

Geminis lose twice to Orillia

The Georgetown Geminis, plagued with injuries, transportation problems and suspensions, lost twice to the Orillia Travelways last week, 10-2 there Tuesday and 9-3 here Saturday.

The Travelways are not that good a hockey team, certainly not one of the powers in the Junior "B" loop. In previous games this year the Geminis battled them to close decisions and could have easily come up with a win.

"They aren't that much better a hockey team now than they were at the beginning of the year," said general manager Bob Tost. "They have added a couple of players."

DEJECTED

The general manager figures the two routs may partially have occurred because the Gems are dejected with the realization that a playoff position is almost impossible to achieve now.

"The fact that we aren't really going anywhere may have affected the performance of the team," Tost said.

Tost said that team spirit is still fairly high among the players and they are hoping that they can at least finish out of the cellar. They trail the Acton Sabres by four points.

Although the Gems have had a losing campaign Tost points out that no one has quit the team, a problem which occurs often when teams lose consistently.

"We have no quitters on this hockey team," Tost said. "I think that the press has failed to mention just how young a club we have here in Georgetown."

The average age of the players on the Gem roster is 17 with only the injured Paul Ancinelli who has not suited up since the early season, going overage. Ancinelli was forced out of action with a back injury.

In the two games against Orillia, Georgetown had several other players out of the lineup.



Georgetown Gemini defenseman John Barnes, left, and Mark Euteneier cover up in front of their net with goaltender Chris Salja also there. The Gems took it on the chin again as they were downed 10-2 by Orillia Saturday night. It was the second time in the week that Orillia beat the Gems.

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BAD FIRST PERIODS

Horrible first periods in both contests did not leave the Gems with much opportunity to come back and win either contests.

In Orillia, the Travelways scored four unanswered goals in the first period and had six before the Gems finally got on the board.

Tost said that the team did not receive good goaltending in either contest. Chris Salja and Brad Miller split the netminding chores in the two games.

Scoring for Orillia in the first period were Al Shropshire, Grant Knox, Ralph Dominelli and Mark Thomas. In the second period Thomas and Steve Timpano tallied.

Andy Broadbent put the Gems on the board with an unassisted effort with only three minutes left to be played in the second period.

The Travelways scored twice within the first minute of the third period. Shropshire scored two goals only seven seconds apart. The first one was the night's only power play effort for Orillia.

Before the period was two minutes old Andy Medig put Orillia up 9-1.

Bob Allison scored the Gems second goal on a power play with Broadbent and Steve Crossman setting him up.

Marshal Thompson completed the evening's scoring with Orillia's tenth.

Miller started in the Gem net, but was replaced midway

through the second period.

SIX IN FIRST

Back here Saturday Orillia tallied six times in the first period to put an end to the game before it really got started.

Bruce McDonough, Marshal Thompson with two, Thomas, Arsenault, and Grant Knox did the scoring for Orillia in that first period.

Lance Doucette got a Gemini goal in the first 20 minutes with Tim Turner and John Barnes drawing assists.

Orillia got two more in the second from Thomas and

Thompson and it was 8-1 after 40 minutes.

A powerplay effort with Arsenault tallying midway through the third period made it 10-1.

The Gems got two goals back late in the game. Crossman got the first one from Mark Euteneier and Turner and captain Bob McCandless tallied the second from Mark Falby and Broadbent.

Again the Gem netminding was split with this time Salja starting. Miller replaced him after 2:55 left in the first period and the Gems down 5-1.

The Gems suffered a heartbreaking loss at the hands of the Milton Flyers a few weeks back at Alcott Arena and the team has not been the same since. Had the Gems won that game their playoff hopes would have still been alive.

After the loss, in a game they at one time led 4-1, their playoff hopes were all but gone.

Tost is right. The Gems are very young and that may have been a good reason why they could not bounce back after the Milton loss. Since that loss they have been bombed four times.

One loss was against a much superior team in the Streetville Derbys. However, the other three, two versus Orillia and one against Brampton, have come against teams that the Gems should be able to stay close to if not beat.

EIGHT LEFT

There are now eight games remaining on the Gems' schedule, four at home and four away.

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