

# Raiders snatch a victory from the jaws of defeat

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The Raiders have coach Steve Blundy shaking his head. "I just don't know what to think."

The reason the rookie commander is perplexed is the unpredictable play of the intermediate A team of late. One minute, literally, they are up, the next they're not. "Sometimes I wonder whether it's all worth it. There's no magic."

Saturday night the Georgetown team scored a flurry of five goals in the last eight minutes of the game to clutch at 6-4 victory over the Owen Sound Greys, in a game that up until that point they didn't deserve to win.

## McDUFFE GREAT

Coach Blundy says he has learned "not to throw anything back", so he'll take the two points and worry about what happened in the game after. "We just didn't have a sustained effort," says the former Raider player. The only exception to that statement was the outstanding and sometimes astoundingly unbelievable play of goaltender Peter McDuffe. He definitely played one of his best, if not the best, game of the season, in holding the team in until they finally got their act together. He was named the game's number one star. Owen Sound cap-

tain Rob Thomas was the number two star and Raider Steve Lyons the third star.

"We took them too lightly," said Blundy. They shouldn't have. The second last place club in the Georgian Bay loop walloped the locals 14-2 in their last meeting back on Sunday Nov. 18 in Owen Sound. Two nights before, though, the two teams played at Gordon Alcott and the host team socked it to their opponents, giving the Greys the blues with a 13-6 score to ride home on.

**Raiders 6**  
**Greys 4**

Friday night was a different story. The game was a close, no thanks to the offensive and defensive corps of the Raiders. It was a battle between McDuffe and the Greys' shooters. The heroic former professional puck stopper threw himself in front of 49 near goals, almost twice what his counterpart Brian Caley in the other net was faced with in 26 attempts.

## GREYS CONTROL GAME

"They (Raiders) aren't used to playing with 18 or 19 guys dressed," summed up their coach. Lately the team

has played several games, especially those on the road, with depleted lineups. The whole team looked disoriented in the first 20 minutes of play, making bad passes and missing the few good ones that did come their way. They weren't playing two-way hockey, forechecking and backchecking. "They weren't penetrating," Blundy agreed. "We won't be able to do that against good teams. The ice conditions upset us," Blundy maintained. "We couldn't handle the puck."

Owen Sound got their first lead of the game by opening the scoring at the 16.50 mark of the first when Dennis Earwell converted Captain Rob Thomas' pass into a goal. Bruce Ellison tied the game 1.28 later assisted by linemates Gary Ford and Captain Ray Tonelli.

Mike Green, on a power play scored the only goal of the second period, for Owen Sound, from Bill Barclay and Thomas midway through with Ken Steen off for holding. A minor delay resulted after the goal when the timekeeper and the referee couldn't find Green's name on the game sheet. After assurances from Greys' coach Dale Watson that it was indeed on there, a second check of it was made proving him right and preventing the protesting Raiders from nul-



Peter McDuffe was called on 49 times Friday night to make stops in the Raider net. His sterling performance, as shown here, was a major reason the intermediate A team was able to make a dramatic comeback at the end of the game to beat the Owen Sound Greys 6-4.

lifying the goal that broke the tie.

The Greys moved two goals in front, with just less than four minutes of the final period elapsed, when Captain Thomas beat McDuffe on an unassisted effort.

**RAIDERS' COMEBACK**  
A few minutes later the Raiders came to life and began unleashing their pent up scoring ability they had been unable to connect on in the few chances they had in the middle stanza. Rick Kessel propelled one by Caley to begin the comeback with 8.11 left to play. John Boyce and John Cook assisted. Captain Tonelli tied the game at three, less than two minutes later with the help of Mike Keeler and Juri Kudrasovs.

Barclay broke the tie and put the Greys back in front with just 4.03 left on the clock while Keeler was sitting it out in the penalty box for interference.

Kudrasovs gave the home team what appeared would amount to overtime when Gary Ford and Tonelli set him up for yet another tying goal. This time with 2.12 remaining. As it turned out, it put the Raiders back in contention for a win. Peter Mara took advantage of it and Gary Landry scored the eventual winner with 1.31 left to play. None of the spectators left their seats, expect-

goal off the stick of Joe Ens, from Kessel and Cook.

It was "a measure of experience," Blundy said after the game.

## MORE ICE TIME

Once the Raiders got rolling they were okay. But, it took almost the entire game, they could have run out of time. Part of this problem comes from not having enough ice time. "I'm hoping for an extra hour a week," says the coach. "It's difficult getting working guys out for practices." This shows in certain players who need to be playing all the time. Those who do not make them are usually a little rusty by the time the weekend game.

