

# Gems lose four players for two games

The Gems held on to their all important .500 record this week with a 12-4 thumping of Acton and an 11-2 thrashing themselves at the hands of Brampton, which cost the Gems four players for the next two games and their goaltender for that game.

A win and a loss is all the pair of games really amount to says coach Tom Daley. Wednesday, in Acton, they were in it and Sunday, in Brampton, they weren't. It's plain and simple according to the coach.

Gems	12
Sabres	4

The fight which interrupted play in the first period of Sunday's game in Brampton "didn't do anything to the outcome of the game," says Daley. "We were out of it before that, we just weren't up for the game." They certainly weren't. They only had two shots all night on Chevy goalie Dan Findlay. One shot in each of the first two periods. But, they were both goals.

The Gems were losing 4-1 at the 16:29 mark of the game when one of the Brampton Chevys, who all had been cruising through Gem goaltender Brad Miller's goal crease all night hitting him and interfering with him, pinned Miller against the net and the fight began. Defense-man Tony Giannini came to the rescue and as the third man in the fight was automatically ejected. By the time the game resumed Gems'

Giannini, Dave McGilloway, Tom Schaefer and Gary Thompson had all been lost for the next two games. Goaltender Miller was given a game misconduct by the same referees who had ejected him from a game last week. Mark Green replaced Miller in the Georgetown nets.

#### FIRST LOSS IN SIX

Daley says this type of game brings the players back down to earth after winning their previous encounter with the Chevys, 8-2 two weeks earlier in Georgetown. Sunday night's loss was the Gems first in six games.

John Barnes from Scott Malcolm and Andy Broadbent at 9:43 of the first and Malcolm at 7:55 from Steve Crossman in the second were the only Gemini goals of the game.

The Chevys were assessed 46 penalty minutes while the Gems received 58. The Gems were outshot 11-2.

#### OUT OF THE STANDS

Wednesday in Acton the story was different. The Gems were a major contributing factor in the mid-game resignation of Sabres' coach Fred Buchanan. The Gems had taken a 7-2 lead after the first 40 minutes of the game. That was enough for Buchanan to go into his dressing room, to perhaps let into his players but, it seems that the fur flew both ways in the dressing room resulting in Buchanan landing in his resignation on the spot and not returning behind the bench for the final period. He will remain as general

manager.

Since Sabres' assistant coach Brian Quinn wasn't there a desperate call went out for a new coach to finish the game. Out of the stands and behind the bench went Gules Russiani. The Sabres' had known of Russiani's hockey credentials before and when they approached him he accepted the challenge for the rest of the game and the season. Although, he only got the team to recoup two goals in the third.

To add insult to injury the Gems' Scott Malcolm and Dave McGilloway, a couple of Acton imports, tallied for 10 points. Malcolm scored three times and added four assists while McGilloway had three assists.

Chevys	11
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Gems	2
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Other Gem goal scorers were Greg Thompson with a hat trick, Ben Allen with a pair, and singles to Bob Dean, Gary Thompson, Mike McMenemy and Marty Powers.

Mark Green played well in the nets. He faced 20 of the Gems 32 shots. The Gems fired 48 at the two Acton goaltenders, Bob Bremner who played the first two periods and Steve Kruk who ended the game.

#### REMAIN SOLID

Gem coach Daley expects the team to remain solid despite the loss of four players for their game last night against Streetsville and Sunday's home match with



There wasn't very much action around the Georgetown Gemini net Wednesday night in Acton but, when there was, the Acton players were serious. Here goaltender Mark Green concentrates on the play in front of his net while Sabres' Rob Jefferies pins an unidentified Gem to the ice. Captain John Barnes is ready if anything more develops. Fortunately nothing did and the Gems easily won 12-4.

Thornhill. He says the team will have the services of John McCandless, Mark Euleneier, Billy Taylor and Marty Powers back in the lineup full time.

The Gems are loaded with players and are ready for just such a problem. They

will have to narrow down their roster after Christmas as they can only sign a certain number of players.

Acton may try and take high scoring Scott Malcolm back. They say that there isn't a satisfactory agreement between the two teams

to let him play in Georgetown. Daley says that is not so, that when the Acton minor hockey gave Malcolm his release to play with the Hamilton Junior A team last year, that is all that is needed to make him a free agent to go wherever he chooses.

# Raiders only eight out of first

The Raiders had no trouble handling the Owen Sound Greys here Friday night as they soundly defeated them 13-6. However, they did have their troubles with them Sunday night there, as they were thoroughly trounced 14-2.

Friday night the Raiders could do no wrong as they steadily built up the win with four goals in each of the first two periods and five in the third. Sunday they had trouble icing a team and may face a fine from the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) for only dressing eight skaters and one goaltender, Paul Anatoli, who hadn't played a game in over a year.

#### BUS PROBLEM

"That's the problem when you don't have a team bus," says coach Blundy "you never know how many are going to show up for a game. They all come in cars. Some guys I knew weren't coming and

others just didn't show up.

"I'm convinced that if we had one more player and McDuffe we could have beat them. That game should have been a gift for us. We should have had four points out of the weekend."

Rightly so. The Raiders showed Friday night what they could have done to the Greys Sunday night with a full team. They were all over the Greys, who had given them trouble almost a month ago in Georgetown when the Raiders beat them 8-3.

Friday night the big guns came on big and were supported by the whole team and a strong McDuffe in the nets. Bruce Ellison and Juri Kudrasovs had three goals, Gary Ford, Chris Milne and Ray Tonelli picked up two a piece, and Gary Landry had the single.

The Raiders peppered Owen Sound goalie Tom Coughlin

with 30 shots in the first two periods and 20 more at his replacement Mike Wilson. Several of the shots were near misses hitting posts legs and even missing open nets. The score could have been higher for the Raiders.

#### EIGHT POINTS OUT

Sunday's loss eliminates Friday's win technically from advancing the team in the standings. They remain in last spot but are amazingly only eight points out of first place in the seven team league. A win Sunday would have greatly improved their chances of getting back to the top of the league.

This weekend they face two big games. Friday they are at home to Port Elgin, who narrowly defeated them in their only other match-up, 4-3. Saturday they are in Barrie to meet the Flyers for the third time. The first two meetings gave Barrie four points,

including two of which were won in a protested game Georgetown had originally won 10-3. The other game was a 3-1 win for Barrie.

The loss of points in that Barrie protest and a protest lost last week by Georgetown in a 4-3 loss to Port Elgin seems to have "set a pattern for us," says Blundy. "We come up big and they (the league) take away the points."



Believe it or not, Steve Bronizewski missed this open net Friday night when he slid the puck across the goal line to the other side of the net rather than in it. The Raiders didn't need this one anyway. They beat Owen Sound 13-6.

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# New sponsor doesn't help win

The Georgetown minor peewees lost 2-1 to their arch rivals from Milton Tuesday last. The local team, even with its new sponsor United Fire Safety, couldn't subdue the strong attack of the "Green Machine."

Not taking anything away

from Milton, they did play well, but Georgetown controlled the play most of the game but did not have the puck bounce their way. Defenseman Jon Hammer did his best to knock the opposition off the puck to make some openings but, to no avail.

After falling behind 1-0 in

the first 20 minutes of the game, Mark Howie from Mike Hurley and Chris Stevens teamed up to tie the game early in the third after a scoreless second stanza. Milton got the eventual winner one minute later.