

Gemini make it to the playoffs

All the Gems wanted to do this season was make the playoffs. So, after 43 games their ambition finally became a reality. All it took was a single point in Orillia Saturday night.

Now all the team wants to do, is do well in the advanced play. "It depends who we come up against. We could make it to the next round," said one optimistic Gem player.

For coach Tom Daley, who has been preaching all year long about "just making the playoffs", he is sitting back and not saying how his team will do in post season play. "We made the playoffs and that's all that counts right now." The Gems have two more road games, this Friday in Oakville and Sunday in Brampton. Once the regular schedule winds up for the whole league Sunday, then Georgetown will find out who they meet.

EASILY WIN

They will be going into the playoffs with a team that can easily win games with the abundance of excellent talent they have but, who sometimes have mental trouble putting it together. They can win when they want to but, they must really want to. This is something they have been lacking through most of this

campaign. Perhaps the playoffs will be the incentive they need to play well consistently and win.

Sunday night's 7-1 loss to the Barrie Colts was a perfect example of the game they will be playing come Feb. 10. At times they made picture perfect plays that, if they didn't score, did dazzle their opponents that night. Dave McGilloway showed, in bursts, why he is one of the best players in the Central Ontario Junior B loop. His skating moves and stickhandling prowess when combined with Greg Thompson and Ben Allen would be a force any team would be hard pressed to reckon with.

Yet the Gems at other times in the game let down and could be skated all over. They didn't forecheck, backcheck or even poke check. Their hearts weren't in the game. "They were playing on last night (Saturday night's) which put them in the playoffs", said a disgruntled Daley. "There were maybe six who played well in any part of the game." Daley did say the home fans missed the Gems at their best in Orillia.

To date the Gems have only two wins, two losses and four ties in their past eight games. Hardly an impressive record for a team hoping to get past the first round of



The Gems shot the puck away many times Sunday night, as John Barnes does here on the instructions of goaltender Brad Miller. It proved to be a smart move as the Gems were hemmed in their own end several times by the Barrie Colts. Even when the Gems did have the puck they had trouble with it. They lost 7-1.

play. However a couple of key goals here and there and the team would feel much more confident.

Allen, McGilloway, Bill Taylor and John Barnes were the Gem goal scorers Sunday. Friday in Orillia Andy Broadbent, Steve Crossman, Taylor and Barnes netted Georgetown goals. In S. Leetsville last Wednesday, Herb Kewley, Curt Fitzsimmons, Taylor and Bobby Dean scored for the Gems.

Oakville had been on the Gems' mind recently, as they stood a chance of slipping into the seventh and final playoff spot. With just one game left, against the Gems, they can't get enough points to surpass the Gems.

As of Sunday night the Gems have 38 points in 42 games. Not quite the 500 season Daley wanted but, with two more games they could narrow the margin.

Raiders looking for solid effort

While the team management, supporters and fans of the Raiders were living it up at Alcott arena Friday night, at the men's night, the players were toiling in Port Elgin for a big 7-2 win. It was their seventh win in 10 games.

Raiders player assistant coach John Boyce said the team played well that night. With a full line-up of three lines and four defencemen, Georgetown was able to score five goals in the first two periods, before the Sunocos could get on the score-sheet. And their goal came with 37 seconds left in the middle third frame.

"It was a pretty solid game," Boyce said. "They were missing a few of their players."

The approach to the game changed considerably said Boyce when Ron Fogal was moved on up forward. Back for his second game, after a re-training program, Fogal made the difference in the Port Elgin zone scoring once and proving to be an effective forechecking force. "He's a natural skater and has size and effect along with a good sense of competitiveness," says Boyce.

Fogal started the game's scoring at 5:09 of the first period. Captain Ray Tonelli and Rick Kessel gave the Raiders a 3-0 lead at the end of the period. Joe Ens popped in a pair to put Georgetown five goals in front. Port Elgin slipped in a goal with 37 seconds left to play in the middle frame. Kessel with

his second and Steve Lyons rounded out the scoring.

