

# Raiders playing tighter hockey but still remain last in league

The Raiders will be ready to play all out for three periods of hockey when they meet the Orillia Terriers the final two Fridays in December. After splitting overtime

weekend wins with the Terriers, Friday in Orillia and here Saturday, the Raiders won't want to face that type of pressure again. Both wins went to the visiting teams.

The Raiders, accustomed to fighting for their points in the early goings of this season, found the back to back series just a little too close for comfort.

Admitting that his team had "just waited too long," and were left "a little beleaguered", by their opponents, Raider coach Steve Blundy said his team was winning the high scoring games but not the tight low scoring contests.

Such was the indication in the recent two game series. Friday, the Georgetown side took only 30 seconds of overtime to win the high scoring game, seven goals to six. On Saturday, the coach's observation proved accurate as, the Terriers won the low scoring affair 4-3. The Orillia winner coming two minutes into the overtime period.

The games were the first encounters between the former Senior A team and the local league champion.

professional netminder in the game when Terrier playing coach Wayne Rutledge went between the pipes. Rutledge started out with the original Los Angeles Kings in the first NHL expansion year ago and most recently played on three WHA Aveo cup champions in Houston with the Howe family. However he admitted that he did not have a good game, missing seven of the 35 shots thrust upon him.

Friday's win gives the Raiders their third win of the season and a total of six points in nine games. Slowly they are fighting their way out of an early slump, staying closely within a playoff spot with several other teams.

**Terriers 4**

**Raiders 3**



McDuffe was in the Raider goal again Saturday night, and will remain there for a few more games anyway as backup netminder Gregg Hooper has retired from the team. This time it was he who came out the losing goaltender in the overtime goaltenders battle. He only managed to turn away 30 of his 34 shots. Clyde Harris in the other end of the rink stopped 25 of 28 Raider shots for the win. Each goaltender only faced one shot in the overtime stanza.

Bruce Ellison had two Georgetown goals and Ford the other.

The Raiders are "still not (playing like) a team," says Blundy "As a result cohesion is not there." The coach says the players are forcing their play and making unnatural moves. He says the goal scorers on the team are working hard and struggling to get loose. Blundy says "Goal scorers are fine but, if they're not scoring they're no good. I'll have to put a dose of castor oil in their beer."

Blundy says he is not frustrated by the slow start and perpetual struggle in each game. He says Georgetown is still technically number one as defending league champion. The team "doesn't need to resort to panic," says the coach. "I'm not worried about the Raiders."

**Raiders 7**

**Terriers 6**

Gary Ford got the overtime winner for the Raiders Friday. It was his third goal of the night. Peter Mara also notched a hat trick in the winning effort. Steve Bronzowski had the other goal for the winners.

Raider goaltender Peter McDuffe faced a fellow form-



He shoots, he scores! Bruce Ellison scores the first of his two goals Sunday night, beating a sprawling Orillia Terriers' goaltender Clyde Harris, who got no added help from an unidentified defenseman. Raider Steve Bronzowski got the assist on the goal in the 4-3 overtime Georgetown loss.

## Gems confident of win tonight in Acton

The Gems go into Acton tonight sporting a better than .500 record. Their 7-3 win over Oak Ridges Dynes Sunday night brought their wins-losses and ties records to 7-7-2, for 16 points, four points better than their past season total. Good for seventh place in the overall standings.

The two points they picked up against the Dynes capped a three game week in which they counted five of possible six points. Tuesday and Friday they played Milton in a home and away series, tying 5-5 here and winning there 5-3.

Acton on the other hand is coming off a big win over Barrie Colts Saturday night, in Acton. However they re-

Scott Malcolm. The Gem imports have been two of the main reasons for the Gems recent revival.

Going into Acton, the Gems are more confident of a win than getting a tie and preventing a loss.

Sunday they took a 5-0 lead in the first period and held on to stave off a gallant effort by the Dynes in the second and third periods.

Greg Thompson and McGilloway teamed up for the first goal of the night, just 3:43 into the game, setting the stage for some pretty goals by the young Jr. B club. Executing a perfect passing

play Thompson and McGilloway came down two on one on an Acton defenseman. Thompson, carrying the puck, instead of electing to shoot slipped the puck across to McGilloway who hesitated and returned the puck directly onto Thompson's stick for a tip in. A picture goal that went off just the way it might have been practiced.

John Barnes netted two more in that first 20 minutes with Malcolm counting a single. All equally fine scoring plays. Barnes got his third of the night in the second, and Ben Allen his first.

Oak Ridges lost the first period scoring, tied the second with two goals and won the third with the only tally that period.

The game was somewhat closer than the score indicated and involved numerous end to end plays, forcing goaltenders at both ends to come up with crucial saves. Mark Green in the Gem net put in another stalwart performance, as he has the past several games, outlasting two Dynes competitors in the same position. Spectators applauded the action and efforts around both nets by both teams.

At home to Milton, Gem scorers were Andy Broadbent, Mike McMenemy, Steve Crossman, Tony Giannini and Ben Allen. In Milton,



Goaltender Mark Green gets a little extra help, Sunday night, from a sprawling Tony Giannini as Scott Malcolm wards off offensive attackers. The Gems played a strong game winning 7-3.

Giannini, Thompson with two, Mark Brabant and Scott Malcolm got the local markers.

It's a "hard thing to do, change from losing to winning," says coach Tom Daley. But, the team seems to

have done just that giving the coach the .500 record he wanted the team to play at.

Tonight's game should be a good test for both teams as they both need a victory to establish themselves as consistent contenders.

**Gems 7**

**Dynes 3**

**Gems 5**

**Milton 3**

main in a battle with Milton for the bottom spot in the 12 team league.

Leading the way in Gemini jerseys will be two of Acton own best hockey playing sons, Dave McGilloway and

### New Gem manager

The Gems may have taken a lead out of the Toronto Maple Leaf fans' scrap book this week, when the Jr. B club announced the replacement of general manager Mario MacDonald. Due to out of town commitments MacDonald has been forced to give up the post.

Assistant coach Chris Milne will assume the duties, effective this past Sunday.