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By Dan Ralph  
 Herald Sports Editor

**Harrison steaming along**

After three years as a Georgetown Gemini, Blake Harrison felt it was time for a change so he joined Milton Steamers. After all, in his three years he played in the Central Ontario Junior "B" league Harrison had seen Milton win its share of games and the team always finished fairly well in the final standings. But the Georgetown native didn't bargain for this much change in just 30 games. Internal problems have led to the resignation of coach Gary Hudson (replaced by former Gem coach Bob Smoulders) and the mentioning of some names as possible trade material. Subsequently, the Steamers are in ninth place in the nine-team circuit, two points behind Nobleton and 11 points behind the Geminis for eighth and seventh spot respectively in the standings. Although Milton has played three less games than Nobleton and two games less than Georgetown as of last Friday. But through it all Harrison is quietly enjoying his most productive Junior "B" season. Last year he finished with 11 points, but with 18 games left to play the 5'7, 158-pound defenceman has two goals and 13 assists and is setting his sights on a 20-point season.



Harrison said the Steamers' plight looked respectable after their first 11 games. The team was at 5-6, and things were going pretty well.

BLAKE HARRISON

However, defenceman (and Georgetown native) Brian Arthur was benched and never returned to the club shortly after and was released. That was when the Steamers' problems seemed to begin, and the team has struggled ever since.

"At the start of the year I was hoping we'd finish higher than Georgetown in the standings," Harrison said. "But now we're going to have to catch Nobleton and if we do we'll likely meet Streetsville in the playoffs."

Even a change in coaching staff doesn't seem to have helped. When newcomer Smoulders came in, he said there would be changes, and at one practice he sent two Junior "B" carded players to Milton's juvenile team. Team captain Tim Poulin talked to Smoulders on the team's behalf, and it is rumored that he too is on the trading block. He hasn't played since that talk.

While Harrison isn't happy with Milton's inability to get back on the winning track, he is pleased with his season. The Steamers are using four defencemen and that means Harrison is seeing a lot more playing time.

A major reason Harrison elected to go to Milton was for more playing time. He said he wasn't sure where he stood with the club after last year.

"Last year I was the last player signed, and I had to miss the first regular season game," Harrison said. "I wasn't sure where I stood with the team and after three years I felt I needed a change."

"So far (in Milton) I'm getting more ice time and management is happy with how I've been playing," he said.

The Steamers were pleased

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**Clamatos take Kid's Night victory**

**Flamboro dampens Raiders' X-mas**

By DAN RALPH  
 Herald Sports Editor  
 Christmas is supposed to be a happy time of year but for the past three years Georgetown Chrysler Raiders have had their Christmas somewhat dampened courtesy of Flamboro Mott's Clamatos. Flamboro notched a 10-5 win over

Georgetown Friday at the Alcott Arena before a Kid's Night crowd of about 700 people. This year marked the third anniversary for the Kid's Night promotion and was also the third time Flamboro had beaten Georgetown before the Kid's Night crowd. Flamboro didn't put the game away until late in the game when they struck for three goals just outside the

two-minute mark. The goals put the game out of reach for the Raiders, who trailed 7-5 at the time. But the turning point of the game came early in the second period. The Raiders, trailing 4-3, had a five-minute power play when Flamboro's Joe McCallion received a major penalty for high sticking. But it was Flamboro who took

advantage of the situation with a pair of shorthanded goals that increased their lead to 6-3. Georgetown did counter with a power play goal later during the advantage.

The scenario was almost similar early in the third period when Flamboro's Graeme Nicholson received a five-minute major for a vicious slash on Raider forward Russ Elliott. The Georgetown power play was non-existent as Flamboro killed it off and hung on to their 6-5 advantage.

"We weren't sharp," said Raiders' coach-general manager Gil Eyre about his team's problems on the power play. "We made some stupid plays and when

you do that you get killed. We dug our own hole."

Doug Fry played a good game for the Raiders, notching a pair of goals including a nice shorthanded tally in the first period. Dave Hill, Ben Pannicia, and Jim File had the others for Georgetown. The loss evened the Raiders' record at nine wins and nine losses halfway through the Senior "A" season. Flamboro leads the way with 14 wins against three losses.

