

Gems open season with a tie and loss

"A point is a point," and "every point counts". Those were the profound conclusions of Acton Sabres' coach Fred Buchanan and Gemini coach Tom Daley, following Sunday night's draw between the two hockey clubs. And, oh how the two teams know these sentiments to be the case, all too well.

The two bottom place teams in the Junior 'B' league last year, when points were far and few between for both clubs, battled it out to the 5-5 tie before over 200 enthusiastic fans at Gordon Alcott to gain their first points of the season. It was the second game of the season for both. The Gems were trounced 10-1 in Burlington Thursday night and the Sabres lost 3-1 to Orillia the night before, Saturday.

This set up the early season showdown between the rival clubs. They showed as they did last season, that once again there will no love lost between the two. From the opening face-off both

which saw a fierce third period scirmish, as the two teams vied for the win and the all important two points.

Atom coach Fred Buchanan gave praise to his goalie Rob Bremner and Pat Fung who scored twice, Mike Rippon, Rob Jeffries and Brad Buchanan who scored the other goals.

Gemini assistant coach Chris Milne, who handled the duties behind the bench Sunday because of a two game suspension coach Daley received Sunday for swearing, said after the game that he

and neither is anyone else." He did say he was pleased with the team's penalty killing but that the defence is slipping. "Sometimes they do it and don't do it and do it."

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Certain players did stand out Daley said. "I've never seen Barnes play a better game. (Herb) Kewley played well and I thought (Steve) Crossman was the best player on the ice tonight." Scoring for Georgetown were Bill Taylor with two, Andy Broadbent, Dave McGillo-way and Bob Dean.

Dave McGillo-way, Greg Thompson and Tony Giannini also played strong games.

Although the Gemis didn't come out of their first weekend of play with a .500 average (half the total possible points) the team did look like it will probably do better than their previous season. If fan support is an indication (and it is) the growing crowds are favourably impressed with the 1979 version of the Gems. They'll be back next Sunday when Barrie is in town.

The Gems played the Junior 'A' Guelph Platters last night.



thought that "it was a good junior hockey game", but, that he felt that the Gems should have won. "A few mistakes cost us goals. We had the lead, but we blew it," Milne said. Milne had praise for Andy Broadbent "who can really do something for us."

Daley, who watched the game from the stands, seems harder to please than his assistant. He described his Gemis as being "nowhere

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sides let it be known that they were changed teams from last year. They came at each other with early season vim and vigor skating and hitting hard. Both were trying desperately to bury their past records. The Gems finished last season with a 5-36-2 won lost and tied record compared to the Sabres' 9-31-3 set of statistics.

Both coaches stressed that they are working towards making the playoffs this season (something they didn't achieve the previous winter) and they need all the points they can. However, both felt that it was their team who could have won the game,



Greg Thompson keeps his eye on the puck as he gets ready to put a backhand in front of the net during Sunday's home opener they tied with the Acton Sabres.

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AT
GORDON ALCOTT MEMORIAL ARENA

The general public is invited to attend this meeting with the members of the G.D.M.H.A. to hear any presentations for changes to our constitution. Written submissions stating the proposed changes must be in the hands of the president no later than Oct. 7, 1979; two weeks prior to the general meeting. Information on proposed changes may be obtained from the president prior to Oct. 21st.

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