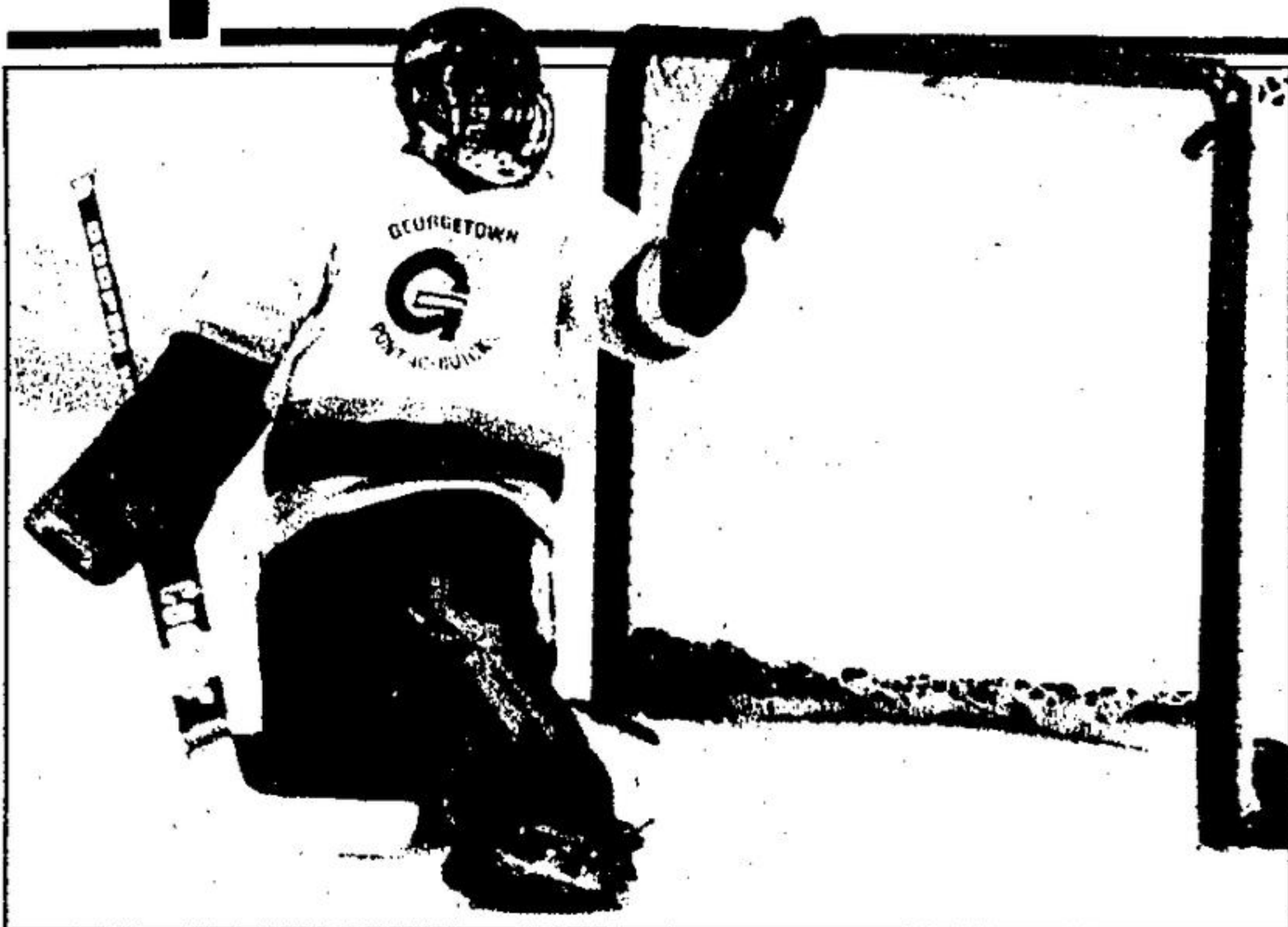


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## First for Halton Hills Ringette program set to go



The Georgetown Gemini had to stage a late comeback to edge the Vaughan Raiders 7-6 in an exhibition Junior B hockey game Friday at the Alcott Arena. Veteran Gemini goalie Dan Halliburton, who worked half the

game between the pipes Friday, was too late with his glove to stop this shot, as Vaughan took a 1-0 lead in the first period. (Herald photo)

## Gems edge Raiders 7-6

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The Georgetown Jr. B Gemini claimed their first pre-season victory of the 1987-88 campaign Friday night as they shaded the Vaughan Raiders 7-6 at the Alcott Arena.

The score aside though, both teams used the ice time to scrutinize the talent available to them as they piece together rosters for the upcoming Central Jr. B hockey season.

"It's nice to win, but that's not the important thing," said head coach Peter Sturgeon. "All we're doing is giving the kids a chance to play, and see if they can't get used to playing with each other."

