

Gemini win two hold .500 record wait for playoffs

The Gems remain around the centre of the pack in the Central Ontario Jr. B standings, following a pair of wins this week over clubs below them in the standings. Last Tuesday they won a high scoring match over the Thornhill Thunderbirds 9-5 then Sunday night pulled out another high scoring affair 9-8 over the Oakville Blades.

"Two points is two points," said coach Tom Daley following Sunday night's game. "This should keep us ahead of Thornhill (in the standings)."

Sunday night's game was almost only a one point game or perhaps could have been a no point game as the Gems' game went steadily downhill in the third period in which they were outscored three one in a last minute attack by Oakville to tie the game. Clutch goaltending by Mark Green in those final few minutes saved the win.

The Gems scored three times in the first period on goals by John Barnes, Andy Broadbent and Bobby Dean. Oakville replied with two.

The second period was the big one for Georgetown as they put the puck in the Blades' net five times while only giving up three. Mike Schaefer, Barnes with two, Dave McGilloway and Dean were the marksmen. Scott Malcolm got the only third period goal for the local side.

Daley said the Gems had "too big a lead and didn't know how to handle it and almost blew it. They (the players) have got to realize their limitations and know what they can and can't do,"

said the coach.

Tuesday at home to Thornhill the Gems did realize what to do and did it. They took a first period one nothing lead on Marty Power's goal and increased that lead to 5-3 after the second with goals by Bobby Dean, Gary Thompson, Steve Crossman and Scott Malcolm. In the third Barnes, Broadbent and Thompson helped them outscore the T-Birds in that part of the game three two.

The Gems, who haven't been on the ice for a practice in three weeks face much the same problem in the coming weeks. Their Tuesday night time slot at Alcott was taken up last night with a home game against Milton. Next week they are on. The following two are Christmas and New Years.

Coach Daley feels that this has somewhat hindered his team's attack. This is the type of thing which has contributed to the team's three ties this campaign. "Those points would have moved us up a couple places in the standings," Daley contends.

As it is the Gems have now played 25 games and are sporting an .500 record with 11 wins and 11 losses and three ties for 25 points, (excluding last night's game).

Daley still says "we're not going to win this league". He maintains they'll just make the playoffs. "I've always been a playoff man. Maybe we can instill that in them, then we'll see what happens."



Janet Shepherd concentrates on her figure skating routine last Wednesday evening during the Georgetown Figure Skating club's competitions at Gordon Alcott. Skaters from all the classes competed against each other for the trophies.



Gemini Captain John Barnes helps goaltender Mark Green cover up a rebound under the ever watchful eye of the referee. This could have been the tying goal in Sunday night's game against the Oakville Blades, which the Gems won 9-8.

Holy Cross runnerup

The Holy Cross Public School's girls' volleyball team were runners-up in the Hallon Separate School Volleyball Championships at E.C. Drury Public School Saturday. Their male counterparts did make the six team round-robin finals but lost.

The girls played St. Gabriels, who won the championship. Twenty-seven schools competed.

Members of the girls team are Jenny Foster, Jenny Lavoie, Barbara Haskins, Diane Stone, Caroline Corbett, Sharon Cowling, Natalia Dacheco, Lisa Byrne, Lisa Stamp, Irene Marinko, Kelly McCorry, Julie McCorry and Theresa Malach. Cynthia Tobin coach.

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