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Herald Sports Editor

Wilson not coming back

If Dennis Desrosiers has his way, Georgetown Chrysler Raiders won't have a backup goaltender for a while.

Desrosiers is the coach-general manager of the Flint Generals of the International Hockey League. That is the team former Raider goaltender Rick Wilson is playing on.

Wilson left the Raiders in late November to play for Flint, leaving the Georgetown team with just one goalie, that being Dave Tataryn. Since becoming a General Wilson has played well enough to become the number one man between the pipes.

"I wouldn't count on it," Desrosiers said of Wilson's return. "Willie is our number one right now and he's solid here for now and probably next year."

In fact Wilson was just voted the IHL Player-of-the-Month for January, winning nine of ten games started while compiling a goals-against average of 3.50. Since joining the Generals Wilson has won 12 of 15 games played, and has a goals-against average of 3.79.

Wilson was a backup last year for the Generals, who won the IHL championship and are on top in their division. Rick Knickle, who was the starter last year, is now with Sherbrooke of the American Hockey League.

"Last year Knickle was a workhorse, but when Rick got in there he did a great job for us," Desrosiers said.

But the Raiders are trying to get Wilson's card back, and if they do it is possible another goaltender will be in camp to back up Tataryn.

If Georgetown does not get Wilson's card back they could pick up one goalie from the two teams that won't make the playoffs, but Tataryn will have to be hurt in order to do so.

Broken toe

Russ Elliott now knows full well the true meaning of agony of Da Feet.

The Raider forward has played the last three games with a broken toe. But rather than sit out and let the injury heal, Elliott is out taking a regular shift.

"It hurts a little bit, but skating on it just means it will take a little longer to heal. I'd rather be on skates with a little pain than being off them and getting out of shape."

"Besides, last week's game was against Cambridge, and I wanted to play. Besides, it is getting down to the nitty-gritty and I'd hate to stay away from it now," the former Hornet said.

The injury occurred in the Raiders' 4-0 win against Dundas two weeks ago, and Elliott said his doctor told him the injury would take care of itself in about four weeks.

Most minutes

Goaltender Dave Tataryn has become the busiest goaltender in Senior "A" history. The former Hornet has logged 13,012 minutes, passing Stratford-Woodstock goalie Ken Kitching. This season Tataryn has been in goal for 1,928 minutes, more than any other goalie.

Top scorer

Tim Ampleford is the Raiders' top scorer with 27 goals and 32 assists. His 59 points is good for top spot on the club.

Four hattricks

Tim Ampleford is second in hattricks recorded this year with four. Vandergrient leads with five.

Gibb with Shipbuilders

Former Raider John Gibb has signed with Collingwood. Gibb, a defenceman, was cut when Georgetown had to cut down to 21 cards Jan. 10.

Quite an impact

Newcomer Darren Lowe is making quite an impact on the Senior "A" circuit. Not only does he have five goals in four games, but three of them have been game-winners, which puts him in a tie for third overall in that category.

Cambridge's John Vandergrient has five and three others are tied for second with four. Lowe and three more are tied for third with three.

Poppy's team takes opener

Georgetown Poppy's "AA" Major Peevees drew first blood in their second round OMHA playoff series with Chinguacousy, notching an 8-5 win Thursday here.

The visitors led 2-0 after the first period before David Watts scored from Andy Pearce and Mark Minich. Less than 20 seconds later Wes McCauley tied the game from Rich Bond and Kevin Usher. Mike McElroy gave Georgetown the lead from Jim English, but Chinguacousy tied the score 3-3 with just five seconds left in the second period.

The visitors took the lead early in the final frame before Pearce evened it at 4-4 from Bond. Steve Alchin gave the locals the lead on a goal from what seemed like an impossible angle as Watts assisted. Pearce then netted a pair of goals to give Georgetown a 7-4 lead as McCauley and Bill McDonald had assists. The visitors did manage another goal, but English got that one back with an empty net marker from McCauley.

The next home game for the squad was Tuesday night, and if required, the team will play Saturday at Memorial Arena at 6:30 p.m.

Program openings

Acton's Senioreise program got underway Jan. 31, but there is still room for you if you would like to join up. The class consists of a half hour of exercise (mostly flexibility) and a half hour of good conversation over a cup of tea or coffee.

To register drop in the Town Office - 40 Mill Street East, Acton, or phone 853-1540.

Easily defeat Woodstock, Chatham
Raiders lightning quick in wins



Georgetown Chrysler Raiders forward Paul Gallagher watches as his shot beats the Chatham goalie and finds its way just under the crossbar for a goal. Georgetown thumped Chatham 10-2 Saturday and defeated Woodstock Friday 14-2.

(Herald photo)

By DAN RALPH
Herald Sports Editor
Don Fendley could soon become in demand by members of the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders.

