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Sturgeon sees Gems as team in transition

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The Georgetown Gemini are a team in transition.

At least, that's the way head coach Peter Sturgeon sees the team, and he may not be far off base.

The standings now show the Gems with a record of two wins, five losses, and a tie in the Central Jr. B loop's Western Division, after they dropped decisions of 4-2 to Baughan last Tuesday, and 7-6 to Richmond Hill Friday, and then bounced back to crown the Mimico Monarchs 6-4 Saturday.

But the standings don't tell the entire story, as far as Sturgeon is concerned.

"We're as talented as any team in the league, we just need to get the experience. The guys are showing they want to play hockey, and they don't stop."

Mental lapses in the third period have plagued the Gems more than anything else to this point in the season. But Sturgeon feels his wards have the savvy get by that. "We're learning piece by piece how to play defensive hockey. We're picking up the man and finishing plays off. The team's playing with more intensity, and they won't be satisfied until they turn the corner, where these games turn into victories."

Last Tuesday in Vaughan, the Gems trailed 1-0 after the opening period, and were down 2-1 after the

second. Both Georgetown's goals came on the powerplay as Joe Washkurak connected in the second period, and Chuck Loreto cashed in for a third period marker.

The Raiders received goals from Ken Ristimaki, Steve Griggs, Rick Spalla, and Rob Coote en route to the win.

Entertaining Finish

Friday night at the Gordon Alcott Arena, the Gemini gave the Richmond Hill Dynes an interesting game that saw three goals scored in the final minute and a half of play.

The teams exchanged a pair of goals each in the first period. Kevin Dance notched a powerplay marker with just under seven minutes left in the period, to put the Gems out front 1-0.

Richmond Hill countered with a pair of goals from Stephen Threthewey to take the lead, but Dance scored at the 17:49 mark to leave the teams tied at two after the first.

The Gems had trouble getting untracked in the second and fell behind by a two-goal margin as Adrian Adams and Don Dungey scored for the Dynes.

Richmond Hill upped their lead to 5-2 at the 5:16 mark of the final frame when Chris Clark won a draw in the Georgetown end and passed back to Jeff Rumble who found the corner, past Gem goalie Dan Halliburton.

Georgetown came back less than a minute later when Adam Bennett scored from Washkurak to make it 5-3.

Then at the 8:42 mark, the Gems got to within a goal when Travis Cole led a pass out to Don Cruise who slipped it by Dynes' goalie Darrin Madeley.

Richmond Hill regained their two-goal lead when Dungey scored on a screened Halliburton at 12:42 to make it 6-4.

But the Gemini weren't ready to roll over just yet.

With just over a minute left, Cruise took a backhand shot that was stopped by Madeley. But Loreto was right on the doorstep to flip the rebound upstairs and close the gap 10-5.

With 23 seconds left, Rumble scored into the empty net making it 7-5 for the Dynes.

The Gems continued to show some fight though, and Cole bounced one past the Richmond Hill goalie making it 7-6 with eight seconds left.

But that was as close as they would get, as they were unable to capitalize in the final few seconds.

The Gems outshot the Dynes 46-39 in the contest.

Mark Pries had to be taken from the game by stretcher in the first period after the Georgetown

rearguard crashed into the goal while trying to stop a Richmond Hill attack. He was taken to hospital where he underwent X-rays.

Intimidation Doesn't Work

The Gemini logged their second win of the season Saturday night in Mimico, and again it proved to be the team's discipline which proved to be the key factor.

"They came at us pretty hard," said Georgetown assistant coach Jim Storr in summing up the game.

Intimidation certainly appeared to be part of Mimico's game plan, as they took 25 penalties, including four misconducts, and two five-minute majors. The Gems were penalized for 13 minors.

If intimidation was the aim of the Monarchs Saturday, Storr suggests they may want to try a different tack the next time they face the Gems.

"They started that way, and they tried to finish that way," Storr says. "But they didn't accomplish too much. The boys kept their heads, and for the most part stayed cool."

The win was not only a big one in the standings for the Gems, but it was also an important one from a mental standpoint.

