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*Jr. B's suffer winless weekend*

# No Thanksgiving for Raiders

It may have been Thanksgiving weekend but the Georgetown Raiders had little to be thankful for, at least on the ice.

After splitting their opening two league encounters two weeks ago the Raiders suffered through a winless weekend as they dropped a pair of matches in Central Ontario Jr. B Hockey League action.

On home ice Saturday the Raiders blew a three-goal lead and finished on the short end of a 7-5 score to the Burlington Cougars after being clipped 5-4 by the Oakville Blades on Friday in Oakville.

"Old habits are hard to kick," lamented coach Peter Sturgeon after the weekend debacle. "But lapses are typical of a team that's coming on."

"They say when you go from a squad that's building there's an adjustment period," continued Sturgeon in an effort to explain the weekend letdowns that hindered Georgetown's chances of winning. "We've got to avoid getting down and remind ourselves to work harder and harder."

While Sturgeon wasn't blaming anyone in particular for the losses he did make it clear there are players who he feels must start pulling their weight. "For the most part I'm pleased with about 10 or 12 players," he said.

One player who undoubtedly pleased Sturgeon on the holiday weekend was veteran Travis Cole. The former Gem was back in the lineup Friday after being cut from the Brock University Badgers inter-collegiate squad. The hard-working forward scored four goals on the weekend, including a pair of short-handed tallies. "Travis played well," said Sturgeon.

**BURLINGTON 7, RAIDERS 5**  
 Raiders built a 3-0 lead in the first period with goals from Brent Presswood, Kevin Dance and Brian Gendron before allowing Burlington to roar back and take command of a 5-3 lead at the end of two periods.

"We came out flying and then went into shock," said Sturgeon. "By the time we recovered it was too late."

A shorthanded goal by Travis Cole early in the third frame got Georgetown close but Burlington replied to take a 7-4 lead with two quick markers. Cole added his second shorthanded tally of the night at 18:05 but by then it was all over but the crying for Georgetown.

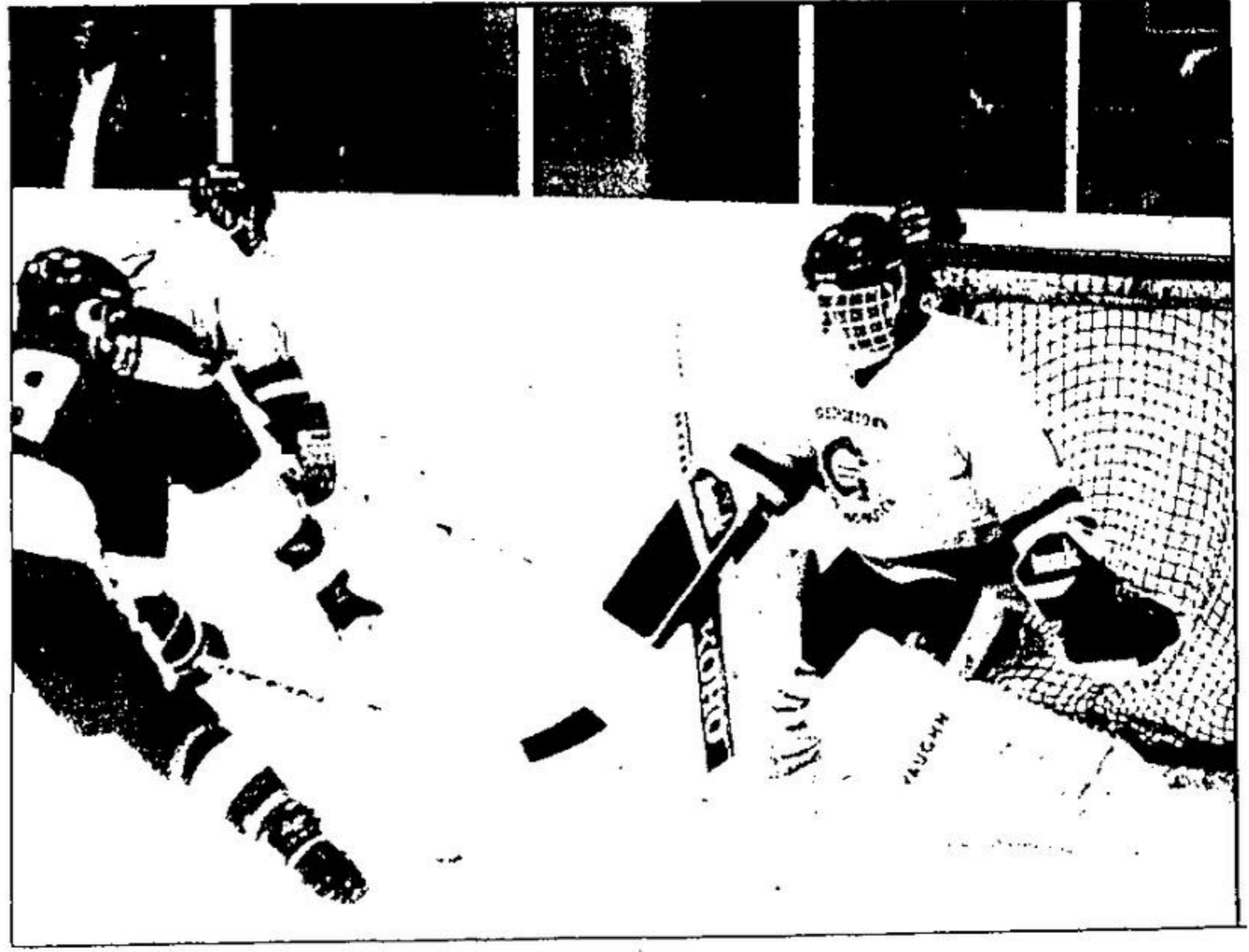
Chuck Loreto picked up two assists for Georgetown with single helpers going to Kevin Dance, Trent Cull, Chris Lee, Kelly Cooper Foster and Brian Gendron.

