

# Raiders squeak out win, have their first two points

The Raiders were dealt a lucky break, if you might, during the third period of their win over the Owen Sound Greys Friday night at Alcott. Brian Caley the Greys' goaltender was injured on a Raider shot and forced out of the remainder of the period which was just six minutes underway. Up until that point he had been the deciding factor in the game which had the Raiders just slip ahead 3-2 less than a minute before.

Tom Coughlin went between the pipes for Owen Sound to finish the game. The first two shots he had went in. Later three more got behind him to give the Raiders an 8-3 win and their first two points (for keeps) of the season, and tying them with the Greys for the last spot in the seven team league.

## IMPORTANT WIN

The win was important for the Raiders, as a fourth loss would have seriously affected their quest for league supremacy this year.

Had the Greys' goalie not suffered the unfortunate injury, there is a strong distinct possibility that Owen Sound would today be four points ahead rather than tied with the Georgetown team.

In the first two periods the Greys were all over the Raiders and it looked as if there would be no contest of who would be the winner at the end of the night. Paul Roberts put Owen Sound out front 1-0 at the 11.18 mark of the first, beating Raider goalie Peter McDuffe. Colin Gordon tied it up for the Raiders with 7.11 left in the opening third, assisted by Steve Lyons and Gary Ford. With 1.52 left in the period Mark Kazarian put the Greys in front 2-1.

In the second Colin Gordon got the lone marker to tie it up with just 2.44 left to go.

## DO-OR-DIE

The Raiders came into the final stanza like they knew it was do-or-die for them. They

looked better than they had all game. Gordon got his hat trick just 4.24 into the period. Then it happened. The man who had been the main difference in the game to this point was assisted off the ice.

The Raiders gathered all they could muster to get a shot. Twenty-four seconds after the change in goal the Raiders got their first shot on an unsteady Coughlin, who was refused a proper warm-up, and Ellison scored, assisted by Chris Milne. Fourteen seconds later Ellison got the puck again from Milne and Ken Steen to beat a rudely awakened Coughlin on his second look at the puck.

Raiders	8
Greys	3

From that point on the roles reversed. It was the Greys who were the underdogs. They lost confidence in their goaltender and this cut into their free wheeling offensive style which got them their goals.

Milne put the puck in the net next for the Raiders, at the 9.43 mark assisted by Steve Bronzowski and Ellison. Then it was Bronzowski at 10.04 who put one in the corner aided by Milne and Ellison. Captain Ray Tonelli notched an unassisted goal with 2.32 left to play to end the scoring.

The Greys outshot the Raiders 28-23 but the Raiders had more penalties, 28 minutes to 16. The Raiders also had the manpower advantage 19 to 15.

Owen Sound Coach Dave McCombe was visibly upset by the defeat. He was not interested in talking after the final buzzer, simply calling the game "awful".

## MORE VOCAL

Raider coach Steve Blundy

was more vocal, although less restrained in his enthusiasm for the game, perhaps realizing he had squeaked out a win. He gave the usual post game eulogy saying that the Raiders had won because they were a better team and that the goaltending change made no difference because the Raiders were just getting going in the third. Easy enough words to say in hindsight of a victory.

However, he did admit that his team was lacking in certain areas like the corners

of the arena where the Greys were beating them to the puck and getting more break outs. "We were left with our tongues hanging out", in some corner plays said Blundy. Referring to his power play which had plenty of opportunities he said it "stunk". Asked if he was tempted to put on a uniform and play again, Blundy said he didn't think he felt he had to. But, he said, if he must "create a player in his image," he would, "I'm not very big, but I'll stand up to

anybody."



Perhaps this is a good idea as few of the Raiders were doing that. Once again, in

only his second game of the season, big Bob Ellnesky showed that he will be the team leader on the ice when it comes to the rough stuff.

A big test for the Raiders will come Sunday when they are at home to the Dundas Merchants. The Merchants won the league title two years ago and are expected to be a strong team this year with the addition of several former Senior A players from the defunct Welland team.



The man who made the difference. Brian Caley turns away another Raider drive before being knocked out.

# Minor Hockey Support Group votes down mixed hockey

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Alison Irvine and Carolyn Grasby will not be playing organized ice hockey in Georgetown this winter. The local support group voted them out Sunday afternoon at their annual meeting.

Hiding behind the shield of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, the coaches, manager and executive members said their (the girls) playing with the boys would be detrimental to the more than 1,065 boys registered to play here this year.

The parents of the two girls were at the meeting to request a change in the association's constitution regarding eligibility. The combined motion for the two girls, as presented by Mrs. Irvine, was to allow girls to play hockey with the boys up to the age of major atom, 10-year-olds. The parents argument was that the girls should be able to play with players their own age, size and at their own competitive level. Mrs. Irvine pointed out that her nine-year-old daughter would have to play on one

of the two girls' team with girls five years older than she. Last year she was allowed to play minor atom house league and she proved every bit as good as most other boys on the team.

President Wendy Stewart conducted the meeting which opened the question to the floor of some 50 people. One comment heard was that if the girls are talented enough "size should make no difference", if they are playing with older and bigger girls. Another said if the talented girls were allowed to com-

pete on an equal basis with the boys that the girls hockey would be seriously hampered if not wiped out totally.

Past president Don Davis, who allowed the girls to play with the boys last year wondered whether the boys would then want to play on girls teams. He said that if the girls were allowed to play on teams here in Georgetown that the association would lose its affiliation with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association. This would mean they could not play against other associated teams,

since association members are not allowed to play against non-OMHA teams. The teams would not be able to play in sanctioned tournaments or leave the province and represent it anywhere else. Thus 1,065 boys would be alienated. Besides it had been pointed out the Ontario Supreme Court had ruled against girls before.

The vote on the motion was defeated 29 to 1, with one abstention. Mr. Grasby, a coach, was the only one in favour of the motion.

After all the says had been

said, what was evident was that the association just did not want girls playing hockey with boys. Sure they had what they called reasonable arguments but, what it boiled down to was that they don't think girls should be playing and they did not want to risk the future hockey careers of the other boys for two girls to play.

As Davis put it "on the executive you have to go with what is best for the majority," whether it is right or not