"The whole team turned it on," Storr says. "I'd say they played the best third period since we started. They showed they can keep their composure and play good hockey. It's a big step for a young team."

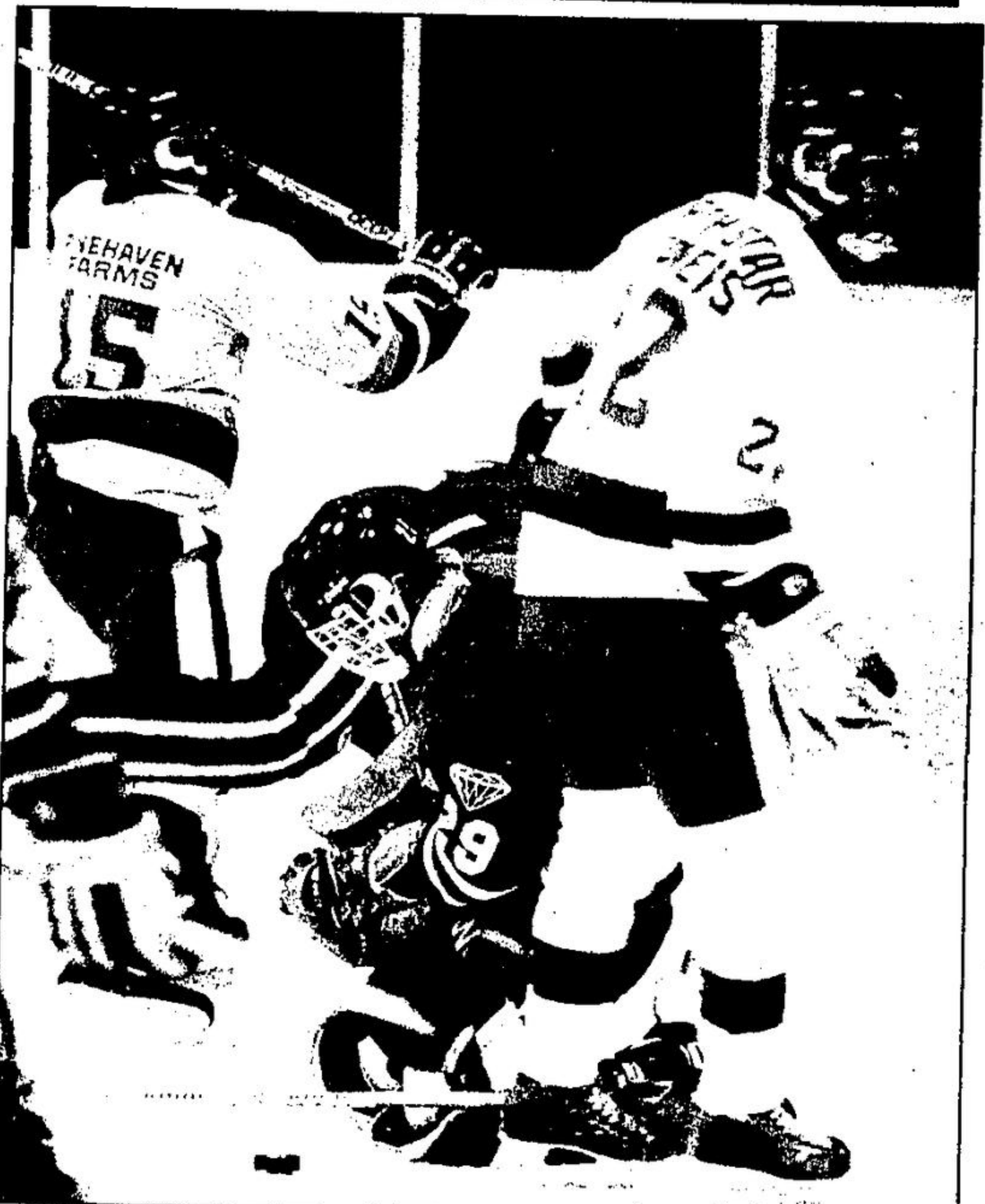
Greg Brazeau had a stellar night for Georgetown as he scored twice and added a pair of assists.

