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ARM SAVE-Georgetown Chrysler Raiders' goalie Dave Tataryn gets his arm up in time to knock away the puck, seen going past him. The Raiders defeated Cambridge Hornets Friday 5-2 at the Alcott Arena, with the physical game play paying off. (Herald photo)

Georgetown physical in win over Hornets
Raiders flex puck muscles

By DAN RALPH
Herald Sports Editor
A consistent team performance paid off in a big way Friday for the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders.

The Raiders defeating league-leading Cambridge Hornets 5-2 at the Alcott Arena in their lone Senior "A" game of the week. The win lifted Georgetown past the 500 mark as the Raiders' record stands at 8-7 so far this year.

Not only was the win important in keeping the gap between Cambridge and Georgetown manageable, but the method in which the Raiders earned the victory was a good sign. Georgetown played a physical game, something they haven't done in previous contests. The result was the Raiders were able to bump Cambridge off the puck and keep the visitors off balance for all but a five-minute span in the first period. The Hornets were able to score both their goals then.

"I thought we were a lot more physical tonight," said Raiders' coach-general manager Gil Eyre. "But we still have a lot of room for improvement (in the hitting game)."

The Raiders went ahead 2-0 in the first period on goals by Ray Tonelli and Dave Hill. Cambridge tied the game with their goals late in the period. Tonelli added a power play goal early in the second period to give the Raiders a lead they would never give up. Graham Craig and Doug Fry added third period tallies.

The biggest defensive play of the game came in the second period the result of the Raiders' defensive system. With the score 3-2, defenceman Craig Frank scooped a sure goal from deep in the Georgetown net thus preserving the Raiders from a tie game. Raiders' goalie Dave Tataryn said that play was a turning point in the game. Tataryn said under the system a defenceman who doesn't have a man in front of the net plays the weak side.

In this instance, Frank was where he was supposed to be, and prevented Cambridge from getting back into the game.

"From the fans' standpoint, the play might not be that significant, but that was when I knew our guys were thinking positional hockey," Tataryn said. "It was a big play."

Another facet the Raiders have worked hard on showed improvement Friday. Georgetown notched three of its goals on the power play, which pleased Eyre.

"We've been working on our power play and tonight we were making the easy plays," Eyre said.

Georgetown is on the road this week for a pair of tough encounters. Thursday the team is in Rockton to play Flamboro, and Friday the Raiders are in Dundas. Eyre said he isn't

going for the split.

"I'll make no secret that we're going for two wins," he said.

The Raiders' next home game will be Dec. 27 when Flamboro is in town. That game is also the Raiders' annual Kids Night.

NOTES-Centre Dave Chapman wasn't at Friday's game as his mother passed away last week. A minute of silence was given in Mrs. Chapman's honor. World Junior tickets are still available at North Halton Sports, M and M Pro Sports and Delrex Smoke Shop for \$5. The game will be held Jan. 2 between West Germany and Sweden at the Alcott Arena.

DRG juveniles get three-game sweep

Georgetown's DRG Stationery Juveniles swept a pair of games from Flamboro after downing Guelph in Tri-County action.

The locals scored a 3-1 win over Guelph in Guelph as goals in the second and third period broke open a 1-1 game. Brian Stone notched the game's first goal but the home team came back to tie the game just 18 seconds later. Mark Pusiak gave the DRG team the lead for good as his goal in the second proved to be the winner. Paul Basha added the insurance tally late in the final frame.

Georgetown took on Flamboro in Flamboro in its second game, and after dropping behind 1-0 the locals stormed back with four goals of their own in the 4-1 win. Stone tied the game in the first period after Flamboro went ahead earlier.

In the second period DRG player Pusiak put Georgetown ahead for good with his second winner in as many games. Hank Hamilton and Mark Webster added third period tallies.

The locals started midget goalie Joe Balson as regulars Mike McNiven and James Poirier weren't available. Also, Stone added two assists in the win.