The Raiders outshot the Sunocos 39-24 and received four fewer minutes in penalties than the 21 accumulated by their opponents.

With 10 games left to play in their Georgian Bay league schedule, the Raiders, now in third, play league leading Dundas Merchants twice, number two Collingwood Shipbuilders twice, number four Barrie twice, number five Orillia twice, number six Owen Sound once and number seven Port Elgin once.

Twenty points could make a lot of difference in the standing. "To maintain our third spot," says Boyce, "we'll have to play solid defensive hockey, something

we haven't been doing lately. It shows in our goals against average which is just over five goals a game."

As of now the Raiders are five points behind Dundas and four behind Collingwood while only one in front of Barrie and two ahead of Orillia.

"Every game is important now," says Boyce, who is running the team while coach Steve Blundy is away on business. Georgetown has a couple of games on hand on Orillia, and one on Collingwood but have played two more than Dundas.

The Raiders might be able

to play with poor defence against the lower teams but not against Dundas and Collingwood, says Boyce. "If you have a solid defence the offense will take care of itself."

Barrie Flyers will be in town Friday night at Alcott. Game time is 8:30.

Figure skaters pass

Test days were held this week for local figure skaters, and a large majority of skaters have successfully completed another figure or dance.

On Low Test Day, (Sunday, Jan. 27) Tara Burroughs, Patricia Moorehead and Patti Puckering passed their Preliminary Figure. Tina Murray passed her first figure and Lori Henderson passed her second figure.

The Dutch Waltz was passed by Heather Garrison, Jill Lashy, Karen Sowery, Patricia Moorehead, Kelly Stoyles, Jackie Hatcher, Karen Lindberg, Trina Wasylenko, Patti Puckering, Beverly Vaters, Alanna Plucinsky, Bobby Sun, Dana Crouch, Corina Wittich, Susan Lamb.

The Canata Tango was passed by Beverly Vaters, Karen Lindberg, Trina

Wasylenko, Susan Lamb, Dana Crouch, Alanna Plucinsky, Corina Wittich, and Patti Puckering.

The Swing was passed by Kelly Sherrard, Alanna Plucinsky, and Carole-Lynne Kemp.

Tammie Brady, Tina Murray and Catherine Cocks passed the Tenfox.

The Fiesta was passed by Tammie Brady, Christian Wasserman, Vanessa Jowett and Jennifer Snyder.

Christian Wasserman, Kelli Warner, Julie Allen, Tom Shannon and Roxanne Lukas all passed their Willow.

High Test Day was held on Wednesday, January 30 with the following skaters achieving success:

European, Lori Henderson, Jennifer Hoddmott.

Fourteen Step, Lori Henderson, Jennifer Hoddmott, Susan Cameron, Kathy Soal.

Foxtrot, Susan Cameron, Jennifer Hoddmott, Joanne Searle, Tanya Sherrard, Kathy Soal.

Jr. Bronze Free Skate: Vanessa Jowett, Roxanne Lukas, Tina Murray.

Sr. Bronze Free Skate: Debra Dougal, Teri Lamb.

6th Figure: Janet Shepherd.

BRAMPTON COLOUR & SOUND PRESENTS SOUND CHALET

FEATURING COMPLETE STEREO LINES OF AKAI, TOSHIBA, & AIWA

COMPARE THE "SOUND" & "PRICE" IN OUR SOUND ROOM!

13 NELSON ST. W. 453-4455

NEVER WAX YOUR CAR AGAIN

WITH

ONE PRESERVE-A-SHINE TREATMENT

PLUS

AN ANNUAL RESEALANT

CALL 877-6136 FOR FREE QUOTE

RELIABLE AUTO CLEANING LTD.

CHRIS BYDEVAATE

111 MOUNTAINVIEW RD. N.

