

Raiders score 18 in two victories

The Georgetown Raiders played unusual back to back home dates on Friday and Saturday nights and judging by the results there may be more of them in the future.

The name of the game according to coach Gerry Inglis is winning and that's just what his players accomplished as they outlasted the Thorold Athletics 9-6 Friday night and then defeated the Owen Sound Greys 9-5 the following evening.

Inglis was very happy to pick up four important points as his club is battling it out for the division lead, but he also sees negative aspects in the victories.

AWFUL DEFENSE

"We are giving up far too many goals," said Inglis. "We played awful defense in both games and you just can't do that against really good teams and expect to win." Obviously the coach is setting his sights much higher than the likes of Thorold and Owen Sound.

The coach is still hoping he can come up with a couple of solid blueliners before the signing date expires on February 10. People involved with the team say there will be no cards left unsigned. At present the Raiders are looking to fill in name, address and mean streak length on two cards.

One aspect of the Raider game which is very pleasing to the coach is the offense.

"We have no problems scoring enough goals," said Inglis. "We have some excellent forwards led by Juri Kudrasovs, Ray Evans, Ray Tonelli and Colin Gordon".

Evans had been experiencing somewhat of a slump. Inglis teamed the centreman with Tonelli for parts of the weekend games. Having a flanker of Tonelli's stature at his side seemed to work wonders for Evans.

CHANGED LINES

The coach also used Kudrasovs with different wingers throughout the two games.

The centre had been working regularly with Gordon and Tonelli and the threesome seemed to have the capability of scoring at will. However the team's balance was not very good so Inglis decided to split the former pros up.

Against Thorold Friday night the Athletics came out flying, but they could not keep up with the Raiders down the stretch.

Fred LaSelva tallied with only 5:13 gone in the game to give the Athletics, who still have a slight chance of finishing in second or more remotely, first place, the lead. Kudrasovs was serving an interference call when the puck found its way passed Peter McDuffe in the Raider net.

Before the period was half over Jim Briggs scored on another power play and the Raiders were down by two. Ron Fogal was off serving a holding penalty.

The Raiders got into the game when Tonelli tallied on

a solo effort at 13:16 of the frame.

NOVIS INSURED

Fogal then tallied on the power play and it was a tied score. Steve Novis scored who might turn out to be his final point of the season on the goal.

Later in the game the rookie, who has enjoyed a successful maiden campaign went out with a knee injury. If he does make it back into the lineup it will not be until late into the playoffs.

While the Raiders were enjoying another manpower advantage the Athletics' John Martin beat McDuffe to put the visitors back in front.

The second period proved to be a wild one as there were six goals scored.

Tom Daley, who was again used at both defense and forward by Inglis, scored from Evans to tie it again. It came at 2:42.

Less than a minute later the Athletics were up again when Duane Rutley scored.

Gordon then scored his first of the night less than a minute later and it was 4-4. Tonelli and Kudrasovs assisted.

The Raiders came up with two goals very late in the period only 20 seconds apart to take the lead for the first time in the game.

Tonelli got the first one from Ron Twiss, on a power play, and Gordon then got his second from Chris Milne.

LATE GOAL

As was the case in the first frame the Athletics got a goal late in the second period. Howie Doan was the scorer.

The Raiders took control of the game midway through the final 20 minutes.

Milne got what proved to be the eventual winner at 7:55 from Bill Currie and Daley and at 11:06 Kudrasovs, on another power play, scored from Tonelli.

With 7:03 left on the clock Sam Smith got the Athletics back to within two goals, but when Daley got his second from Tonelli with just under two minutes remaining it was all over.

The shots on net were 36-35 in favor of the visitors.

FOUR EJECTED

Four players from each team were ejected from the game early in the second period. The eight players failed to go directly to the respective player benches when the Raiders' Novis and Gary Landry of the Athletics were battling it out.

Tossed out for the Raiders were Evans, Fogal, John Boyce and Pat Maloney.

The Athletics Dave Lair, Fred LaSelva, Briggs and Robbie Balyk were also told to hit the showers.

Against the Greys the Raiders again fell behind in the first period, but roared back in the final 40 minutes and took the victory.

After Twiss opened the scoring less than five minutes into the contest from Steve Blundy, the visitors got goals from Lee Bellar, Rick McCombie and Mark Kazarian to take the lead.

