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It was that kind of night for the Georgetown Raiders. They just could not buy a goal against the Port Colborne Sailors and netminder Rob Stewart. Port Colborne took their first win of the season over the Raiders by a 4-1 score at Alcott Arena Friday night. Raiders

unsuccessfully trying to bang the puck home here are Ray Tonelli, Ray Evans and John Boyce.

(Herald photo)

Sailors submarine Raiders

It was nostalgia time at Alcott Arena when the Georgetown Raiders faced the Port Colborne Sailors and were dropped 4-2 Friday night.

The Raiders brought back memories of the early season when they consistently failed to dress barely enough players to have an intra-squad game.

Georgetown had just 13 players in uniform and two of them were goaltenders with starter Peter McDuffe and backup Bill Humphreys.

The game was also very reminiscent of the six-game losing streak the Raiders suffered early in the campaign as the puck bounced every which way but right for them.

The two best players on the ice by far were McDuffe and his counterpart at the other end of the rink, Rob Stewart.

Stewart was also part of the nostalgic scene as he brought back memories of the years he was among the loop's top netminders.

STEWART STIFLES

Time after time the Raiders broke for good scoring chances, but repeatedly they were stifled by Stewart, who was at his very best.

Meanwhile McDuffe was putting on an exhibition of his own at the other end as he made several exceptional saves.

Another aspect of the game which brought back memories of the early season was

how much time Ray Tonelli was on the ice.

The Raider captain played on three different lines and late in the match with the Raiders trailing 3-1 Tonelli never left the ice.

It was Tonelli who had the best scoring chances for Georgetown but Stewart had his number on this night.

"We just couldn't put it together," coach Gerry Inglis said after the game. "The fact that we had so few players out may have hurt us."

Inglis said the only facet of his team's play which impressed him was the netminding.

He said his forwards were not tough enough in the corners

and that they also did very little forechecking.

Missing from the lineup were Peter Sturgeon, in Ottawa, Pat Maloney in Montreal, Ron Fogal who was working and Steve Novis who is on the injury list.

Inglis said the player missed most against the Sailors was Sturgeon, whose toughness could have made the difference.

STREAK BROKEN

The loss marked the first time the Raiders have come up on the short end on the scoresheet since December 29 when the Collingwood Shipbuilders stepped into Alcott Arena and emerged with a 5-2 victory.

The Raiders had won seven league games in a row and

also had a big 3-2 victory over the Austrian national team in that stretch.

The streak moved the Raiders from third to first place in the southern division standings.

FIRST WIN

The Port Colborne win also marked the first time this season the Sailors have recorded two points in a game against the Raiders.

In the two team's last outing the Raiders were forced to go into overtime before winning 7-6. In the game before that the two clubs played to a tie.

The first period was a very lacklustre one as neither team was willing to open up.

The Raiders came close to scoring on several occasions,

but were unable to finish their plays. The best chances were by Chris Milne who hit the post with a deflection and Tom Daley who was stopped from in close by Stewart after Ray Evans had set him up.

McDuffe also made several big stops in the first period. The best one was a leg save off a shot by Ron Cole.

PENALTY FREE

The game's first penalty was not called until only 6:20 remained in the period. John Boyce went off for interference. One minute into the penalty Milne took a roughing penalty and the Raiders had to play two-men short. The penalty killing was superb as the Sailors did not get one shot on McDuffe in the one minute the Raiders were two-men short.

Late in the period Bill Currie, who had a sub-par performance, caught up the puck and Claude Roy took advantage of the blunder as he went in and beat McDuffe.

Stewart made 11 saves in the first period while McDuffe was forced to stop nine drives

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