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Acton Swordsmen style dulled by Mike Tibbitts

Geminis win first game against Acton Sabres 7-3

Summing up the Georgetown Junior B. Geminis 7-3 defeat of the Acton Sabres last Sunday, Georgetown captain Bill Taylor said, the team showed themselves that they wanted to make the playoffs by winning the game.

For the Gems it was a crucial game to win in their efforts to make the eighth and final playoff spot, now held by the Acton Sabres by a lead of eight points.

The game, which was held at Georgetown's Gordon Alcott arena, was a tightly contested matchup until the last five minutes of the game when frustrations led to chippy play on both sides. Two major altercations involving Sabre-Gemini player confrontations saw the Sabres lose their cool which

ended in Acton coach Jules Russiani receiving a game misconduct.

Captain Bill Taylor, who returned to the lineup after a bout with mononucleosis,



said the difference between the two teams was that the Geminis didn't lose their composure and stayed away from the penalty box. However, some might want to argue that the difference in the game was the

play of Georgetown forward Mike Tibbitts who netted four goals during the night, including the game-winner.

DULISSE SCORES
 During the first period the Sabres took a 1-0 lead when Acton's Tony Dulisse surprised goaltender Mike Steer with a shot assisted by Mike Monahan on their power play drive with six minutes left in the period.

Mike Tibbitts started his goal-scoring rampage one minute into the second period on a penalty shot in which he cleanly beat goalie Les Williams with his deke, then tucked the puck across the goalmouth.

Tibbitts then took control of the game for the Geminis when his quick shot found the mark at the 15:04 mark on an unassisted effort during a power play drive.

LAGGING BEHIND
 In a close, tight-checking second period, the Sabres found themselves having to regroup after lagging behind when penalties held them back.

The Geminis kept their scoring momentum going when in the third period Rob Vall scored from Lance Doucette. Three minutes later Acton's Gary Williams put

the Sabres back in the game with his unassisted effort to make the score 3-2.

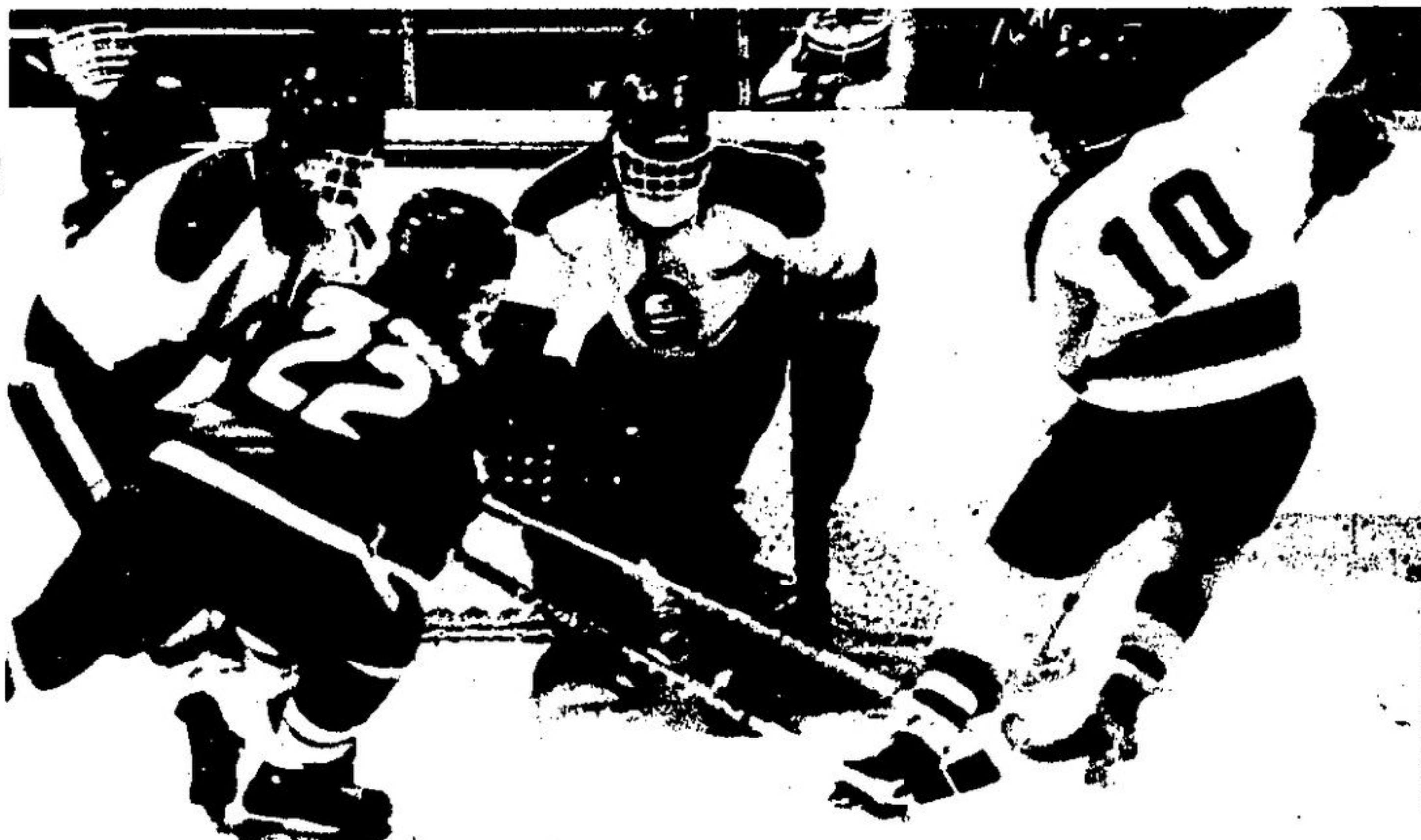
At the mid-way mark of the third period Tibbitts collected his hat-trick goal on a pass from Paul White and Bill Taylor.

