

# Sports Week

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## GEMS ON THE ATTACK

Heading into another hockey season Sunday night were these four members of the Georgetown Gemins' Junior 'B' hockey team. Left to right, they are Ben Allen, Brad Miller, Tony Giannini and carrying the puck is John Barnes. The exhibition hockey game was the first of the season and was a win for the Gemins over the Port Credit Titans.

(Herald photo by Mark Clairmont)

# Gemins take season debut

Debuts are always something special and usually prove to be so. Sunday night's Gemini Junior 'B' exhibition hockey game against the Port Credit Titans was the debut for this season's hockey. Although hockey has been going all summer the Gemini game, which they won 6-5, was for all intents and purposes the debut since we still regard it as a winter sport.

As debuts go, the Gemini game lived up to its expected reputation as something not of the usual sort. The game was hockey and it was played the same as ever but, it had

the usual opening night jitters for all involved from new head coach Tom Daley down to the newest rookie trying to break into the lineup.

The calibre of play was as is expected for the first game of the season. It displayed talents of varying degrees from hockey to fighting, which the coaches carefully watched. The play was equally divided between the two teams as both showed some of the stuff they will be displaying this winter. There were good plays and bad plays and some that you just couldn't call plays.

The Gemins played a game which will undoubtedly be improved upon by coach Daley but, which may or may not have beaten last year's version of the team, which only won four of its 41 games. This year coach Daley says the team will "win 22 games."

Sunday night's win for them gave them that "psychological" edge entering the season. Daley said the penalty filled game which included 65 minutes in penalties to each team, as well as a game misconduct to a Gemini player, was a rough

start and one indicative of early season play where getting your timing back is a primary concern.

The Gemins opened the scoring at 15:41 of the first period when Dave McGilloway picked up the puck at his own blue line and carried it through centre ice and over the Titan blue line, where he slipped a pass to Mark Brabant whose low shot beat goalie Jolly MacGauglin on his stick side. Tony Giannini with two, John Barnes, Greg Thompson and rookie Herb Kewley rounded out the Gemins scoring.

Glen Keleman struck first for the first of his two Titans goals. Rob Jeffries, Hugh Church and Randy Watkins got the other Port Credit goals.

Coach Daley said after the game that he thought the game was "sloppily played and poor refereeing ruined the game." However, he said the game did give him a chance to see some of the young players, not that well though, because of playing short handed most of the game. So, for that reason all the players were invited back to last night's practice.

They'll be working on their hitting and checking more.

After three weeks of training camp some of the players will have to be cut. This could take place after this Sunday's game against Caledon at the Gordon Alcott arena. Tuesday they will be in Caledon for another exhibition game before commencing season play the following Sunday Sept. 30 when they will face the Acton Sabres, the team that finished in second last spot in the league last year, next to the basement Gemins of the 12 team league.