The two teams returned to Georgetown, and the game wasn't close as the locals won 10-1. Flamboro scored first but goals by Scott Farley and Ray DeSouza in the last minute of play put Georgetown ahead after the first period.

Basha, Stone and Pusiak added second period goals to give Georgetown a 5-1 advantage heading into the third frame. Hamilton led the way in the third with a pair of goals while

singles went to Farley, Pusiak and Basha. Mark Pries and Stone both had three assists while Scott Taggart, Farley, Hamilton and DeSouza all had a pair.

The juveniles are in Chinguacousy tonight, and return home Thursday night to host Streetsville. Saturday night Georgetown is on the road in Milton.

Pee wees have bad week

H and H Video Pee Wee "A" team came away from its last three games with a disappointing one win, two losses record. The loss to Milton last Sunday was the real upset of the three.

Georgetown should handle Milton with little difficulty if they stick to hockey. But, on this occasion the boys chose to flex their muscles instead, and lost on the scoreboard as a result.

Last Tuesday H and H Video settled down a bit to beat Orangeville soundly 8-1 in Orangeville. The competition opened the scoring early when our boys appeared to be set to play a hitting game again; however, Orangeville was never heard from again as Georgetown managed to combine checking, passing and skating in fine old hockey tradition.

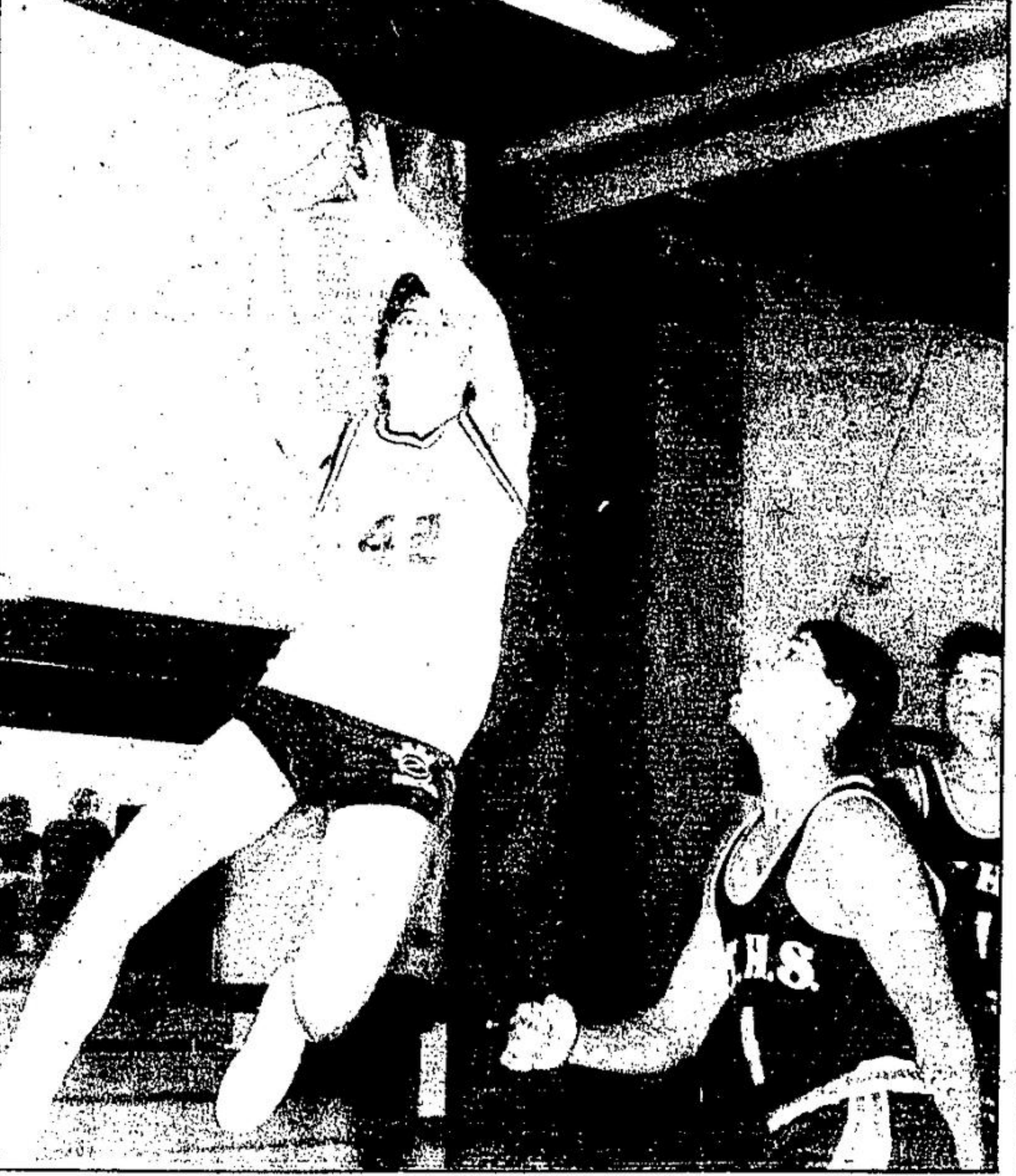
Scoring was by Steve Aichin (3), Gordie Burke, Steven Klein, Bobby Bouzkill, Mark Lorito and Rich Bond. Assists were by Kevin Usher, Chris Lush, Kevin Barrow, Alchin, Rob Boyle (2), Bond and Burke.

