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Georgetown Gemini Bob Davey looks headed for trouble as he's surrounded by Acton skaters Mike Monahan (left) and Mark Duval. The Sabres handed the Gems a 6-4 loss last Saturday night. Both Acton and

Georgetown coaches are in various stages of rebuilding and re-evaluating their talent as the season progresses.

(Herald photo by Dave Rowney)

Sabres avenge loss in 6-4 win over Gems

Russiani looking for improvement

Having suffered a 7-6 loss against Milton earlier in the week, the Acton Junior B Sabres were ready to prove that defeats do not rest lightly on their shoulders.

Even without high scoring forward Dave McGilloway, the Sabres took the starch out of the Georgetown Gemins with three third period goals for a 6-4 victory last Saturday.

Against Milton, the Sabres didn't react quickly and the Flyers had the opportunity to gain momentum even though Acton outplayed them, coach Jules Russiani said.

The team was letting Milton come to them, instead of initiating the aggressive play said Russiani, who spent both the Milton and Georgetown games in the stands to study his Swordsmen.

Russiani is pleased that in the last two games, two players on the team had come through for the club, but he's looking for more consistency from the rest of his charges.

One of his work projects has been a new plus-minus stats sheet which should cure any illusions that the team is playing to its potential. Some players may get a shock

from Russiani's two-game study of his players, but Roy Spear, R.J. Farnsworth, Ken Reif and Paul Stark have reason to be pleased.

Those listed have plus '2' or better while their line is on the ice. If a goal is scored by his opponents while his line is on, a minus point is given, but if a goal is scored by a linemate, a plus figure is added to his stats.

Coach Russiani is particularly pleased with Don Brown, who has a plus '6' total, the highest on the team. Gary Williams has played impressive hockey, according to the coaching and he has a plus '4' standing.

"Writing this stats sheet

will say more to the team than balling them out," the coach said.

With 23 penalties taken over the course of seven games, 19 per cent of the team's ice time has been wasted and this is one area the coach would like to see improved on the team.

COACH HAPPY
However, Russiani is happy with the aggressiveness on the team and he's pleased about the togetherness of the team members.

Against Georgetown the Sabres didn't keep the Gemins hemmed in their own zone as much as the game plan called for, but Russiani said, "I wasn't disappointed in our play."

Under the tutelage of club president Frank Ailsop, who served as interim coach, the Sabres opened the scoring on a goal by Don Brown from Denis Charbonneau and Paul Stark.

The score remained 1-0 for the Sabres after the first period, but Georgetown rallied to a 3-3 tie at the end of the second period, as Mike McMenemy took to the ice and made sure of his power play opportunity to score.

Mark Duval retaliated for the Sabres on a pass from Denis Charbonneau as Acton regained the lead. However, a hustling Mark Hamilton gave the Gemins a boost on his goal from linemates Lance Doucette and Bob Dean.

Gary Williams came through for the Sabres to tie Georgetown 3-3 after Bob Dean gave Georgetown the lead six seconds before.

But one power play effort was all the goal-scoring Georgetown could muster as veteran Mike McMenemy, returning from a shoulder injury, scored his second goal of the night.

Acton's Denis Kirton, Don

Brown and Ken Reif rounded out the Sabre scoring in the third period to spur the

Swordsmen past the Gemini as the game ended in a 6-4 victory.

Regular's back to help Gems with team play

After licking their wounds from a 6-4 loss to the Acton Sabres the night before, the Georgetown Junior B Gemins found themselves outmaneuvered against Streetsville last Sunday night as they were downed 10-3.

After the first period Streetsville were leading 4-1 as the lone Georgetown goal was scored by newcomer Lance Doucette assisted by Chuck Moffatt.

Five more goals by the Derbys were avenged by Rick Madgett's effort as he stole a loose puck to score unassisted at the 17:07 mark of the second period.

In the third period, the Georgetown Gemins played head to head hockey with Streetsville as both teams held each other in check for one goal each. Lance Doucette scored this second goal of the night on a power play from linemates Mark Hamilton and Bob Dean.

In both the Sabre and Streetsville Derby losses, Gemini coach Dave Switzer would give no excuses because he said there is none for losing, but he did indicate that virtually 10 players haven't practised with the team in weeks.