All things considered, Sturgeon is happy with the progress that has been made to this point. And the next few weeks are likely to change the complexion of the team considerably.

"I think we'll see some talent floating in and out as the Jr. B camps make some cuts, and players change their mind about playing college or university hockey."

Friday night's game, as would be expected, was somewhat scambly to begin with.

Luigi Vigilanti opened the scoring at 13:12 of the first period when he tucked a shot up under the crossbar past Gem goalie Dan Halliburton, while the Raiders were enjoying a man advantage.

Georgetown picked up the pace in the final few minutes of the first frame and took the play to Vaughan. They continued to press in the second until Greg Brazeau converted a pass from Joe Washkurak at 5:12 to make it 1-1.

The Raiders went ahead again mid way through the period when Tony Romanelli scored, and then Mike Cundari connected for a short-handed goal at 11:25, making it 3-1.

Brazeau scored his second goal of the night for the Gems at 12:27, while they enjoyed a two-man advantage, making it a 3-2 game after two periods.

Vigilanti was ejected from the game in the opening minute of the third period when he was called for spearing, but that didn't do much in the way of improving matters for Georgetown.

Mark Pries went to circle his own net with the puck and lost control, only to have it roll across the line for a Vaughan goal. Mike Coyle was given credit.

John Bartlett made it 5-2 for the Raiders when he stepped around Curtis Cesarin, who replaced Halliburton in the Georgetown net mid way through the second, and shoved the puck in.

The Gems finally got untracked at

that point and answered with three straight goals. Adam Bennett's shot from the point was deflected by Washkurak to cut the margin to two, and Chuck Loreto made a nice move at the side of the Vaughan net and scored making it 5-4 at 13:36. The tying goal came just 25 seconds later when Brazeau scored with a high shot from the slot.

Off the ensuing face-off, Ted Dent carried the puck in and scored to give the Raiders a 6-5 lead, but the Gems didn't quit.

Bennett pulled the trigger on a hard shot with 3:23 left on the clock to tie the game again at six. Then, with just over two minutes left, Kevin Dance carried the puck in and beat the Vaughan goalie to set up the 7-6 victory for the Gems.

Sturgeon was impressed with several players in the outing Friday night. He recognizes Brazeau as a player "with an eye for the net."

Dance, though small in stature for Jr. B hockey gave a good account of himself, working up and down the middle, Sturgeon said.

He also had praise for rearguard Bennett and Craig Chamberlain.

### Medals missing

Two medals, won in competition by a world-class artistic roller skater are still missing.

The medals, used as part of a display to promote Kyla Drever's trip to the World Artistic Roller Skating Championships in Auckland, New Zealand next month, were apparently taken from the Butcher Shop during the week of Aug. 9-15. The store was using the display to publicize their assistance in raising funds for Kyla's trip.

The medals have no real monetary value, but mean a great deal to Kyla, who has worked hard over the last several years to reach the level of competition she has.

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Georgetown's pre-season record now stands at one win and one loss, after they dropped a 5-4 to the Guelph Jr. B Platers earlier.

Last Tuesday, the Gems travelled to Etobicoke for a match with the Capitals, but the game was called late in the second period, when a brawl broke out.

A game scheduled for the Alcott this Friday between the Gems and the Capitals will not likely be played.

But right now, Sturgeon is concentrating on the team workouts.

"What we need is practice time right now," he says. "We have to get down in our numbers and work on our systems."

The Gems are scheduled to open their 1987-88 season on Sept. 24 against Etobicoke.

An idea, whose time has come, goes from the planning board to the ice surface this fall, as young girls will be introduced to the sport of ringette in Halton Hills.

A committee, operating under the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association, will launch a local ringette league for players seven to 13-years-old, as the first step in organizing a complete ringette program.

In many centres, the game of ringette is to young girls what the game of hockey is to young boys. Leagues have been formed to accommodate everyone, from the time they are old enough to lace on a pair of skates, right up to adulthood.

While being new to Halton Hills though, the sport of ringette celebrates its 25th anniversary this season, since originating in North Bay.

According to Dave Martin, a director with minor hockey in Georgetown who will sit on the ringette committee, the time was opportune to introduce the sport.

"It's really overdue, because

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### Mosquitos blank Milton

The Georgetown Mosquito Selects soccer team played host to Milton on Aug. 28 at Cedarvale Park, in what proved to be a very skillfully played exhibition contest.

Once again the Georgetown side pulled off a win on their home field as they took a 3-0 decision. Scoring for the Selects were Ruth Burrows, Tracy Metler, and Sarah Fenske.

The Georgetown team worked hard all year, and won every game they played at home.

While they didn't fare as well with out-of-town games, they always represented Georgetown well.

Special commendation goes to Mitch Jeffrey, who organized the team so well.

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