Christmas deadlines

With the Christmas season almost upon us, the editorial deadlines for The Herald will change for the next two weeks.

All results and scores should be handed into The Herald office by noon on

Sunday to ensure they are received before the deadline. The same applies for the following week as articles and scores should be into The Herald office by noon on Dec. 29.



EASY HOOP

Georgetown District High School's Jay Corson (42) goes up here for an easy hoop against Oakville-Trafalgar Thursday. The Rebels had a rough week in dropping three East Halton games, but the last two were especially

heart-breaking as the Rebels lost them by a total of five points. Here, after leading for the first two quarters Georgetown dropped a 49-47 decision. See story and photo on B6. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)



BRIAN DEMONE ROD MCCLURE

Russiani said his club played well enough Friday in Burlington to have left with the two points. Through two periods the Geminis had outshot their hosts 35-16 and were in command of a 2-1 lead.

But Russiani said the hometown Cougars were able to capitalize on a couple of Geminis' mental mistakes and thus come away with the victory. While being unhappy with the loss, Russiani saw enough promise in his team's play to be very upbeat about the contest.

"I wasn't happy with the end result but I felt happy in having played that well," he said. "But I wasn't pleased with our play Saturday night. Had it not been for (goalie) John Lockyer, we probably would have lost."

Friday Scott Farley and Rick Floto handled the scoring for the Georgetown squad. Saturday Don Zubyk, Rod McClure, Terry Elwood and Darren Shaw netted the goals for the Geminis.

To date the Geminis' record stands at eight wins, 13 losses and eight ties. Georgetown is still in seventh spot overall, but Nobleton is making some noise, and has gone ahead of Milton to escape from the league basement. Milton has 15 points while Nobleton has 17. The Geminis are just seven points in front of the Nobleton squad.

Russiani and his troops are quite aware of Nobleton's recent winning ways.

"We talked about it before Saturday's game," Russiani said. "If we're not careful we could find them above us."

"If we plan on going anywhere in the playoffs we're going to have to play better," Russiani added.

The Geminis have another busy schedule this week. Tonight Georgetown is in Mimico to play the Monarchs. Saturday the team hosts Vaughn at the Alcott Arena before heading for Barrie Sunday.

NOTES-Defenceman Joe O'Toole left Saturday's game in the first period. However, it wasn't because of an injury. He wasn't playing well so O'Toole was sent to the dressing room. Centre Brian Demone didn't dress Saturday as he sat out the first of a two-game suspension given out Friday night in Burlington. Defenceman Don Zubyk will be lost for the next two games for a misconduct penalty given to him at Saturday's game.

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