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Sabre notes

Blades slice Sabres 11-4 Saturday

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 In a home game Saturday night the Oakville Blades trounced the Acton Junior B Sabres 11-4.

The game started fast with a physical end to end style of play.

The Blades took an early lead in the first minute from a shot during a scramble in front of the Acton net. The physical style of the game caused many penalties. Acton scored on two power plays, the first at the six minute mark by Jamie Morrison assisted by Len Pellazzari, the second by Pat Bates assisted by Morrison and Paul Cargill.

The Blades tied the score 30 seconds later then went ahead on a power play goal of their own, three minutes later. The remainder of the period became wide open seeing both teams playing good hockey but unable to put the puck behind the goalies.

The Sabres started out strong in the second period as they tied the game 3-3 in the first minute on a goal by Denis Kirton assisted by Paul Barrett and Pellazzari.

The momentum soon switched to the Oakville team as they took the lead seven minutes later scoring two fast goals keeping Acton hemmed up in their own end.

The Sabres, unable to do little right, let the

Blades control the puck at their leisure putting yet another one past Acton's goaltender Chris Martin before the period ended. Shots on goal: Oakville 22 with Acton taking only six.

The third period seemed to be the end for the Sabres as the Blades scored two goals in the first five minutes.

The period was very physical as both teams lost control of their tempers.

The Blades increased their lead to 9-3 midway through the period as the Sabres fell apart in all aspects.

The Acton fans cheered again as Cargill and Bob Boldt teamed up to score a short handed goal four minutes later, but it was too little too late as the Blades answered with two goals in the final five minutes of the game.

Sabres coach Bill Richmond said the team skated with the Blades well in the first period but fell apart in the last two periods. It was just as they did the night before in Milton when they lost 8-4. He also stated the team is very young and still is in the learning process. Sabres' next home game is Saturday at 8:30 p.m. against Milton.

The three stars for Acton were Len Pellazzari, Denis Kirton and Paul Barrett. For the Blades they were Shawn Doyle, Andy Brydon and Tom Heritad.

Raiders stretch win streak to six



The Georgetown Junior B Gems came back from a 4-1 deficit to record a narrow 6-5 loss to Milton Sunday. The Gems fought well in the second and third periods, but penalties hurt them in their efforts to take the lead. Here, Peter Haller (number 10) and Blake Harrison help Mike Steer clear the goalmouth. (Herald photo by Dave Rowney)

Durham, Barrie dumped in weekend bouts

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders swept both of their weekend games against Barrie and Durham, extending their win streak on the season to six.

Friday night at home to the Barrie Flyers, the local Intermediate A club outdistanced their opponents 8-3. In Durham Sunday the Raiders managed a 7-1 victory with three of their regular players out of the lineup.

The Georgetown club now have accumulated an awesome 8.3 goals per game average.

Raider general manager Don Fendley says he's a little bewildered this season because he expected a much stronger league.

"I thought we'd start the season off playing 500 hockey for the first month," he says.

But the spirited play and desire of the newcomers replacing the Hardy Cup veterans has made up for age and experience, he says.

Tim Turner and Guy Cormier have been putting in super efforts while Rick Daigle has made a good adjustment from European hockey to help the Raiders, Fendley says.

Ron Twiss is showing good leadership qualities along with Gary McFadyen in helping the younger players while captain John Saunders is shouldering the captain's responsibilities very well, Fendley says.

In Durham the team was without Gary Ford who suffered a slightly injured knee while Steve Bronkewski has an ankle injury. Bruce Ellison was on holidays.

Meanwhile Guy Cormier and Glen Murray are just all hustle for the Raiders this season, Fendley says.

But the Raider general manager has seen a few players relax a fraction and he's afraid the rest of the league's weakness might hurt Georgetown's attitude.

Every team in the league would have to improve by about 20-30 per cent to beat the Raiders the way they are now, Fendley says.

Meanwhile the Georgetown club shows signs of improving further. The team hopes to sign former Maple Leaf and Buffalo Sabre Rene Robert as well as Ian Turnbull if he doesn't catch on with Pittsburgh, Fendley says.

The Raiders are still

courting Tim Ampleford from the Dundas Merchants. Ampleford has won both the Intermediate A and Senior A scoring title.

Fendley still has his eye out for a few more defencemen which would allow Ron Twiss to occupy a permanent position on the forward line.

Georgetown recently signed Wayne Bonnah from the Stratford Junior B's as a left winger. He is big, strong and plays well in the corners, but he is slightly out of shape, Fendley says.

