

# Raiders take another big victory

Rookie Steve Novis scored with just 2:21 showing on the game clock to give the Georgetown Raiders a 5-4 victory over the Dundas Merchants Friday night in front of approximately 750 screaming fans at Alcott Arena.

It was the second week in a row the Raiders went into a game against their arch rivals needing a victory to take over first place. The week before the Raiders overcame a five-goal deficit to take a 6-5 overtime win in Dundas.

**CLOSE CHECKING**  
The game at Alcott was not

as exciting as the one the previous week as it was much more close checking and there were not as many pretty goals.

However, there were enough dramatics to send the fans home content.

Raider coach Gerry Inglis was not nearly as happy after this victory as after the one in Dundas.

"We missed a lot of very good scoring chances," he said. "Also I did not think our defense played very well."

The coach did say he was pleased with the work of Tom Daley who he moved to the blueline for the contest.

The defense were missing the services of Ron Fogal and Bob Elinecky who were both working.

The coach said that he thought his forwards made Merchant netminder Sam Restivo look good.

"Our forwards were not taking advantage of all the rebounds he was giving up," Inglis said.

The Merchants took the lead at the 6:01 mark of the first period when Jim Vanni tipped in Joe McKenna's pass from the corner.

The Raiders tied the score when Juri Kudrasovs tipped in Ron Twiss' blast from the

point. It came with only 3:01 showing on the first period clock.

The Merchants took the lead for the second time in the game early in the second period.

Big Bruce Watters let a blast go from the top of the left faceoff circle which beat Peter McDuffe. Barry Martinelli and Al Woods drew the assists on the play.

**DALEY TALLIES**

The Raiders came back once more to tie the score as Daley tallied a shorthanded marker midway through the second period.

The goal came right after Daley had been released

from the sinbin himself. Restivo made a couple of saves, but a scramble ensued and Daley put it home.

Both Restivo and McDuffe made excellent saves throughout the middle frame to limit their respective opponents to one goal apiece.

Restivo made big stops off the sticks of Peter Sturgeon, Ray Tonelli and Kudrasovs within seconds of one another.

McDuffe made good saves on Al Woods and McKenna during a Merchant power play.

The Merchants took the lead for the fourth time of the game midway through the final 20 minutes. Wayne Smith beat McDuffe on a play set up by Cal Herd.

Right after that goal McDuffe made what might have been the biggest save of the game as he beat Bill Nunn on a breakaway. Nunn had just stepped out of the penalty box.

The third Raider goal was very similar to the second one as it resulted from a scramble in front of the net. This time it was Kudrasovs who put it home with Twiss and Tonelli assisting.

With only 4:30 remaining to play the Raiders took the lead for the first time in the game on what was the night's prettiest goal.

**POWERPLAY MARKER**

It came on the power play. After the Raiders threw the puck around for awhile Twiss passed it to Gordon parked to the side of the Merchant net. Tonelli also earned an assist on the goal.

The Merchants did not throw in the towel as they fought back to notch the score with only 2:41 showing on the clock.

McDuffe made a good save off the stick of McKenna, but the puck went to point to Joe Pecaric who blasted it passed the netminder. Brian Jones and Marty Hay assisted.

Novis then took two tries to beat Restivo to give the Raiders the win and first place. Steve Blundy and John Boyce assisted.

The Raiders have not lost a game since the Collingwood Shipbuilders defeated them 5-2 here on December 29.

**NOT BALANCED**

However, in recent weeks the scoring has not been as balanced as it was during November and December.

The line of Kudrasovs, Tonelli and Gordon has been handling the bulk of the team's scoring.

Pat Maloney, who was at one point burning up the league has been having his problems finding the twine as regularly in recent games although he did score the winner in overtime in Dundas.

The line of Ray Evans, Tom Daley and Blundy, has been broken up by coach Inglis and none of the three have been scoring with any consistency. There were one of the best lines in the league last year.

Terry Porter, a rookie with an abundance of talent, also has not been scoring lately.

