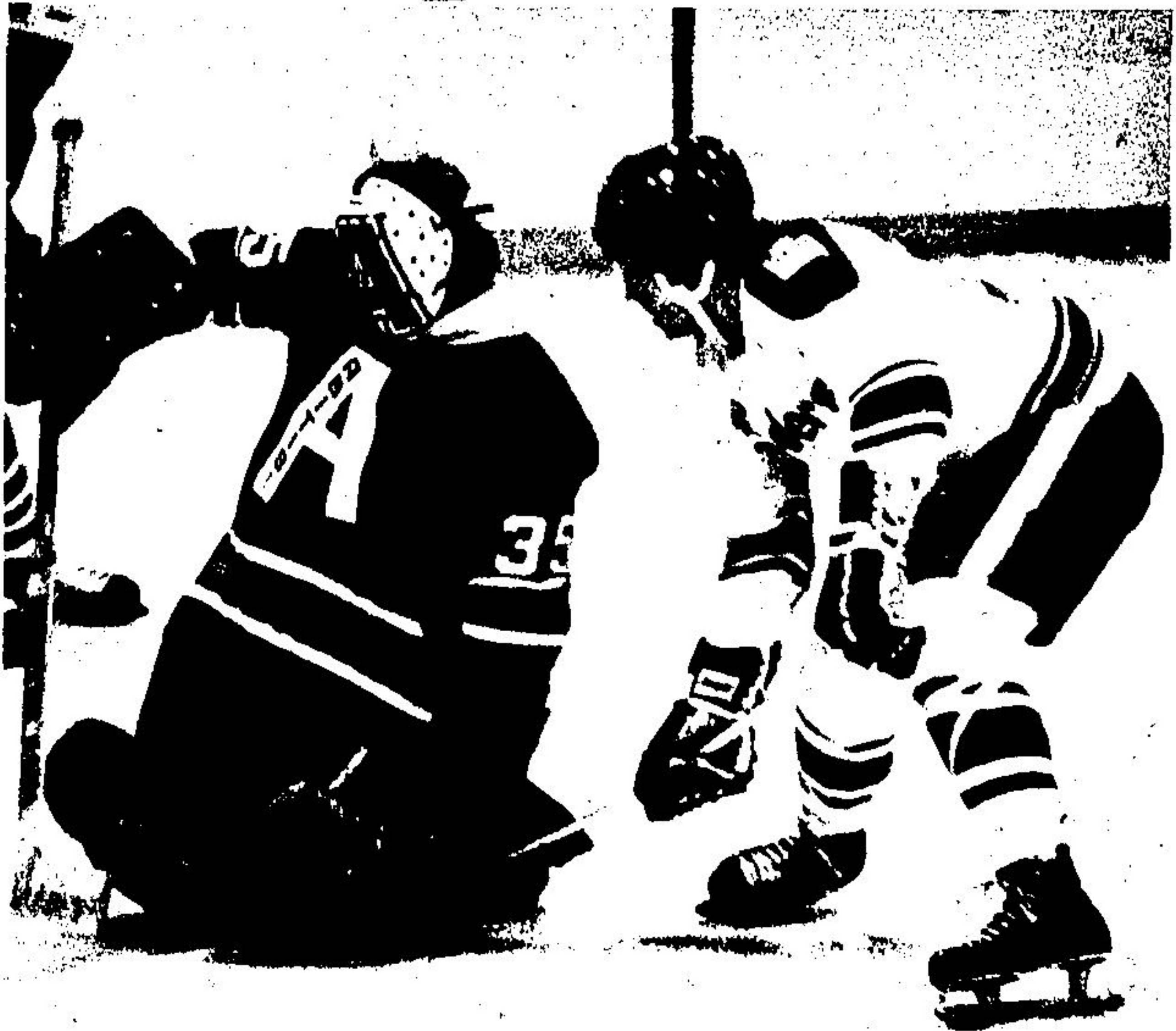
When it was over Inglis said he was very pleased with his team's work.

"They all played good games," said the coach. "All three lines played really well. The guys are getting along with one another and having fun playing and that's the important thing."

The Raiders have had a streak type year so far. They started off with two easy wins. Then they lost six games in row. After those six losses they have won 10, lost only one and tied one.

The six losses came at a time when the Raiders were having trouble dressing more than 10 players per game.

The lineup card is certainly more full now. Missing from action Friday were Ray Evans, for the first time this year, Mario MacDonald, John Boyce, Ron Fogal and Gary Barden. Evans and Boyce were away for Christmas, Fogal was injured and MacDonald was on business. They should all be back in the lineup this week.



The Thorold Athletics' Bob Bullung had Raiders swarming around him in this manner throughout Friday night's 10-3 Georgetown win at Alcott Arena. Here Colin Gordon tries to get at the puck which is underneath Bullung's pads. Gordon had an excellent game scoring twice for the Raiders. (Herald photo)

Gems defeated by Cougars in match played Friday

The Georgetown Gemis were defeated 7-1 Friday night by Burlington in a penalty-filled contest.

The Gems stayed with the Cougars for two periods, but in the final frame Burlington popped four goals in to insure the victory.

Mark Litton, one of the league's leading scorers got the only marker of the first period to put Burlington ahead. The Gems Rick Rotter was serving a tripping penalty when the goal was scored.

There was no other scoring in the period as the Gems' Chris Saija and the Cougars' Todd Pearson kept their respective foes at bay.

Saija was the busier of the two netminders as he had 10 shots fired at him while Pearson only stopped the puck five times.

5:54 into the second period Bob Rose put the Cougars up by two and shortly afterwards Mike Carr scored to make it a 3-0 game.

Andy Broadbent, who has been on a scoring terror and is quickly moving up in the league statistics, put the Gems on the board at the 12:21 mark of

the second period. John Barnes and Mark Euteneier earned assists on the goal.

Saija again had a busy period as he stopped 14 shots while Pearson was forced to make eight saves.

In the third period as previously mentioned it was all Cougars, who are leading the league.

Scoring goals were Carr with two more and Owen Griffiths and Steve Crocker.

Referee Mike Wilson showed little patience with Saija, who was making his third start for the Gems. Twice in the contest Wilson called Saija for deliberately stopping the play and another time he got him for high sticking.

The Gems took 16 minors, four fighting majors and Broadbent also received a 10-minute misconduct with only five seconds showing on the clock.

Meanwhile Burlington took the same amount of majors, but five fewer minors.

It was Saija's third start in the Gems net. In the other two outings he came out with a win and a tie.

The game showed the Gems

inability to play well against the better teams in the league. The team has yet to earn a win

against a team with a winning record and they have been

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