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Swordsmen were taken off guard by Geminis

If the Acton Junior B Sabres were racing to catch fifth place Barrie, their Gemini opponents last Friday night could be seen as the spoilers.

But Georgetown's 8-4 victory over the Swordsmen, or the Geminis 8-2 loss to sixth place Thornhill Thunderbirds doesn't affect Acton as they plan for the playoffs, coach Russiani says.

Although Acton is only six points away from the Thunderbirds in the standings, Russiani isn't concerned about catching Thornhill.

Because the top four teams in the Central Ontario Junior B hockey league can pick who they want to face in the opening playoff round, only fourth place is a good position to be in, the coach says.

SIXTH WIN

For Georgetown, it was their sixth win all season as Riv Kennedy exploded for a hat trick while teammate Bob Dean connected for two.

The Geminis had earlier defeated the Sabres 7-3 in a Jan. 3 contest and the rematch last Friday was

Coach Russiani says he learned from the game that although his game plan was not to retaliate on any infractions, he wouldn't ask his team again to hold back against any chippy play.

Acton's Mike Monahan played well for the Swordsmen, last Friday and has been showing hard work the past couple of weeks, Russiani says.

Monahan gave the Sabres a 2-0 lead in the first period on two goals. His first was a power play effort on a shot assisted by Wade Vickery and Denis Charbonneau.

At the 7:42 mark of the period, Monahan added another goal, this time a shorthanded effort from teammates Roy Spear and Gord McArthur.

With five minutes left in the period, Georgetown's Chris Peavoy scored on a power play drive from Mike Corbley and Mark Hamilton. The Geminis then tied the game as Riv Kennedy scored shorthanded when he stole a loose puck and walked in on Sabre goaltender Chris Martin.

VICKERY CONNECTS

With the first period tied at 2-2, Acton quickly put themselves on the scoreboard as Wade Vickery connected for a goal assisted by Mike Monahan.

Georgetown's Bob Dean scored his second goal of the night to tie the game at 3-3, but two quick goals by Riv Kennedy gave the Geminis a 5-3 lead before Ken Relf's power play goal narrowed the margin to one.

Third period goals by Riv Kennedy, Murray Levy and Mike Corbley ended the scoring for the Geminis.

Notes: Against Streetsville last Tuesday Acton were defeated 5-2.

Georgetown hosted Thornhill last Sunday and they lost 8-2. Scoring for the Geminis in their losing effort were Lance Doucette and Murray Levy.



expected to see Acton out to redeem themselves. Previously Acton had defeated Georgetown 6-4 and 8-5.

But the Geminis were more aggressive and they showed more spirit in the game, says Russiani, but he adds that fighting nullified a good game.

Not only outscoring the Sabres, the Geminis were the most penalized team in the contest, taking seven more penalties than Acton.

Jr. B standings

CENTRAL JUNIOR B LEAGUE						
	W	L	T	F	A	P
x-Oakville	32	1	1	240	100	65
Streetsville	25	8	3	247	148	63
Burlington	25	8	2	257	147	52
Richmond Hill	19	13	1	224	160	39
Barrie	17	18	1	215	220	35
Brampton	14	15	4	170	204	32
Thornhill	14	16	3	181	150	31
Acton	13	20	1	175	221	27
Georgetown	6	23	5	132	234	17
Dixie	6	27	2	131	238	14
Milton	4	28	3	129	277	11

x - Lost protested game vs. Milton



Kevin Kotani practises on the pommel routine in preparation for the Ontario high school finals. (Herald photo by Harald Bransch)

GDHS gymnastics team are vying for provincial crown

The Georgetown District High School gymnastics team is preparing for a season which could prove more productive than the second place finish of the senior boys at the provincial high school championships last year.

The continuing strength of the senior boys gymnastics team at GDHS has coaches Fred Kotani and Russ Linney looking forward to their first competition Feb. 5 in Dundas.

Only George Farrow and Pete Morris from last year's senior boys team will be missing from the team that will compete this year.

"Basically the team should be stronger this year, but it depends on the other teams and how they've developed over the season," says coach Kotani.

RETURNING VETS

The five returning boys which experienced provincial (OFSAA) competition should give the team more overall strength than last year, Kotani says.

Dave Bootle, John Thorpe, Brad Ferguson plus Dwayne Wilson and Steve Brown will form the nucleus of the senior team with help from Steve Doucette, Shawn Dalton, Keith McLaughlin and Mike Pierce.

Apparently Algoquin High School, who won last year's OFSAA contest, won't have as many veterans back as Georgetown will, Kotani says.

The team should be scoring well on all events this year with hardly a weak spot on the senior team, the coach says.

Last year the juniors did well with Kevin Kotani and Scott Kline earning a place on the Georgetown OFSAA entry. Kline's forte was his vaulting while Kotani's strength was his all-round performance at the Peel-Halton finals which gave him a third place finish.