Sturgeon, who no less an authority than Kudrasovs said would burn up this league, has yet to perform to his potential.

All the mentioned players have the capabilities of scoring goals and come playoff time they will have to take the heat off Kudrasovs, Tonelli and Gordon if the Raiders are to go all the way.

## Raiders manager heads west

There will be a very big hole left in the Georgetown Raider Hockey Club after this season when Reg Benoit leaves this area for good for a new job in Calgary.

Benoit, who has been with the team since the 1972-73 season, actually is serving in no specific capacity with the club now, but he will still be attending many of the games. He started his new position last week.

His family is still in Georgetown and Benoit returns here every weekend. Once the school year ends Benoit and his family will take up permanent residence in Calgary. His wife Bev is a member of the Raider executive.

"I guess I've done just about everything around the hockey club," Benoit told The Herald. "I've been a stick boy, a towel boy, a trainer, a manager, a shoulder to cry on, on the executive . . . just about everything."

Benoit said that his participation with the Raiders had a lot to do with his decision of whether to accept the new post or not.

"In the end I just could not refuse the offer," he said. "It's a better deal financially and it's a step up the ladder with the company."

Benoit said he hopes to be following the Raiders throughout the rest of this year as a fan.

"If they go all the way to the Canadians, wherever they are that's where I'll be," Benoit said.

**MADE FRIENDS**

"I've made an awful lot of good friends through the hockey club and I have some great memories."

The trainer said that his fondest memories revolve around the playoffs the team has been in.

"Every playoff series was great," he said. "Even last year when we got knocked off by Dundas was great."

Benoit said that each of the teams he has been with has had a special flavour about it.

"The Raiders have something special," he said, "and leaving it behind is going to be tough."

He said that he cannot even remember a prolonged period of bad times. "None of the years have been turn-offs".

When asked to name the best player he has seen in a Raider uniform, Benoit said he admired the way Mike Mahoney and Bill Currie played and play the game, and that John Boyce has had the most heart and desire of any player he has seen in Raider Red.

The Raider hockey club will not be officially saying goodbye to Benoit until the end of the season, but the years of him taping sore limbs and catering to deflated egos ended when he officially took over his new duties out west last week.

### Intermediate standings

The Orangeville Cougars had their best week of their inaugural season in the Intermediate "A" League as they beat Owen Sound 4-3 and lost a narrow 9-8 decision to Port Elgin.

The Cougars have won only one other game all season and are mired in the cellar of the northern division standings. In spite of their porous record they are guaranteed a playoff spot. Their showings last week may serve as notice that they may not be a complete push over once the playoffs roll around.

The way the playoff system works in the north is the first place team faces the fourth place team in the first round and the second meets the third.

The Cougars will have to face the first place Collingwood Shipbuilders in the first round. An upset in that series could only be compared with say The Colorado Rockies knocking off the Montreal Canadiens in a series. It's possible but not very likely. However, even that comparison would not have been valid before the Cougars good showing last week.

In the southern division The Thorold Athletics got off to a sizzling start this season, but fizzled as it wore on.

The Athletics have come alive again as they won their third in a row last week. The win by a narrow 5-4 score came over the hapless Fort Erie Mavericks.

The Georgetown Raiders own first place in the south with a narrow one-point edge over the Dundas Merchants. The Raiders have beaten the Merchants twice in the last two weeks.

**INTERMEDIATE STANDINGS  
NORTHERN DIVISION**

	G	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Collingwood	24	21	3	-	179	69	42
Port Elgin	26	16	9	1	149	105	32
Owen Sound	26	10	15	1	118	132	21
Orangeville	24	2	22	-	78	238	4

**SOUTHERN DIVISION**

Georgetown	25	16	8	1	156	92	33
Dundas	25	16	9	-	144	105	32
Thorold	24	14	10	-	137	118	28
Port Colborne	25	10	14	1	146	159	21
Fort Erie	25	5	20	-	87	178	10

**LAST WEEK'S RESULTS**

- Dundas 9 - Fort Erie 1
- Orangeville 4 - Owen Sound 3
- Georgetown 5 - Dundas 4
- Port Elgin 10 - Orangeville 4
- Port Elgin 9 - Orangeville 8

## Metros draft Gord Miller

When Gord Miller of Georgetown started his soccer season last summer, playing for the Guelph Oaks inter-city mens team, he had no idea that his efforts would lead to the dreams of many a young man - a chance to play in the big time.