Washkurak chipped in with a pair of goals and an assist, while Cole and Rick Floto accounted for the other Georgetown goals. Floto's marker was an empty net goal.

Halliburton tended goal for the Gems, and turned in a strong performance.

This Friday, the Gemini play host to the Barrie Colts at the Alcott Arena for an 8 p.m. contest. The Colts sit atop the Eastern Division standings along with Aurora, each with 11 points.

Tuesday, Georgetown travels to Streetsville for a rematch with the Derbys, who earlier in the season defeated them 6-4. Game time is 8 p.m.



The Georgetown Gemini came close, but were unable to overtake the Richmond Hill Dynes in a Central Jr. B hockey game at the Alcott Arena Friday night. Here, Richmond Hill goalie Darrin Madeley pounces on a loose puck while Don Cruise (15) and Brent Presswood (22) of the Gems, skate through on the attack. The Dynes held on to win the contest 7-6. (Herald photo)

Jr. bowlers qualify

Christina Lane and Robert Harrison have been named as the junior qualifiers to represent Georgetown Bowl at the Master-Junior Provincial Tournament, following two qualifying rounds of competition.

The two will now be teamed with a Master Bowler and the two teams will go on to compete at the Regional Finals on Nov. 1.

Christina Lane finished with a high a 667 to earn the right to advance, and Robert Harrison recorded a 623 total to advance.

Following closely were Shari Lake with 615 and David Rivard with 583. After them came Andrea McNeilly paired with Scott Hobbs; Carrie Walsh with Alex Bertrand; Cindy Smith with Mark Reaume; Laura Doyle with Joey Robichaud; and Tonya Morris with Jim Norton.

The Masters who will represent Georgetown are Tournament Masters Marg Bratkin and Sandy Cuthbert (a graduate of Georgetown YBC), and Teaching Masters Wendy Parent, Andy Parent, Ralph Miller, Gord Lane, and Carolyn Lane.

Chateau Bantams off to good start with 5-3 victory over Brampton

The Chateau Restaurant Minor AA Bantams opened their 1987-88 hockey season on a positive note last Sunday as they skated to a 5-3 victory over a tough Brampton squad.

Brampton preyed on what seemed to be a confused Georgetown squad, and opened the scoring in the first minute of play.

Georgetown finally got untracked and managed to tie the game with just under two minutes left in the first, as newcomer Mitch Butt scored on one of the prettiest passing combinations of the game. Adam Hills and Peter Lee drew assists on the play.

The second frame proved to be all Georgetown as they scored three unanswered goals. Hills, Doug Crawford, and Trevor Elineksy were the marksmen as Georgetown pulled out to a 4-1 lead.

Brampton attempted to make a comeback early in the third period, but Georgetown promptly shut them down on another goal by Hills, from Elineksy.

Peter Downs turned in a solid performance in net for the locals, for what was his first appearance with the team.

Coach Garry Hartman and assistant Hank Hamilton were pleased with the Chateau squad's efforts in their first outing, and expect even better things in the future.

"We have six new players on the team this year, and it will take some time for the team to get into what we want," says Hartman. "We have a big, strong defence with Brad Amato, Adam Hagen and Rob Lang returning, and the addition of Peter Lee and Mitch Butt have given us a very solid defence."

Returning forwards Hills, Elineksy, Crawford, Sean Gulstini, Mark McIntyre, and Duane Lewis will be joined this year by Claude Johnston, Chad Hartman, and Brad Tutt.

"We picked out forwards for size, speed, and offence-oriented play," Hartman says. "and judging by the game Sunday, we haven't made any mistakes in our choices."

John Katsilieris will be returning in goal for the Chateau Bantams, joined by Downs.

"Together, they give us the solid goaltending we will need for the run at the OMHA championship this year," says Hartman.

The Chateau Restaurant Bantams' next home game is this Saturday, Oct. 17 at 2:30 p.m., when they take on Streetsville at the Gordon Alcott Arena.