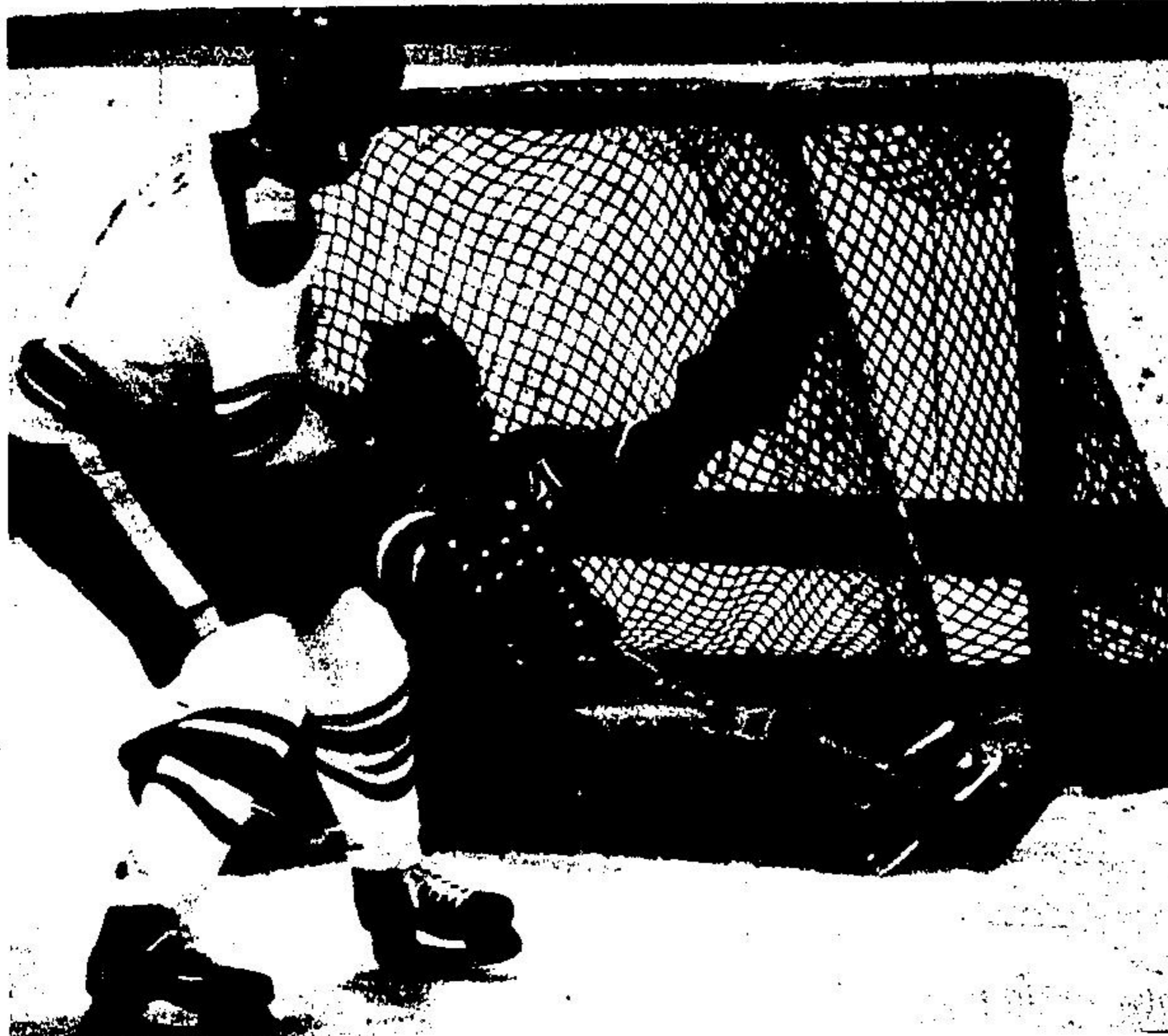
The Raiders owned the second period, as was the case the previous night, as they pumped home six markers. Daley was the big gun as he scored three times in the 20 minutes. The others came from Evans, Pete Sturgeon, and Gordon. Tonelli was again the big playmaker as he set up four of them.

In the second period Bill Barclay, the northern division's leading scorer, was the only Grey able to beat McDuffe.

For the Raiders Evans and Gordon both added their second of the game in the third and Kazarian got his second for Owen Sound to make it the 9-5 final.

Inglis said he was very pleased with the work of Currie on the Raider blueline in this game.

"Bill had his finest game in quite some time against Owen Sound," Inglis said.



It is not often that Raider defenseman John Boyce finds himself parked alone in front of the enemy net, but he did here. He had the best vantage point in the place as the Owen Sound

Grey's Tom Gouglin made a great glove save during the Raiders' 9-5 win here Saturday night. — Herald photo by Carlo Squassero

Rep teams

Only two of Georgetown's Rep teams did not manage to get by the first round in the OMHA playdowns. The juveniles' series is still in progress.

Eight of the nine teams (the novices are not eligible for OMHA play) played or are playing Dundas. The other, the minor atoms, went up against Preston.

Winning their series were the minor pee wees, minor bantams, minor midgets, major atoms, major bantams, and the major midgets. The minor atoms lost as did the major pee wees. The juveniles series resumes here tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

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