With an abundance of returning players from the injury list, plus the introduction of Georgetownner Mark Folby and former Brampton Warrior Lance Doucette, the team hasn't had time to get in regular practice sessions, said coach Switzer.

He admitted the team was running around on the ice more than they should have, but attributed the club's play to their need to practise more together as a team.

The addition of Doucette seems to have added scoring and playmaking punch to the Gemins attack. Doucette was approached by Switzer all of last summer, but the player's ambition to gain a hockey scholarship seemed to sway Doucette's decision to come to the Gemins.

Against Streetsville in spite of the lopsided score, the Gems had the Derby's "going crazy" in the third period and the coach said he wasn't disappointed in the Streetsville game.

Players such as Bob Davey and Kevin Franks played well for the team, said the coach. One of the biggest problems yet to conquer will be to get his players from taking too many penalties, the coach said.

The coach realizes the team will have to start scoring because the team has the talent, he said. Win or lose, the coach said he's proud of the players and he's convinced if the team bears down and concentrates on their responsibilities they'll steadily improve.

Intercounty team takes playoff momentum

No challenge hard enough for Glen

The Glen Merchants have proved that near-impossible undertakings are no challenge to a team that works hardest when under pressure.

In Intercounty fastball playoff action last week, the Glen Williams squad came from behind to tie the best-of-seven series 3-3 after defeating Orangeville Friday 2-1 and Sunday 4-0.

Against Orangeville on Friday the contest went 14 innings as Orangeville could only muster one run after eight innings. The score was enough to beat the Glen but at the bottom of the eighth inning, Dean Hancock poked a double with two out. Andy Broadbent then hit a double to tie the game at 1-1.

In the fourteenth inning Andy Broadbent got on base on an error, he then stole second base, but the ball was overthrown, so he advanced to third. An erratic throw to

the third baseman gave Broadbent the chance to take home plate for the winning run.

Hitting well for the Merchants in Friday's game were Andy Broadbent, Dean Hancock, Rob Hatcher, Mike Reynolds, Jeff Haines, Terry Haines, and Glenn Fendley. The Glen had 10 hits to Orangeville's six hits.

Pitcher Jeff Haines had 14 strike-outs and for 21 innings he hasn't given up a run. Les Wilson cracked a collarbone, so he has been replaced with Larry Wheeler who has filled in well for the Glen.

Orangeville's Glen Williams 4

Against Orangeville on Sunday all of the Glen's runs were scored in the fourth inning. Rob Hatcher got on bases on an error and Terry Haines hit a single. Andy Broadbent hit a double which scored both base runners. Jeff Haines singled as

Andy Broadbent advanced to third base. Tim Field replaced Haines at first as base runner and he subsequently stole second base. Mike Reynolds then connected for a double to score both runners for a 4-0 blasting of Orangeville to gain decisive momentum in the series. Hitting well for the Merchants in the game were Dean Hancock, Rob Hatcher, Terry Haines, Andy Broadbent, Jeff Haines, Mike Reynolds and Larry Wheeler.

Pitcher Jeff Haines had a no-hitter and collected eight strike-outs. The Glen had eight hits during the game.

In what was described as good tight ball under very cold and windy conditions, tempers flared with the closeness of the series.

Coach Bud Haines was pleased with his players, saying "they had their backs

against the wall and they came up big."

Haines says the team is getting more depth at hitting and the ability to utilize two pitchers has helped when all the other teams only have one good one, he says.

Pendulum swings for Raider squad in Owen Sound

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders aptly proved last weekend that there are indeed two sides to a pendulum as they outclassed undefeated Orillia Terriers 11-2, then suffered the humiliating defeat against Owen Sound 9-5.

In their home contest against the Terriers, the Georgetown squad looked every bit the powerhouse they did the previous year in Intermediate A competition. They slowly whittled away at the Orillia defence in the second and third periods after a 2-2 in the opening period.

Gary McFadyen opened the scoring for the Raiders one minute after Orillia took a 1-0 lead. Orillia made the count 2-1 five minutes into the period, but Bill Hamilton helped the Raiders with his goal at the 12:42 mark in the period to tie the score at 2-2.

A five-goal barrage by the Raiders disheartened the Terriers as Bill Hamilton, Gary Ford, Scott McKenzie, Steve Lyon and Keir Todd all made sure of their shots on net.