Gord McArthur scored for Acton on a hard slap shot as he cruised in fast from centre ice with six minutes left in the game.

The 4-3 score held for only a minute as Mike Tibbitts scored his fourth goal of the night on a power play effort assisted by Riv Kennedy.

Then Bill Taylor added another with three minutes left in the game on a shot set up by Tibbitts who slid the puck across the goalmouth to Taylor during a power play.

The Geminis added their seventh goal of the night when Bob Dean connected for a goal from the slot area assisted by Riv Kennedy and Mike McMenemy.



Acton Sabres forward Mike Monahan (number 22) challenges Georgetown Gemini Mike McMenemy for the puck in Junior B action last Sunday at Gordon Alcott arena. The Geminis defeated the Sabres 7-3 in a closer game than the score suggests. The Acton Sabres fell victim to something that has been hampering Georgetown all season: taking too many penalties. When the play became chippy the Geminis kept their composure, realizing the game was too important to lose while sitting in the penalty box. (Herald photo)

Georgetown trounce Orillia 6-1, 10-3

Raiders continue league domination

league standings in back to back wins against the Orillia Terriers last week in scores of 6-1 and 10-3.

At home in Georgetown last Saturday night, the Raiders built up a 4-1 first period lead, then scored one goal in each of the remaining two periods to register their 6-1 victory.

Meanwhile league scoring leader Bill Hamilton is giving fans more to cheer about as he continues to burn up the scoring statistics while making look as easy to score goals as it is to lace up a pair of skates.

Hamilton began the Orillia onslaught for the Georgetown Raiders on Saturday as he scored on passes from teammates Gary Ford and Peter Sturgeon.

Gary McFadyen made the score 2-0 for the local Red and White on a tip-in from a Scott McKenzie shot.

ORILLIA REGROUPED
 Mid-way through the period Orillia regrouped and got themselves back in the game when the Terrier's Lenny Willett beat Raider netminder Brad Miller on a fast break which caught the defence off guard.

With four minutes remaining in the period Gary Landry scored for the Raiders from John Cook and Steve Lyon. At the 3:35 mark of the period Bill Hamilton scored his second of the night from Peter Sturgeon and Les Smith.