The team executive member drew a lightning bolt with three Xs Friday on assistant captain Tim Ampleford's stick, and he ended up scoring three goals in Georgetown's 14-2 romp over Woodstock. Saturday forward Dave Hill had a bolt on the butt of his stick, and he also scored three goals in the Raiders' 10-2 victory over Chatham.

"Now (Doug) Fry wants one," Fendley said after Saturday's game.

Both games were played at the Alcott Arena. To date Georgetown is in third spot with a record of 20 wins and 14 losses.

Saturday Georgetown struck early with four first-period goals, and coasted from that point on. The two Chatham goals could not be faulted to Raiders' netminder Dave Tataryn as they both came as a result of turnovers in the Raider end.



DAVE HILL

The Raiders played a disciplined game Saturday for the most part, and team general manager coach Gil Eyre said that was not by accident.

"To me our game plan is to shut down the other teams and take whatever we can get," he said.

Eyre said his club is employing an "L shape" system that allows the Raiders a quick transition from offence to defence and vice versa.

The line of Ray Tonelli, Ampleford and Hill had a big game Saturday as Hill had three goals while Tonelli and Ampleford had one goal and an assist each. Cam Bottling, Russ Elliott and



TIM AMPLEFORD

Tom Gibson had singles. Peter Sturgeon had four assists while Ron Twiss added three.

Friday Ampleford had three goals and two assists while John McIntyre had two goals and two assists. Bottling had two goals and an assist. Tonelli had two goals, three assists and Gallagher had two goals and an assist. Sturgeon had a goal and two assists and Doug Fry added a goal and one assist. Kevin Frank had the other goal. Tom Gibson had four assists while Hill and Gary McPadden had three assists. Leo Brideau had two assists.

Georgetown will take on Petrolia at the Alcott

Friday night, then travel to Cambridge Saturday. With the Raiders in such a tight battle for second spot, all of the team's final six games become so important.

"Win, lose or draw, the important thing is that we get it all together," Eyre said. "We're starting to gel, and that is the important thing."

NOTES Darren Lowe, Fred Boimistruk and Leo Brideau did not play Saturday. Lowe was on a field trip for school. I like the other two had work commitments.

Only three penalties were called Saturday with the Raiders getting two of them.

The Raiders are right in the thick of it for the fight taking place for second spot. They trail second place Flamboro by just one point (41-40), but find themselves in third spot by just one point over Collingwood (40-39). Dundas is not out of the picture either, trailing Collingwood by just two points (39-37). Cambridge has a secure hold on first, 12 points ahead of Flamboro with just six games left in the schedule.

Gain momentum just in time for playoffs

Geminis hit stride in final league games

By DAN RALPH
Herald Sports Editor
Georgetown Geminis might not have won their final regular season game Friday, but their play did provide the team with momentum heading into this week's playoff round.

Georgetown dropped a 6-5 decision to Burlington Cougars in Burlington, but the home team had to hang on to the win after jumping out to an early

3-1 first period lead.

The loss, coupled with an exciting 8-7 win over Mimico Tuesday at the Alcott Arena leaves Georgetown in eighth spot in Central Ontario Junior "B" League standings with a record of 10-25-5.

"I don't like to lose, but when you are in the game all the way and have the territorial advantage you are not too unhappy," Geminis

coach Jules Russini said. "We recovered alright, but just couldn't catch them."

The Geminis have improved immensely under Russini, who became coach back in November when Ken Southwick resigned. Even the coach admits his team is not playing too badly.

"The guys are playing well and I can see them respecting one another. I

don't think people will take us for granted in the playoffs because they can see the progress we've made."

Tuesday night Ray Andrews put the final touches on a dramatic win for the Geminis, netting the winning goal with just six seconds left to play in the game. Russini said the win was not tarnished with the fact that Mimico had only 10 players for the

game.

"That does not have anything to do with it," Russini said after the game. "The 10 guys are in shape. It could if it was early in the season and the players were not in shape, but this far into the season, it doesn't matter so long as the 10 players want to work," he said.

Tuesday's game was the first for newcomer R.J. Farnworth. Although he was only to see limited action, Farnworth took a regular shift at the blue line.