In their 8-3 win over Barrie, the Raiders still seemed to play too scrawny, but player-coach Gary Ford is concentrating more on positional play in practices, Fendley says.



JOHN SAUNDERS ...providing the leadership.

The team had some lapses where they lost their cool and were running around on the ice, he says.

Goals by John Saunders on a power play and Guy Cormier later in the first period gave the Raiders a 2-1 lead.

Gary McFadyen connected for a goal in the second period on a power play assisted by Tim Turner and Ron Twiss. The score at the end of the second period was 3-1 for the Raiders.

Georgetown exploded in the final period for five goals. Defenseman Rick Borg started off the goal scoring spree with his shot from John Saunders and Rick Daigle.

Then Captain John Saunders found an opening in the net to increase the score to 5-1 with help from McFadyen and Glen Murray.

Gary McFadyen scored his second of the night on a goal from Rick Daigle with seven minutes left in the game. Then Rick

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Oakville outguns Gems

Maintaining consistent play will be stressed in future practices for the Gems hockey club says coach Bob Smulders after

suffering two losses last week. The Georgetown Junior B team were outgunned 7-1 by the Oakville Blades

Friday night then they hosted Milton Sunday in a 6-5 losing effort. Coach Smulders says the Gems will have to

keep working on their positional play coming out of their own end. He would also like to see Georgetown force the opposition constantly while in their territory.

In both losses, Smulders says the team just wasn't mentally prepared in the initial stages of the game.

Although the Gems were missing a few players in their loss to Milton Sunday, the coach wouldn't use their absence as an excuse for their defeat.

Kevin Franks, Mike Doucette, Herb Kewley and Chris Peavoy all sat out the game because of injuries.

Coach Smulders was frustrated over some penalties given to his charges when the score was within a goal difference.

Two consecutive penalties for the Gems gave Milton opportunities in the third period to score. With Georgetown hemmed in their own zone, the Milton Steamers scored just as Bob Davey stepped out of the penalty box at the 7:05 mark.

The Gems fell behind 4-1 at the end of the first period with Riv Kennedy scoring the lone Georgetown goal assisted by Dave Loveridge.

Loveridge, who had a goal and two assists for the night earned praise from coach Smulders for his play.

In the second period the Gems got caught early fighting off two consecutive penalties. With 42 seconds left in the second Gemini infraction, a Milton forward walked in unopposed towards goaltender Mike Steer to score.

Murray Levy for Georgetown made the tally 5-2 with a slap shot from the point a minute later.

The import forward looked impressive all night for the Gems. Defenseman Brad McMeekin fed a pass to Dave Loveridge who neatly deked past one Milton defender then slipped a 25 foot wrist shot by the Steamer's Paolo Zullian.

With three minutes remaining in the second

PLAYER PROFILE

Brad McMeekin

Because a team leader has to set an example, it wasn't surprising that Brad McMeekin led the Gems out of the doldrums last Sunday night when they were down 5-2.

Captain McMeekin started the Gemini drive back to respectability by setting up forward Dave Loveridge at Milton's blue line for a goal.

Then McMeekin himself brought the puck up to the Steamers end and slapped a shot past Milton's Paolo Zullian from the blueline to narrow the lead to 5-4.

The Georgetown native said after the game that last year wasn't his best year as a Gemini because he took too many penalties.

Now, wearing the captain's 'C', McMeekin says he has to set an example by staying away from the penalty box.

It's also important for the 19-year-old, third year veteran to "get the guys up for the game" and "tell them not to give up," he said.

The Gems have shown this year they won't give up after being down four or five goals, which is different from last year McMeekin says.

TEAMWORK
 The Georgetown Junior B club plays more like a team than in the 1981-2 season, he said.

The 6'1", 185 lb defenceman is playing in his third year for the Gems.

McMeekin started playing hockey in Georgetown as a tyke. He advanced in the all-star ranks until midgrade which was the year he was drafted into Junior A hockey.

Jack Gudgeon stands out in his mind as one of the best coaches he had as a minor hockey player.

McMeekin was drafted by the Windsor Spitfires four years ago. The Spitfires recruited 150 players to their camp, but only two players weren't returning to the team, so opportunities were slim, he said.

McMeekin returned to Georgetown and played the rest of the hockey season with the Gems.

Despite his size, McMeekin admits he's not really a heavy body checker and he sometimes plays the puck instead of the body.

He ideally likes to be setting up the forwards in a scoring situation.

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