In the third period, centre Gary Ford earned his share of notoriety by scoring two more goals to complete his hat trick, then he was subsequently thrown out of the game for fighting.

Gerry Schaefer and Scott McKenzie scored the other third period goals. Assistant

The pitcher from Orangeville, Beasley is easier to hit off of now the players have adjusted to his change-up pitch, he says. "Jeff Haines keeps getting stronger and stronger pitching and hitting for us," Haines says.

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coach Peter Sturgeon said after the game that he thought the Raiders were finishing off their plays well and that seemed to be the difference in the score.

Owen Sound 9
Georgetown 5

Against Owen Sound last Sunday night, Georgetown did just the opposite to their Friday night's game against Orillia - they couldn't put the puck in the net. Although the Raiders outshot their opponents, the Greys had good goaltending, said Peter Sturgeon.

One main reason which can be attributed to the loss has to do with the lack of available skaters because of game misconducts and work commitments. The Chrysler Raiders have said before they wanted a solid 15-man unit to lead their team into the playoffs, but only ten skaters were in Owen Sound Sunday.

After the first period the Greys led 3-1, with Ron Twiss scoring for the Raiders from Juri Kudrasovs and Gary McFadyen. Owen Sound came alive in the second period to score three unanswered goals, but Georgetown rallied back in the third period to outscore the Greys 4-1.

Gary McFadyen led the list with two goals while singles went to Steve Lyon and Bill Hamilton.

REACHING OUT



Against E.C. Drury last Thursday the Acton Redmen girls defeated their opponents in both junior and senior games. Here, Linda Thomson (right) reaches out for a jump ball in junior action. The juniors won 20-11 and have a four win, one loss record.

(Herald photo)

Burlington takes Midgets

On Saturday October 17 Georgetown Sunny Acre Major Midgets went down to their first defeat after six regular season games. Burlington were the victors with a 6-4 score.

In the first two periods of play both teams were evenly matched, with the second period ending in a 3-3 tie.

Burlington took the lead with a goal at 9:21 in the first period. Kevin Gillespie, assisted by Tom Forbes and Howie Gram, tied the score at the 4:40 mark. Howie Gram put Georgetown ahead with another goal with 15 seconds left in the first period, on a pass from Blake Harrison and Kevin Gillespie. The second period saw two goals for Burlington.

Sunny Acre's only goal was scored by Mike Stone assisted by Blake Harrison.

During the third period Georgetown tempers flared, resulting in nine penalties for the home team.

Three goals were scored by Burlington while Georgetown was playing abhorred. Georgetown's lone goal in the third period was scored by George Osborne, assisted by Paul Burroughs and Jay Barwell.



SWEET VICTORY

The Optimists' cross-country invitational meet for 13 local schools provided many local runners a chance to win trophies like Tara Boskoff, 10, (left), and Marc Bassett, 11, (above) attained. Tara finished second in the bantam division for Wigglesworth while Marc collected team and individual trophies for his Centennial school. See page B4. (Herald photos by Ant Pedertian)

Pee wees earn tie against Markham

By L. THIBAUT
Herald Special

In a very exciting exhibition game on Sunday Oct. 18, the United Fire Safety Minor Pee Wees earned a tie against Markham.

Georgetown spotted them a goal in the first period but roared back to score three goals, thus forcing them to play catch-up hockey. John Lorito and Don Cruise set the pace with a goal and an assist each.

Jason Arnold also tallied once.

Markham struggled back with another goal and finally tied the game with 59 seconds left, despite some outstanding goaltending by Steve

Eastwood. The tie was particularly satisfying because Markham are the defending champions in a strong league which includes other strong teams such as Whitby.

The United Fire Safety Minor Pee Wees dominated their game against Oakville Tuesday Oct. 13.

With good passing and forechecking they were able to win the game by a whopping 9-0 score.

Trevor Harkley, assisted by Ken Langdon both times got two goals as did Pat McCarthy.

Singles went to Jeff Brady, John Lorito, Davin Ciglen, Frazer Dougal and Peter Atherly. Paul Howlett in his

first total game in net, was awarded a shutout.

The locals didn't fare as well against Orangeville on Saturday Oct. 17 where they were downed 4-2.

Both goals in this losing effort were scored by Pat McCarthy with Alain Thibault assisting on both. The first goal was also assisted by John Lorito.

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