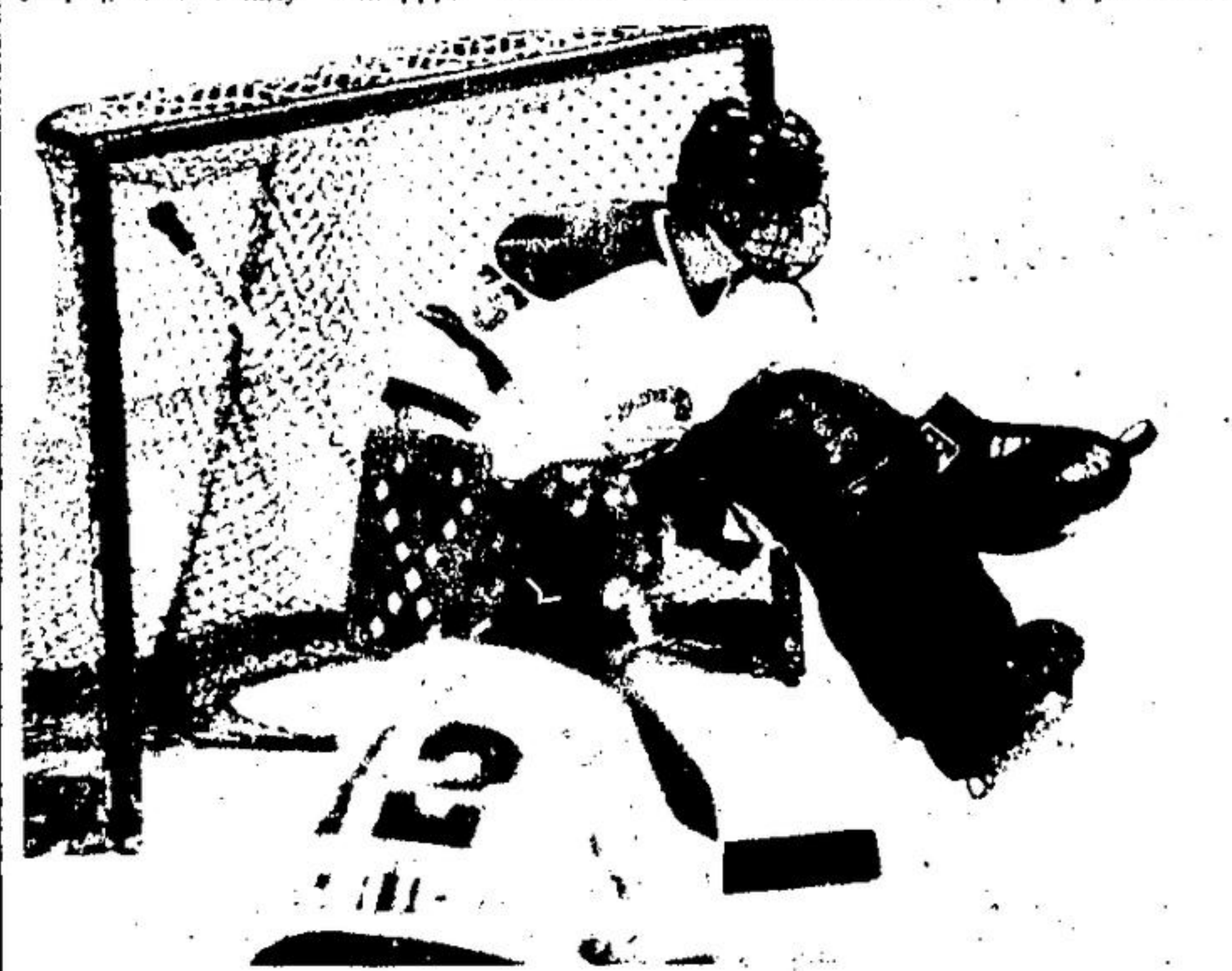
Both clubs had the chances to score more goals in the game Tuesday as Mimico hit four goal posts and the Geminis had three. Mimico had two posts in the final frame, one with just over two minutes in the game.

Terry West had three goals Tuesday while singles went to Todd Cull, Kent Falty, Wayne Morrow, George Osborne and Andrews.

Friday Osborne had four goals while West had the other.

Gemini

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Georgetown Geminis goaltender Scott McDougall (35) makes the save off a Mimico shot as teammate Wayne Morrow (12) looks on. The Geminis defeated Mimico 8-7 Tuesday at the Alcott Arena, netting the winning goal with just six seconds left.

(Herald photo)

Colts draw Geminis for playoff round

Georgetown Geminis will open their Central Ontario Junior "B" League quarterfinal series against Barrie Colts Thursday here.

That was decided upon Monday night in a meeting with all eight playoff teams in Toronto. The top four clubs drew their playoff opponents in the meeting, and game dates were formulated.

After opening in Barrie Thursday, the two clubs will resume their best-of-seven series Saturday night at the Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m. The third game will be played Feb. 14 in Barrie with the fourth contest being held at the Alcott Feb. 16 at 8 p.m.

The fifth game is scheduled for Barrie Feb. 17 with the sixth game coming back to Georgetown Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. If a seventh game is required, it will be played Feb. 21 in Barrie.

In other playoff match-

ups, Streetsville will take on Milton. Oakville drew Vaughn while Burlington will face Mimico. Monarchs in their quarterfinal contest.