Friday's game was a physical one as referee Phil Jones handed out four match penalties and four game misconducts. There were also two fights as Flamboro's Dan Waitawicz and Tom Gibson were involved in a second period incident and Elliott and Nicholson fought with no time left to play.

After the game Flamboro coach Ken Mann was visibly upset with Jones and Eyre too wasn't too pleased.

"He (Jones) isn't capable of officiating in this league," Eyre said. "If you look at this league it isn't a hatchet league but if you call the cheap penalties and let the flagrant ones go you're going to have problems."

Although Friday's win was the third time Flamboro had defeated Georgetown this season, Eyre isn't disappointed.

"They've got a good hockey club," he said. "They're chippy but I don't think when it gets down to the crunch they will be there. There are moves being made to bring in some rugged guys here."

The Raiders were to have played Saturday night in Chatham, but that game was cancelled as Chatham couldn't ice a team. This week the Raiders are on the road Friday in Collingwood, then both teams return here for a rematch Saturday night. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena.

NOTES-Mauro D'hollo was in goal for Georgetown Friday, but you couldn't fault him for the 10 goals. The

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ONE THAT GOT AWAY-Georgetown Chrysler Raiders' netminder Mauro D'hollo can only watch as the puck goes behind him for a Flamboro goal. The Raiders had their chances, but Flamboro left with a 10-5 win over Georgetown Friday at the Alcott Arena. See additional photos on page 10. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

**Bad breaks prove costly in Geminis' loss to Colts**

It will go down in the books as a 6-4 defeat, but the score doesn't tell the entire story of Saturday's Georgetown Geminis-Barrie Colts encounter.

Barrie took the win, but Georgetown played well enough to record the victory. The Geminis dominated the third period and for a couple of bad breaks earlier could have taken the two points.

What cost the Geminis were three Colts' goals in the second period. Two were the result of no one taking the man in the slot and the other came when Gemini defenceman Don Zubyk went for the man instead of the puck, thus giving the Barrie player a chance to move in on Gemini goalie Joe Moneypenny before dishing off the puck.

"It's those darn mental breakdowns in our own zone that are hurting us," said Geminis' coach Jules

**Rebels go to tryout**

Two members of the Georgetown District High School senior boys volleyball team have been invited to the Ontario Juvenile team tryouts being held at Guelph University this week.

Jon Hammer and Graham Shepherd will be amongst the 60 or so club players invited. They left for Guelph Sunday and will go through training camp until Thursday or so.

Russiani after the contest. "We dig ourselves into a hole and it is tough to come back."

Barrie got on the scoreboard first before the game was three minutes old as Darrin Shannon picked up a Moneypenny rebound and tucked it home. That advantage stood until early in the second period when Wayne Morrow's rocket from just inside the blue line eluded Barrie goalie Steve Laurin. Mark Snow put Georgetown ahead 2-1 almost midway through the second but the Colts came back with three goals of their own to take a 4-2 advantage into the final frame.

Barrie's Keith Cyr took advantage of a two-on-one to put the Colts ahead 5-2 early in the third period before George Osborne's power play goal narrowed the gap to 5-3. It was after that tally that the Geminis began to take command of the game, and really tested Laurin in the Barrie goal.

Osborne had a good chance with just less than nine minutes left when he took a Joe O'Toole pass and came in on a breakaway on Laurin. However, the Barrie netminder came up with the save.

About three minutes later the straw that broke the Geminis' back occurred when Snow tried to spin past Barrie's Dave Hurst in the Georgetown zone. Snow slipped and fell and Hurst had all the time in the world to put the puck between Moneypenny's legs to give Barrie a 6-3 advantage. Craig Shaw notched Georgetown's fourth goal on a nice feed from Brian Demone, but the two-goal advantage was too much to overcome and even

with a two-man advantage the final 72 seconds of the game Georgetown couldn't score.

With just 49 seconds left Barrie's Fred Weatherland had a breakaway attempt, and despite a slash from Osborne, managed to get a shot on

**Tickets available for Junior contest**

Tickets for Thursday's World Junior Hockey tournament game between Sweden and West Germany are still available to those individuals pondering whether or not they have time to purchase them.

Hockey Group co-chairman Bob Hooper said about 700 tickets have been sold so far for the game, which starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena. Subsequently, there will be tickets sold at the door prior to the start of Thursday's contest. The price of tickets at the door will still remain at \$5 each.