NOVICE LEVEL

Others such as Michael O'Brien, James Orwin, Chris Schirm will strengthen the team with their experience along with novice level junior boys Greg Kuipers, Brian Kemp and Brady Ferguson.

Grade eleven gymnast David Marcell, Scott Greig and Dan Walters will add depth to the gymnastics senior team later in the season, Kotani says.

Scoring for points in high school gymnastics emphasizes a team total. The top three scorers on each routine or event counts towards the team total.

This explains why there are so many boys practising on a specific event, Kotani says. Scott Ball played an important role for that team last year when he produced points for the team just on one event, the coach says.

SIGHTSON OFSAA

The team is setting their sights on an OFSAA championship and for Kotani it would be a thrill to have Georgetown's first provincial championship gymnastics.

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'Drag' blanks Barrie Flyers

Raiders embarrass their opponents 10-0

The Barrie Flyers had their club grounded for their game against the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders last Friday night in Barrie as Georgetown coasted to an easy 10-0 victory.

Goaltender Doug Dragasevich earned the shutout for the Raiders in their winning effort.

However, except for a minute or two in the second period when "Drag" had to make a couple of key back-to-back saves on fast breaks by Barrie, the Raider netminder had an easy night, stopping 16 shots.

"Doug's gaining confidence," assistant coach Peter Sturgeon says.

At the other end of the rink Dunc Brownell for Barrie stopped 34 shots and deserved first star honors, according to Raider assistant coach Sturgeon.

Barrie only had 13 skaters while

Georgetown came prepared with four lines and five defencemen. "It was just one of those games," Sturgeon says. "We could have gone harder."

The line of Scott McKenzie, Ray Tonelli and Gary McFadyen worked well together all night as McKenzie connected for a hat trick while Tonelli and McFadyen collected singles.

Georgetown native Juri Kudrasovs was a threat all night the way he skated, Sturgeon says.

According to Raider assistant GM Stan Laruso, Barrie Flyers are getting worse. "They're a hockey club getting worse," he says.

Peter Sturgeon opened the scoring in the first period as he connected at the 3:56 and 6:16 mark of the opening period with

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Raider Steve Lyon is team's legal counsel

Georgetown Chrysler Raider defenceman Steve Lyon learned quickly that making the NHL often consists of "personalities and politics" as much as it takes talent.

But he's not bitter about his chances in professional hockey. In fact Lyon says he probably wouldn't have taken law at Osgoode Hall. In one year he'll be practising as a full-time lawyer.

Called "the Raiders' legal counsel" by some, Lyon is the fourth leading scorer in the Intermediate A league and is considered by most to be the finest defenceman in the league.

Lyon thinks he should have been given a better shot at the NHL. But after starring in the International league as both a defenceman and a right winger, Pittsburgh then sent him back to the International league, even though they played him in five NHL contests for the Penguins.

SPINNING WHEELS

"I thought there was nothing more to prove if I stayed - I'd just be spinning my wheels," Lyon says.

He then went back to the University of Toronto for courses and played Senior A hockey with the now defunct Whitty team with fellow Raiders John Cook and Rick Kessel.

Lyon has now been with the Raiders for three years.

Toronto native Steve Lyon played hockey for the Catholic Youth Organization before playing MTHL midget and juvenile rep hockey in Toronto.

Richmond Hill Junior B's claimed his services during the 1969-70 season and he went on to win the best defenceman in the league honors. He was offered a four year scholarship to St. Louis University, but Lyon quit after six weeks because of his dislike of the coach and homesickness.

In December of the same year he had a tryout with the Peterborough Petes of the Junior A circuit and he made the team. In fact, Peterborough were finalists for the Memorial cup during the 71-72 season, losing 2-1 to Cornwall.

PICKED IN DRAFT

The NHL draft came, and Lyon, along with Georgetown native and fellow Raider Juri Kudrasovs, was drafted to Minnesota. Picked in the 10th round by his new club, Lyon signed on with the NHL team's affiliate club in Saginaw.

While in Saginaw, Lyon was Juri Kudrasovs' roommate while taking on captain's honors. As a rookie, he played hurt for some of the season, suffering from a knee injury.

The next season he was sent to the worst team in the league - Columbus - even though he had been a first team all-star the year before. Meanwhile former teammate Juri Kudrasovs was captain in Toledo when



they won the league championship.

Lyon also played right wing and during the season finished off 16 games with 32 goals and ended the regular schedule with 91 points.

Pittsburgh called him during the 1976 season and said he had a good shot at making the team, but a new coach plus an overly budget-minded team which kept less than the minimum number of players for road trips, persuaded Lyon to return home to Toronto.

CRIMINOLOGY STUDENT

After finishing off a BA in Peterborough in criminology, Lyon wanted to further his education in the same direction, so he chose law. He is now studying for his law degree at York University's Osgoode Hall.