Georgetown remains in third place in the league standings with 13 wins and 10 losses in 23 games for 26 points. Friday they play the second place Dundas Merchants at Alcott. Game time is 8.45.

## Last goal 19.43

ing Owen Sound to bounce back and tie the game with their goaltender out of the net in favour of a sixth attacker. That was not to be as the Raiders avenged their earlier game poor showing by adding another

# Penalty shot miss leaves Gemini tie with Travelways

A missed penalty shot by Gemini Dave McGilloway, late in the third period of Sunday night's game, could have been the winning goal over the Orillia Travelways. With the missed opportunity the Gems had to settle for a 5-5 draw, their second tie this week. Thursday they came away from Barrie, even, with a 4-4 score.

The penalty shot came about as the two teams were battling late in the game, with both teams obviously looking for the win and the all important two points. With 1.44 left to play in the game, and the score tied 4-4, Orillia asked the referee to check the stick of Gemini John Barnes, to see if the curve he had in the blade was illegal. If not it meant a Gem penalty shot. Barnes said that's how he bought the stick. It was. He received a two minute penalty. Travelways players claimed they were 10-0 in predicting sticks. During that penalty, alternate captain Tony Giannini scored a

shorthanded goal, coming in from the goaltender's left side, while warding off a Travelways' defenseman, to flip the puck in the top left corner putting Georgetown in front with 49 seconds showing on the clock.

This prompted Orillia coach Mike Grube to gamble on another penalty shot if he was wrong about the stick of Giannini too. He ordered the check and ended up with a penalty shot. Orillia players were now 10 and 1 on their stick assumptions.

McGilloway got the go ahead to single-handedly pick up the puck at centre ice, and try to beat the opposition goaltender Marty Rogers.

He took the puck in and, instead of using his natural deking talent, shot from 10 feet out missing the top left corner.

No problem. All the Gems had to do was hold on for .49 more seconds. They couldn't. With .26 seconds left Orillia captain Steve Timpano beat the Gem defensemen

and scored on Brad Miller. This could have set up a third check of a hockey stick. Gem coach Tom Daley decided to stick with the single point rather than risk a penalty shot.

"It wouldn't have done any good," to measure Timpano's stick Daley said after the game. "Miller was so mad at himself, he wouldn't have stopped it anyway," had the stick been illegal. Daley also said he hadn't given McGilloway any instructions on how to score on the penalty shot. "I just left it up to him."

"We played well enough to win. We did what we had to do to beat them." The coach agreed that there was a little defensive sloppiness. That he attributes in part to the team's lack of practice time. "You can't change a style without practice. We have to go with the system we have."

Scoring for the Gems were Bill Taylor, Greg Thompson and two, Gary Thompson and Giannini.



How could Dave McGilloway miss an empty net? He wonders that himself. Sunday night he missed a penalty shot also. It was one of those nights for him and his team as they wasted away a win and settled for a tie with the Orillia Travelways.

Juvenile Mark Brabant played Sunday as a replacement for one of the three suspended Gems.

Thursday in Barrie the team played up and down according to the coach. They hit the post with seven seconds left to play. "We're blowing a lot of chances lately," maintains Daley. "They may catch up with us sooner or later - I hope not." Netting goals in Barrie for Georgetown were McGilloway, Gary Thompson, Ben Allen and Greg Thompson.

The Gems were in Thornhill last night. No score was available when this paper went to press. Sunday they host the Acton Sabres at Alcott. Game time is 7.30.

## GEORGETOWN GEMINI STANDINGS

Player	P	G	A	Pt	PM
Dave McGilloway	34	18	48	66	30
Greg Thompson	30	21	23	44	15
Andy Broadbent*	27	18	22	40	121
John Barnes	34	17	15	32	107
Steve Crossman	31	14	18	32	134
Ben Allen	29	17	13	30	63
Bobby Dean	35	15	9	24	12
Scott Malcolm	20	12	12	24	18
Mike McMenemy	27	4	16	20	66
Gary Thompson	32	1	12	19	57
Tony Giannini	34	3	15	18	77
Marty Power	16	8	8	16	51
Mike Schaefer	33	4	8	12	110
Mark Eulencier	14	2	8	10	19
Curt Fitzsimmons	32	1	7	8	32
Herb Kewley	35	1	6	7	54
Bill Taylor	22	4	1	5	23

## GOALTENDERS

	P	Min	A	Av
Brad Miller	22	1193	100	4.90
Mark Green	17	967	95	5.88