Hooper said for those individuals wishing to beat the rush, tickets can still be purchased at North Halton Sports, M and M Pro Sports, and Delrex Smoke Shop. As well, they can be picked up from executive members of Georgetown Chrysler Senior "A" Raiders and the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association.

Hooper said he is confident the game will bring the 1,500 people needed to have the contest sold out completely. "It's not like winning the Hardy

**Decision on club pending**

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders were to have played Saturday night in Chatham, but that game was cancelled. The reason being Chatham couldn't get enough players to ice a team.

There had been talk at Friday's game that the Chatham club had folded, but that decision has been reserved for later this week.

"We can't get enough players for the game (Saturday)," said Chatham president Bill Stobbs early Saturday morning. "We've got five players injured, three are away for Christmas and our affiliate team is playing tonight (Saturday)."

However, Stobbs said the club will know better whether or not it can survive this season.

"We are going to take a hard look at it this week," he said. "We've got nine open cards and we can't locate the people to fill them."

"Money isn't the problem," Stobbs added. "Getting the players is."

Saturday's game will be forgotten in the league standings until such time as a decision is made on Chatham's future. If Chatham does fold, it isn't known just what will happen to their remaining games in relation to their position in the league standings.



BRIAN DEMONE GEORGE OSBORNE  
 Moneypenny. However, referee Paul

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**Midgets qualify for final**

This past Thursday and Friday the Georgetown Sunny Acre Major Midgets competed in the "AA" Silver Stick Tournament in Bramalea capturing their division to advance to the final this coming Monday night, 7 p.m. at the Terry Miller Arena. Their opponents for the "AA" Major Midget Silver Stick championship will be North Toronto.

Georgetown started off tournament play with a 6-1 triumph over Cambridge Hawks, then continued their winning ways with a 10-2 shelling of the host Chinguacousy Selects. In the final game to decide the division championship against the Toronto Aeros who were also undefeated, Georgetown dug themselves a 3-1 hole with some careless and undisciplined play early in the game but dug down deep when the pressure was on to fight back and tie the game on goals by Dan Kent and Mike Teetzel.

With approximately 4:20 remaining in the game Dan Kent was awarded a penalty shot as he was hauled down from behind on a breakaway. The Toronto goaltender came up with a big save on Kent which seemed to spark the Aeros as just 10 seconds later they took a blocked shot from the point down the ice to score putting the Aeros into a 4-3 lead with 4:10 on the clock.

Georgetown pressed in the remaining four minutes pulling netminder Balson with just 1:27 remaining. With just 55 seconds left on the clock Mike Teetzel scored his second goal of the game on an assist from Brian Doherty to give Georgetown a 4-4 tie and their division championship as Georgetown had a better goal for-goal against differential than Toronto.



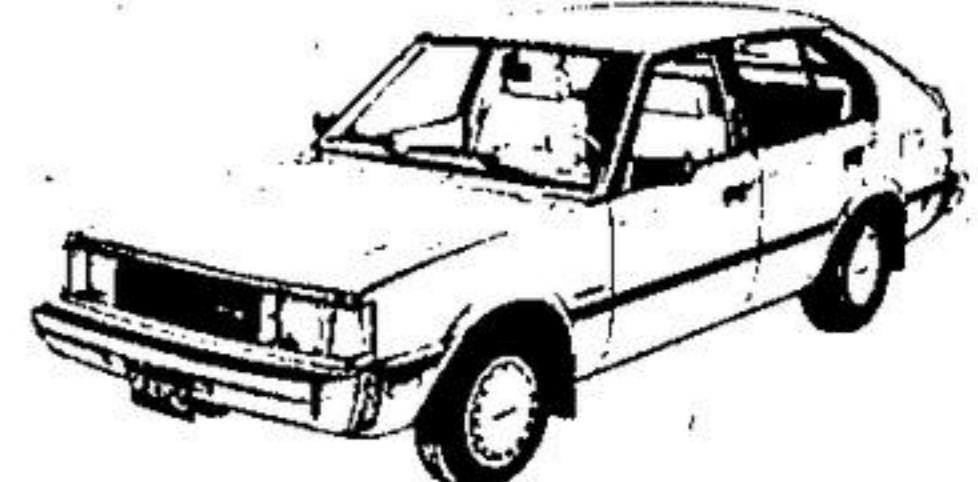
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