The Raiders outshot Orillia 24-5 in the first period and had quite a number of good scoring chances, had it not been for the outstanding goaltending of the Terrier's Clyde Harris who is playing with a knee injury. Harris has been named to the league's All-Star game here Jan. 16 and will probably see some action in net for the All-Stars.

In the second period Orillia didn't let up on their pressure against the Chrysler Raiders, but Georgetown still dominated the period as they did the first.

However, the Raiders lost their midas scoring touch as Bill Hamilton netted the lone goal of the period on a pass from linemates Sturgeon and Ford.

McFADYEN SCORES
 In the third period Gary McFadyen scored from Greg Bogart and Scott McKenzie at the 17:28 mark of the period to end the scoring for the night.

Against Orillia in the Terrier rink last Thursday (Dec. 30) the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders skated to a 10-3 victory over their opponents. The Terriers stayed with the Raiders in the first period, but three goals in the second period and four more in the third kept Orillia from challenging Georgetown in the latter stages of the game.

period the score was 3-1 on Raiders goals from Steve Lyon, Gary Landry and Scott McKenzie.

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A power play effort by Peter Sturgeon from Hamilton and Ford increased the

Raiders lead to 4-1. Then Gary Ford added another one minute later from Sturgeon and John Saunders. Sturgeon scored again at the mid-way mark of the period before Orillia netted another to make the score 6-3.

Raiders dominated the scoreboard in the third period as Bill Hamilton, Gary Ford, Steve Lyon and Gary McFadyen all collected goals.

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NAME & TEAM	G	A	Pts
Peter Sturgeon, Gtn	25	39	64
Bill Hamilton, Gtn	24	28	62
Dave Payne	23	22	55
Greg Scarlett	27	27	54

Bill Barclay 20 34 44
 Gary McFadyen, Gtn 19 34 43
 Tom Colley 12 31 43
 Rick Green 24 18 40
 Ken Knipston 22 18 40

Hamilton tops Gretzky
 With NHL Superstar Wayne Gretzky netting his 50th goal in 39 games, the Raiders executive lay claim to their own league Wunderkid in Timmins native Bill Hamilton who now has 43 intermediate 'A' goals in just 28 games. Hamilton's goal-scoring rampage is certainly a precedent-setting mark for the Intermediate A league, considering last year's scoring leader was Vlas Urbas with 74 points. Hamilton now has 81 points with still nine league games left in the season.

While Gretzky has been averaging a 1.3 goals per game average the Raiders Bill Hamilton has registered a 1.7 goals per game average. Hamilton also leads Gretzky when comparing the two players on points per game: Hamilton averages 3.1 while Gretzky has 2.7.

Local NHL officials are optimistic over committee

NHL officials will finally have many of their problems aired when an NHL committee meets in the New Year to look into the situation officials face in dealing with hot-tempered hockey players.

The incident in Philadelphia when Flyer Paul Holmgren punched referee Andy Van Hellemond on the shoulder last month has given the NHL office, the fans, the referees and media a chance to reflect and ponder the rights of the referee while on the job.

NHL veteran referee from Georgetown, Bryan Lewis, agrees with Milton's Bruce Hood who was recently quoted as saying "the good thing which has come out of this is that a committee will be set up and take a look at the situation."

SOLVING PROBLEMS
 After Holmgren was suspended for five games and fined \$500 the NHL reacted to a backlash of criticism and consequently set up a committee of officials, coaches, managers and owners to look into solving the problems of penalizing players more severely for their actions against officials.

Through this committee, Bryan Lewis feels that steps have been taken in the right direction and a big step has been overcome. His comment to the press in Edmonton recently was that the NHL officials' morale was low when the 3-game suspension was announced, but Lewis says now positive points have been taken and their mood has changed.



NHL REFEREE BRYAN LEWIS
 One of the major points of the Referee's Association's constitution which was written when the association was formed in 1909 concerned the respect for officials, Lewis says.