The league all-stars were also decided upon at the meeting. Milton's Paula Zullien is the squad's goaltender while Burlington's Scott Young and Milton's Mark Duvall make up the defence corps. Mimico's Wayne Stott centres right winger Tom Earl of

Barrie and left winger Bruce Stanley, also of Barrie.

Duvall was noted the top defenceman while Stott won league MVP honors. Walter Pitrie of Vaughn was the top rookie while Oakville's Rod Anthony was the most gentlemanly player. The top coach award went to Barrie's Mike McCann. Barrie's Brian Cyr was named most improved player.

Sports in brief

Hard squash games

Only one Georgetown squash team claimed victory this week.

The Men's "D" League team defeated Steeles West of Woodbridge 4-1 as Erwin Schandelmeier, Jim Morwick and Dave Street claimed 3-0 wins. Brian Day won 3-2, but Ken Thorn dropped a close 3-2 decision.

In Men's "B" League play, Georgetown dropped a 3-2 decision to Supreme of Mississauga. Terry Madill and Allan Kogon had 3-0 wins. Alex Furness lost 3-2. Steven Eastwood dropped a 3-1 decision and Lloyd Newman lost 3-0.

In Ladies Day league play, Gloria Sinclair, Diane Andrews, Linda Yurdley and Janet Schandelmeier dropped 3-0 decisions to Pickering in a 4-0 loss.

Players ensure win

Dave Lawrence and Sean Guistini both made sure Optimist Club would advance on in their playoff series with Burlington.

Lawrence had three goals while Guistini had the other two as the Optimist Club Minor "AA" Peevees defeated Burlington 5-3 to take their playoff series seven points to one. Earlier, Lawrence had the winning goal in a 1-0 win over Burlington as John Katsilieris had the shutout.

Georgetown now awaits the winner of the Milton-Streetsville series.

Jason Smith and Brad Amato had two assists in the 5-3 win while Adam Hillis, Trevor Elnesky, John Jickling and Duane Lewis had singles. Smith and Hillis assisted on the lone goal in the 1-0 win.

Heritage rumor

Indications are the Georgetown Hockey Heritage will this year honor those local businesses that contribute to the Heritage dinner. A presentation will be made at the Mar. 4 dinner to Georgetown Chrysler, Br. 129 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Molsons Ontario Ltd., the Halton Hills Herald, Georgetown Independent and Canadian Tire.

There sponsors are also likely to have separate tables where out of town hockey guests can sit with them.

Gary Morrow still wants to play pro soccer even if not in NASL

Will there, or will there not be a North American Soccer League (NASL) this season? That is the question Gary Morrow would like to have an answer for.

The Georgetown native, who last year was a first-round draft pick of Toronto Blizzard, still wants to give pro soccer a try. However, by his own admission, it might not be in North America.

Last year the NASL operated with nine teams, but this year only four have the financial base to continue operations for this season. That is including a franchise in Tulsa, Oklahoma that has yet to even be granted a team.

"I still would like to play pro," Morrow said. "If there is no league this year, I could play indoors (in the MISL) or



GARY MORROW

think about going to England or Europe."

Blizzard president Clive Toye is expected to make a decision this week as to whether or not the NASL will function this year. Toye is the NASL president also.

Morrow is currently training with the national junior team four times a week in Hamilton at McMaster University. The workouts are in

preparation for the 1985 World Junior Cup, which was slated for Chile, but has since been changed to Russia.

But first and foremost

Successful weekend

North Halton Sports Navice "AA" hockey team had a successful weekend, downing Elobicoke Canucks 7-4 in an exhibition game and scoring a 6-1 win over Orangeville in Tri-County play.

David Koisos had two goals and an assist for North Halton in their first game. Singles went to David Bouskill, Matt Lush, Doug Sheppard, Mark Aldridge and Blaine McCauley. Sheppard, Duane Erler and Aldridge all had two assists each while Cory Evans, McCauley, Lush and Gavin Glaser had singles.

The locals started out slowly against Orangeville, and fell behind 1-0. McCauley led the six goal barrage for the locals with three of his own. Erler had two while Aldridge had the other. Sheppard had four assists while Aldridge had two. Singles went to Koisos, Lush, Bouskill and McCauley. Jeff Whorley played a strong game in goal, holding the score close until his mates got on track.

three week soccer tour to such places as Switzerland, Sweden and Ireland.

But even if Morrow is selected for the March tour, he will have to try out for the national team going to Russia this summer. Morrow was a member of the national team that qualified for the World tournament last year.

"Right now I'm interested in training for the national team," Morrow said. "I'll be with the Blizzard in May and we'll take it from there and see what happens."

Morrow has signed an amateur contract with Toronto which means he is not paid a salary, rather his expenses are taken care of when they come up. He is also a member of the Blizzard reserve squad.