

Raiders opened series up in third game

The Georgetown Raiders broke their OHA Intermediate "A" southern division final open with 7-4 and 6-2 victories over the weekend to take a three games to one lead over the Thorold Athletics.

The 7-4 victory came at home in front of a big crowd at Alcott Arena Friday. They followed that up with an easy 6-2 win in Thorold Saturday.

The game here was very close with the Raiders not opening it up until the third period.

In the other game it was not until the Raiders had pocketed all their goals that Thorold finally got on the board.

OUTMUSCLE

Before the series began Athletic coach Bob Urquhart said he thought the Raiders would try to outmuscle his troops in the first couple of games.

The Raiders actually waited until the third game to really make the size advantage they have over the Athletics noticeable.

Big Raiders such as Ron Fogal, Tom Daley, Pete Sturgeon, Bill Currie and Ron Twiss started to be physical and the smaller Athletics seemed to want no part of that type of action.

In game three here the Raiders jumped ahead just

past the midway point of the first period on a goal by Scott McKenzie, with Ray Tonelli and John Boyce drawing the assists.

Before the period was out Ron Fogal, who played like a man possessed throughout the contest, made it 2-0 with his second goal of the series. Daley and Tonelli set the big blueliner up.

It appeared the Raiders were on their way to a rout when Ron Twiss tallied only 24 seconds later into the second period. It was very similar to the second goal in that Fogal left his blueline position to grab a spot in front of Athletic netminder Bill Cheropita. With Fogal preoccupying the netminder, Twiss snuck in to squeeze the disc in. Doug Hespil also assisted.

Soon after that goal the Raiders started making steady trips to the penalty box. The Raiders took all three penalties in the first period, but they were able to stop the Athletic power play on each occasion.

They were not so fortunate in the second period as the Athletic connected on three of the five manpower advantages they enjoyed.

Tom Kelly got the first goal with only 1:48 gone in the period.

Paul Sheehan, the Athle-

tics' best scorer, then got markers approximately two minutes apart before the period was half over and it was tied at three.

BROKE SLUMP

Juri Kudrasovs then broke a scoring drought in a big way when he scored with only seven seconds remaining in the second period to give the Raiders the lead again. Kudrasovs went 159 minutes and 53 seconds of the series before recording his first point. In the regular season the centreman averaged better than two and a half points a game.

That goal seemed to spark the Raiders as they came out determined in the final 20 minutes to take the lead in the series.

Before the third frame was one minute old, Colin Gordon, another slumping Raider, tallied from Sturgeon and Daley to give the Big Red Machine a two-goal bulge.

Sturgeon put the game on

ice when he scored on an unassisted effort with only five minutes gone.

To add insult to injury Ray Evans scored while his team was shorthanded with 4:11 left to be played. Daley assisted on the goal.

Dave Lair scored a meaningless goal on yet another Athletic power play to make the score more respectable. The shots were very even in the game. Peter McDuffe stopped 23 shots in the Raider net while Cheropita was forced to make 24 saves.

In the series' fourth game the Raiders again gave their penalty killing corps a lot of practise as they took 14 minors and a major to the Athletics' seven minors.

However, many of the Raider penalties came in the third period when they had already built up a 6-0 lead.

FOGAL FIGHTS

For the second time in the series the Raiders had to buy back the services of Fogal. In

this game Fogal went after Gary Landry, the marked man in the Athletic lineup, and he received a fighting major, an aggressor minor and an automatic two. Landry took only one slashing penalty.

The infraction on Fogal's part got him thrown out of the contest and cost the Raiders \$50.

The Raiders jumped in front at the 15:21 mark of the second period when Tonelli scored from Daley and Steve Blundy, who was back in the lineup after missing the second game of the series and playing very little in the second.

It was in the second period that the Raiders took control of the game. They scored four more unanswered goals with the final two coming in the last minute.

Blundy put the Raiders up by three at the 8:09 mark with Tonelli setting him up.

Blundy then returned the

favor by setting up Tonelli for his second marker.

Tonelli completed his hat trick at the 19:15 mark with Chris Milne, earning his first point of the series and Ron Twiss assisting.

Hespil then completed the period's scoring with Gordon and McKenzie setting him up.

Bob Buljung made his first appearance of the series when he took over from Cheropita to begin the third period.

Gordon gave the backup netminder a rude welcoming as he beat him for the Raiders' sixth goal only 29 seconds into the frame. Sturgeon and Fogal set up the goal.

The Raiders went into the game with Archie Chase, Terry Porter, Pat Maloney, Brad Pirie and Evans all absent.

The absence of Pirie meant that Twiss had to be used on defense.

Ball hockey needs more teams

Now is the time to get your applications in for a team in the Georgetown Ball Hockey Association.

Doug Pemberton, president of the league, said if he does not get more response very soon there is a distinct possibility there may not be a league.

"Things have been moving along very slowly," Pemberton said. "I was hoping to have all the teams entered by now and have their deposits".

The president said that five teams have said they will field a club this year. He is

hoping to have eight teams compete, but he has to have a minimum of six.

Pemberton said he wants \$500 deposits from the interested teams so he can pay for the arena time and equipment.

He was hoping to have all the deposits in by April 1 to get things rolling earlier than they did last year.

"I have to have more responses now," he said. "If they don't come through soon we may not have a league".

Interested people can contact Pemberton at 877-0243.

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