"Hockey kept me from getting a A's but I'm not worried about that," he says. Lyon is married and he and his wife Mary will celebrate their seventh anniversary this August.



Denis Charbonneau for the Acton Junior B Sabres hockey club moves the puck out of his own end. The Sabres had their troubles last Friday night in Acton controlling a fired-up Georgetown Gemini squad. Although the game was tied 3-3 at one point in the second period, the Geminis blanked Acton in the third period while scoring three goals themselves for a 8-4 Georgetown victory.

Simple preparations for wilderness survival

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Your car breaks down. The snowmobile quits. A blizzard leaves you lost or stranded. What to do. First off, DON'T PANIC.

A scared mind is not a thinking mind, and the result is you may just die for your troubles.

Preparation is of the utmost importance, even if you are never out of your car. Breakdowns do occur and always at the most inopportune time. Being cold is a problem but being too warm could be a worse one.

Most of the people that I see heading up to the northern ski areas are over-dressed. Personally I believe a person should dress to get used to the cold weather we experience here in Ontario, and a car should be equipped with an emergency kit of blanket, dried foods and matches.

Expand your kit to fit your own personal needs after experimentation or careful thought. Being over-warm makes sweat, and perspiration chills the body and it is hard to get warm again. When I am out ice fishing if the work of cutting the holes or moving from one to the other makes me warm, I simply slow down to a comfortable level.

HEAT LOSS

There is a great heat loss from the head and the back of the neck, so protect these areas. The old adage "if your feet are warm, you are warm all over" is not too far wrong. Keep your feet dry and avoid perspiration here also.

If you can afford down clothing, then you are ahead of the rest of us. Real down, not a mix is a very expensive and creates a "dead air" space to trap air as an insulator. Wool is good but is hard to dry when wet, but even when wet can insulate.

Hypothermia, the nearness of death by freezing is recognized by shivering, loss of thought control and numbness.

My kit includes a fire starter kit which includes two chemicals which I mix to create flame without matches. This is not recommended for every one, but a fire kit of a candle and matches, or matches alone should be packed in a film case.

I have sold these for years or given them away to friends and they have come into use many times. Making a fire is not as simple as it looks when others do it. First you have to have flame and this is not always available.

Wind blows it out, matches get wet, wood is wet etc. Start with a fire of tiny twigs and not big stuff. The small pencil lead size pieces start easier, but have larger stuff on hand.

PLAN RIGHT

If you plan to get stranded, and hope you don't, then you are half way to security. If adding some item to your kit makes you feel better then add it. A happy and settled mind is important.

Just remember if you have to carry it, you may have to throw something out. Stay away from alcoholic beverages, not only because it is bad for you at any time, but it lowers your skin temperature and makes you colder.

Only you don't feel it the same. Drugs numb the mind and the same thing happens - you die.

If you decide to stay in your broken down car, only run it every half hour or so, and watch for drowsiness, a sure sign of fumes. If snowmobiling or skiing or (best of all) snowshoeing, take along your kit or pack.

Include in it these items: Wire to bind sticks for a shelter, cord for the same purpose or making snares to catch rabbits and small animals for food, axe or small saw, granola bars or similar, first aid kit, waterproof matches in several tubes or cases, extra socks and gloves for each person.

In my kit are candles and a coffee can.

The can keeps the candle out of the wind while you light it, and can provide heat when wood won't catch. Small

but better than nothing.

ASHELTER

Shelter for a prolonged stay can be made from small trees or branches of pine etc. Snow drifts can provide the best shelter of all. Just ask an old time Eskimo if snow can keep you warm.

Dig in to the drift and make it small enough not to waste body heat, and allow a space for air. Keep the entrance clear, and provide a marker for searchers if you fall asleep while they are searching.

If all this seems like a little too much bother, count up the people who will miss you if you should wind up dead. Many is the time when a car has hit another vehicle and left the scene, and the people helpless.

On a deserted road this could spell disaster for the occupants if they are not prepared for survival. Every car should have a wool blanket or at the least a "space blanket" along with a few emergency items even on the most often used freeway in Canada.

If you are in a snow bank, and want to run the engine for warmth, make sure the tail pipe is free and clear of snow. All in all, it is simply a matter of thinking ahead, and planning for an emergency.

Keep a clear head and get set for the longest night of your life. In this way you will wake up to see another day, and your family will realize you were not foolish in your preparations for winter survival.

Shepard offers help

The two minor hockey groups in Georgetown, the Georgetown District Minor Hockey Association (GDMHA) and the Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group (GMHSG) have asked Halton Hills Recreation Director Tom Shepard to assist them in talks concerning the amalgamating of the two hockey leagues.

Shepard has agreed to the offer, according to GMHSG spokesman Rob Irvine.

House League hockey results in Section C