The Toronto Metros of the North American Soccer League thought enough of Miller to draft him in the third round at the recent North American soccer draft held in New York City.

To be drafted at all is an achievement, but to be drafted that high, and ahead of three All-Americans, demonstrates what ability, hard work, and desire can do.

Being drafted came as a complete surprise to Gord who did not even know he was being watched by the scouts. All he was working for was the possibility of getting a scholarship to university.

**ROUNTREE HELPED**

How the whole thing happened makes for a truly interesting story.

Miller told this reporter, "Mr. Jim Rountree, who at the time was the defensive scout for the Toronto Argonauts football club, was a neighbour and we used to talk about various types of sports (Miller is an all-round athlete at GDHS) and the

conversations always included soccer.

"I asked Mr. Rountree if he knew of anyone who could give me information on soccer scholarships to American universities. It happened that Mr. Rountree knew a very prominent man in the soccer world in the person of J.I. Albrecht, head scout of the Toronto Metros." Albrecht was at one time the head scout for the Toronto Argonauts.

Albrecht apparently checked with his scouts in the Guelph League and found out that they rated me a very high prospect," Miller concluded.

The final outcome was that Miller received a telegram from New York advising him of the draft results. Two or three days later Gord had a telephone call from Albrecht and Albrecht was particularly concerned about Gord continuing his education.

Mr. Albrecht reassured Gord that if things work out for him at Toronto's training camp and Gord made the team, the Metros would sign him to an amateur card, allowing Gord to eventually play at the university level, and at the same time put aside enough money to pay

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## Raiders scoring

Juri Kudrasovs is averaging 2.7 points a game as he has a big lead in Raider team scoring.

Kudrasovs, now playing regularly on a line with Ray Tonelli and Colin Gordon, has been an absolute terror lately. In Friday night's 5-4 win over the Dundas Merchants he had two goals.

Kudrasovs has a big lead in the southern division teams, but there are a few players in the northern loop very close.

The leader up north is Don Westbrooke of the Collingwood Shipbuilders, who has 32 goals and 24 assists for 56 points. His 32 goals is the highest in the league with Kudrasovs and Barclay of Owen Sound tied for second with 29 each.

In the assists department defenseman Steve Sly of the Shipbuilders has 40 for a big lead.

In the goals against department Collingwood has an excellent chance to capture the trophy which goes annually to the team which allows the least goals.

The Shipbuilders have allowed 69 goals in 24 games for a very respectable 2.88 goals against average.

Second in that department is the Raiders. They have allowed 92 goals in 25 games for a 3.68 average. The Raiders Mario MacDonald and Gregg Hooper won the trophy last year. For the Raiders to keep it they need a few shutouts and hope the Shipbuilders get bombed a few time before the end of the season.

**PLAYERS STATISTICS**

Player	G	PM	A	P
Juri Kudrasovs	22	6	29	59
Ray Tonelli	25	37	19	29
Ray Evans	24	19	17	27
Tom Daley	25	18	11	28
Colin Gordon	23	23	16	16
Steve Novis	22	39	14	17
Terry Porter	23	37	11	17
Pat Maloney	19	2	16	6
John Boyce	21	43	1	17
Peter Sturgeon	9	10	5	11
Chris Milne	25	49	5	11
Steve Blundy	12	2	1	10
Ron Twiss	18	18	4	8
Bob Elinecky	10	39	2	5
Bill Currie	4	2	1	4
Ron Fogal	14	49	-	4