

Raiders trounce Port Elgin Friday, pay for it with loss Saturday

Coming off a high flying 10-1 win over the Port Elgin Sunocos there Friday night, the Raiders turned in a lack lustre performance Saturday night at Alcott as they went down to defeat 9-8 at the hands of the Barrie Flyers.

"They weren't skating, they looked sluggish," said Raider coach Steve Blundy. Part of the team's problem

on the ice that night may have resulted from their late arrival back home from Port Elgin the previous evening. Many of the players didn't get back until three or four o'clock in the a.m. of Saturday morning. "I'm glad I didn't have to play," (Saturday night) said Blundy.

Despite the obvious fatigue, which most of the

players must have felt, Georgetown players played considerably well in the early goings of the Barrie game, taking a 3-2 first period lead and an 8-6 lead after two periods. It was the third period in which their legs became weary and they were shut out in the scoring department three nothing.

MAJOR FIGHT

The Raiders were without the services of Ron Fogal Saturday and Bob Elinesky who was thrown out of Friday night's game for being the aggressor in a major fight in which four Raiders were ejected from the game in the final period. Elinesky was out for Saturday's game and will be out for Friday's game against Collingwood. The other three Raiders were back in uniform for the following night's game.

Peter McDuffe, who only gave up one goal in the third period of Friday's game, sat on the bench Saturday night, to give way to backup man Lloyd Vaughn. Coach Blundy said he wanted to give Vaughn some more work. "We can't always depend on Peter (McDuffe) to save us," Vaughn, who looked sharp two weeks ago when he led the Raiders to a 6-5 overtime win over Dundas Merchants, wasn't at his best against Barrie. He faced 23 Flyer shots letting eight get by him. "Lloyd was rusty," Blundy felt. "He was a step behind," on a few of the goals. The former Orillia Terrier goaltender did hang in for much of the game relinquishing the game winner with just 5.04 left before the final buzzer.

TOO LIGHTLY
The Raiders took Barrie

"too lightly" Blundy conceded. But, he vowed, they won't next time they meet. "We're not worried about them. We'll club them next time." That will be February 8 when the Flyers return to Alcott.

"What really burns me up," said Blundy, "is they come in here and steal a game then the coach goes and smirks about it to me. When you lose you don't say anything - when you win you say even less."

Scoring for Georgetown Friday night were Juri Ku-

drasovs with three, Chris Milne and Steve Lyon with two, Gary Landry, John Boyce and Rick Kessel with singles. Saturday it was Joe Ens with three, Collin Gordon with a pair, Juri Kudrasovs, Steve Lyon and Ray Tonelli with singles.

The Raiders now have 22 points in 20 games. Their record is 11 wins, 9 losses which should hold them in third spot in Intermediate A league behind Collingwood and Dundas.



Juri Kudrasovs had a difficult time putting the puck in Barrie Flyers' net during this play Saturday night but, he did find the mark once in the Raiders' 9-8 losing effort.

Two big games

The Raiders play two of their most important games of the season on the road this coming weekend when the third place club faces off with the top two teams in the Georgian Bay Intermediate A league. Friday they are in Collingwood to face the league leading Shipbuilders and Sunday they travel to Dundas to meet the Merchants.

The two games could actually account for eight big points for the local squad. All three teams are relatively close in the standings and two points for the Raiders in either of the games could bring them two points closer to the top of the standings. Losses would result in the team falling further behind the leaders and making it difficult to catch up in the latter part of the schedule with the way Collingwood and Dundas are playing.

Wins for Georgetown would also move them further in front of Orillia and Barrie.

To date Collingwood holds the edge in wins over the Raiders 2-1 while the Raiders have beaten Dundas in their only two meetings.

Gems carefully eyeing playoffs

The Gems lost a couple of tough games Sunday and Monday evening which, although it still leaves them in



seventh place in the standings, four points in front of the last playoff spot, could be crucial if they turn into the start of a losing streak. The Gems have 10 games left. Friday they are at Burlington and Sunday at home to Dixie.

"These next couple of games could tell if we are going to make the playoffs," says coach Tom Daley. "We have four home games and six road games and we've got to get some wins."

Sunday night the Burlington Cougars came to Alcott and handed the Gems a hard fought 5-3 loss. Monday night in Oak Ridges it was Dynes who did them in, 7-4.

As of that game the Gems have played 34 games and have accumulated 30 points for seventh place in the 12 team league. The rest of the standings look like this: Streetsville 30 games for 53 points, Burlington 32 - 46, Dixie 32 - 45, Orillia 32 - 43, Brampton 33 - 36, Oak Ridges 31 - 35, Georgetown 34 - 30, Oakville 32 - 26, Thornhill 31 - 25, Barr 31 - 22, Milton 30 - 12 and Acton 34 - 9. The top eight teams qualify for further playoff action.

Thornhill and Barrie are the teams that the Gems will be watching this last month of the schedule. They each hold three games in hand over the Gems and they could slip in under the wire to replace the Gems in the top eight. However looking at the schedule the Gems appear to

have an easier landing.

The Gems' final 10 games have them face Burlington, Dixie, Barrie, Orillia, Thornhill, Acton, Streetsville, Orillia, Barrie, Oakville and Brampton.

If the team plays the way they did in their last two games they may not have too much trouble. Sunday night they gave a 100 per cent effort most of the time but let up for a few key minutes and

didn't get the breaks the Cougars did. Steve Crossman, Dave McGilloway and Scott Malcolm were the only Georgetown players able to find the key to the cougar net.

Coach Daley wasn't as impressed with the team's effort. He said after the game when asked about any of his players who he thought stood out throughout the game, "now you're really reach-

ing." He did however say that he thought that at different selected moments in the game some of his players looked the best on the ice.

Monday night the Gems never did get in the lead the whole game. Poor refereeing helped contribute to the team's loss. Despite it Gary Thompson, John Barnes, Andy Broadbent and Marty Powers were able to score.



The lady crossing the ice is the Gems' new trainer Karen Hollinger. She joined the

team just before Christmas and tends to the players' on-ice injuries.



It was one of those nights for the Gems Sunday, when they hosted the Burlington Cougars. As is shown in this photo of Gem Dave McGilloway whose shot was going for the far corner of the empty net until the mysterious hand got in the way to stop it. The Gems lost 5-3.