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 Standings as of Oct. 12

Team	Western Division				Eastern Division			
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T	Pts
Burlington	5	1	0	10	5	1	0	10
Etobicoke	4	2	0	8	4	2	0	8
Oakville	3	1	2	8	3	1	2	8
Streetsville	2	2	2	6	2	2	2	6
Georgetown	2	3	1	5	2	3	1	5
Mimico	1	5	1	3	1	5	1	3
Milton	1	4	0	2	1	4	0	2
Barrie	5	1	0	10	5	1	0	10
Aurora	5	0	1	11	5	0	1	11
Richmond Hill	4	2	0	8	4	2	0	8
Vaughan	3	2	1	7	3	2	1	7
Markham	2	4	1	5	2	4	1	5
Newmarket	0	6	1	1	0	6	1	1

Taking the high road



One of the toughest portions of the cross country course at Cedarvale Park was a hill that many of the runners chose to walk up. The runners were taking part in a cross country meet for North Halton public schools. (Herald photo)

Major Atom B's doubled 6-3 by Burlington

A poorly-played first period proved costly for the Georgetown Major B Atoms in their home opener Saturday, as they dropped a 6-3 decision to the Burlington BB team.

The locals are now winless in two starts.

In the first period Saturday, Burlington jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead as they took advantage of several Georgetown defensive lapses.

The home side was without half of its regular defensive corps, and the newly-matched combinations had trouble clearing the puck out of their own zone.

The second period saw the teams trade a pair of goals. Robby Mockton narrowed the gap to 3-1, as he capped a partial breakaway with a nifty low shot.

Burlington countered with a pair of tallies before Scott Wilson tipped in a low drive by Steve Yurichuk, making the score 5-2 after two.

Georgetown got off to a good start in the final frame as Wesley Burke notched a goal on a nice pass from Jim Katsilieris.

Burlington threatened to take a three-goal lead a short time later, but goalie Sean Mills was able to foil a breakaway bid.

But Burlington finally did regain their three-goal margin as they broke in with a three-on-one and scored to make the final 6-3.

This week the Georgetown squad has an exhibition match scheduled and Sunday they resume regular schedule play with a contest against Ancaster.

Two teams unbeaten in HHL

Mark Waters pulled the trigger on four goals to lead Exchange House to a 5-2 victory over Mal Dodge ReMax in Halton Hills League action Sunday.

In other games, North Halton Sports edged Lepage's 3-1. McGibbon Hotel shaded Arnie's Body Shop 4-3, and Anne Genoe ReMax of Acton held on to defeat the Hawks 3-2.

The standings after the second week of league action show Anne Genoe ReMax and Exchange House on top with two wins apiece for four points.

McGibbon Hotel is in third spot with one win and a tie for three points, while Mal Dodge ReMax and North Halton Sports follow with a win and a loss each for two points apiece. The Hawks have a tie and a loss in their first two outings for one point, and Arnie's Body Shop and Lepage's are winless in two starts.

Clinics slated for this month

There is still time to register with the Halton Hills Department of Recreation and Parks Department for the upcoming Hockey Coaching and Trainers' Clinic.

Combined clinics for Levels I and II coaches are planned for Sat., Oct. 24, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Acton High School, and Sun., Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Acton Arena and Acton High School.

A Trainers' Level I course has been slated for Wed., Oct. 28, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. at the Acton High School.

The Coaching Clinic is filling quickly so anyone interested should register at the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department Office on James Street, immediately.

For more information, call 877-5185, Ext. 260.

Atoms lose to Chinguacousy

The Georgetown Major AA Atoms suffered their second straight loss by a single goal, as they hosted Chinguacousy Sunday.

To the local squad's credit though, they showed good hustle and could just as easily have emerged the winners, despite being undermanned. The final score was 4-3 for Chinguacousy.

Duane Erler led the scoring attack for Georgetown as he pulled the trigger on two goals, and added one assist.

Tyson Hackett accounted for the team's other goal, while Gavin Glaser and Corey Evans also picked up an assist each in the contest.

Chad Hughes played a strong game in net for Georgetown.

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