Establishing a respect-factor which makes a penalty severe enough that a player won't attempt an infraction is what former President Clarence Campbell believed in, Lewis says.

There is still a place for one-on-one confrontations in the NHL, but Lewis disagrees that fighting should be condoned in amateur hockey.

Today NHL linesmen are more inclined to permit players to fight longer so that the players can vent their frustration, plus there are also some problems in trapping a player when he is trying to get at an opponent with an official in the way, Lewis says.

STEPS TAKEN
 But overall, a number of steps have been taken by the league to ensure that hockey games do not turn into brawls, Lewis says.

In a delicate position in working with the NHL league office as Director of Officiating, Georgetown resident John McCauley was contacted and apologized for not being able

to comment directly on the Holmgren - Andy Van Hellemond incident. "A member of my team has been physically struck. My staff know where I stand," he says. "I'm stuck between a rock and a hard place," McCauley says, intimating that he can't speak for or against the NHL office.



As an executive vice-president of the NHL Official's Association, linesman Ron Finn of Georgetown is also careful with his thoughts to the media because now "the public and news media are behind us." Finn wants to see the problem solved and he believes something will be done with the newly formed committee.

He feels very strongly that no contact between a player and official should be allowed, but the Holmgren incident can't be compared because it is not related to other such incidents.

When asked if fighting should be banned in the NHL, Finn says it is hard to answer the question because there are varying views on the subject with many points for and against.

SEVERE PENALTIES
 Jerry Perkins of the Georgetown Referees' Association says the Holmgren incident wasn't handled correctly, commenting that minor hockey players receive 5-game suspensions for the same act, but the NHL should be more severe.

In Georgetown, house league juveniles and midgets are given a 5 minute major and one game suspension for fighting, but the executive can increase the suspension by two games, Perkins says.

By not directly involving themselves in the fighting at the midget and juvenile level, referees are not getting hurt as before, he says.

"I feel fighting should be stopped in hockey," Perkins says. "It's not a part of hockey the way fighting is to boxing," he says. Fans who watch the game are paying their money to watch the hockey game and not to yell and scream at officials, he says.

The Miracle Mart OHA sponsored Junior B All-Star tournament proved to be a success as far as 'tickets sold' went, but local Geminis representatives were probably happier about being selected to the Central Ontario All-Stars than they were about their lceltime.

Burlington players were used primarily on the Central All-Star team. Their Burlington coach was coincidentally head coach of the All-Stars who supposedly also represented Acton and Georgetown.

Acton's Dave McGilloway was used frequently by the Burlington coach, but Gemini defencemen Mike McMenemy and Chris Peavoy were used sparingly.

Only Mike McMenemy decided to stay for the entire series and he reported that all of their games were close against rivals from Mid-Western, Golden Horseshoe and Metro Toronto leagues.

The Central Junior B All-Stars lost to the Mid-West All-Stars 5-4 in sudden-death overtime. The Central League were the only team to reach the finals undefeated, winning their first game 8-7, their second game 8-5, then defeating the Golden Horseshoe All-Stars 7-4.

Meet The Herald's feature team



(back row: left to right) coach, Rick Faehnel, Mark Waters, Rick Greenwood, Tom McMenemy, Pete Remblah, Tom O'Brien, Eric Clark, Paul West, Trainer. (front row: left to right): stick boy Jamie Faehnel, Joe Richardson, Hank Hamilton, Derek Murphy, Joe Moneypanny, Gary Morrow, Absent, Ian Seaton, Bob Boucher, Kevin McCartney, David Wood. (Herald photo)

Tier 2 Midgets dump Milton 9-0

The Georgetown Tier 2 Midgets have been doing well in their league standings as they've collected a 7-2-2 record with only two losses coming from their Burlington opponents. According to coach Rick Faehnel, the team's second place standing is due in part to a strong defence and good goaltending. But the Midgets also have some good goal scorers, one of whom is Mark Waters. He collected a hat trick last week in Georgetown's 8-0 romp over Milton. The team played in a tournament in New Hamburg Dec. 29, 30 and they beat their hosts but lost to Kitchener.