Georgetown outshot Burlington 37-32 as veteran Todd King went the distance in the Raider cage.

**OAKVILLE 5, RAIDERS 1**  
 In Oakville on Friday night the Blades took a 2-1 lead at the end of the first 20 minutes. "We weren't in to it as much as Oakville," said Sturgeon. "They came out flying and we were down 4-1 by the time we woke up."

With Travis Cole supplying Georgetown's first period marker Oakville poured it on in the second period to add two more goals and take the three-goal advantage.

A third period rally drew Georgetown into a 4-4 tie as Cole ad-



**Showdown!**

It's a showdown as a Burlington Cougar attempts to beat Georgetown Raider goaltender Todd King with a shot from close-in during last Saturday's Central Ontario Jr. B Hockey League contest at Alcott Arena. Raiders blew a 3-0 lead and ended up losing a 7-5 final.

score to Burlington after being edged 5-4 in Oakville by the Blades on Friday night. Raiders get an opportunity for revenge this weekend with a visit to Burlington on Friday before hosting Oakville on Saturday. (Herald photo)

ded his second score of the night before Rob Doucette cut the margin to one goal and Chuck Loreto tied it up.

Oakville scored the winner late in the period on a deflection as a Blade shot bounced past Todd King after striking the skate of a Georgetown defenceman. "They got a stinger," said Sturgeon. But, as the sophomore coach added, they all count.

Oakville fired 31 shots at King while the Raiders tested Blades netminding a total of 25 times.

**RAIDER RAMBLINGS:** Two more ex-Gems with junior "B" eligibility have become available in the last week. Last year's team scoring champion Joe Washkurak has been cut by the OCAA's Humber Hawks. The Hawks, defending Ontario champs, apparently are interested in farming Washkurak out to the Henry Carr Crusaders of the Metro Jr. B loop. No word is available on Washkurak's movement yet. Meanwhile, former North Bay Centennial draft choice Mark Dunning is also on the lose after just missing a spot on the blue line for the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. Dunning would be a welcome addition to the Georgetown blue line as Sturgeon has made it known he covets another experienced rearguard.

The OHL's Guelph Platers, who have a working agreement with

Raiders this season, apparently ticketed a two-year Major Junior veteran defenceman for Georgetown but the unnamed player decided not to report and has instead gone home. Sturgeon says the Raiders are "still in contact" with other OHL teams regarding a possible addition.

Sturgeon implied that the Raiders may have given up some ground to Oakville last Friday in the physical play department. "They've got some good-sized boys," he said. "Some of our guys have got to realize they're here to play. We do need a little more size and we must

be willing to take the body." Sturgeon also hinted that midget graduate Curtis Green may be in line for his first start in net for the Raiders in the very near future. "Curtis may get himself a chance," said Sturgeon.

Raiders visit Burlington on Friday before hosting Oakville on Saturday night at Alcott Arena.

**Connections at AHS**

"Connections '88 - Community Open House" is set for Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



**Up, up and away**

Lisa Nadhazi goes high for a layup as she scores two of the 10 points she netted for the Acton Redmen junior girls basketball team in high school hoops play last week in Acton. The juniors lost a 56-30 decision to Bishop Healding Royals while the senior

Redmen enjoyed a more successful outing with a big 52-21 triumph. Milton Mustangs visit Acton tonight and the annual Acton-Georgetown rivalry cooks up next Monday as the Redmen girls invade GDHS. (Herald photo)

## Juvenile's demise a sign of the times



**Paul's Call**  
 Paul Svoboda  
 Herald Sports Editor

The recent demise of the Georgetown Juvenile rep hockey team might be seen as a sign of the times.

Despite claiming the all-Ontario "AA" championship last season, this year's aborted edition of the juvenile reps just couldn't come up with the manpower to ice a title defence.

"We're definitely folded and basically it's due to a lack of players," said juvenile manager Wayne Pries last week. According to Pries the squad attracted only a handful of juvenile-aged players to its first couple of workouts at Alcott Arena and the possibilities of putting a workable team together were just "too risky."

Apparently about 11 juvenile-aged players in Georgetown would have been able to make the odd weekend game by travelling home from the various colleges in which they are currently enrolled. But the basic unavailability of players spelled certain doom for the program.

On a larger scale the folding of the juvenile rep team would seem to indicate a general malaise within minor hockey circles.

Pries says registration is down in all age categories. "At the tri-county meeting two weeks ago the story was the same all over," he said. "All enrolments are down."

is in fact up for the younger age groups such as novice, atom and peewee. But it would appear that the programs past peewee - namely bantam, midget and juvenile - are hurting. "Some towns aren't even having bantam and midget rep teams," says Pries.

Bantams has become the "end of the line" for a lot of hockey-playing kids, said Pries.

So what's the reason? Why is Canada's national pastime being threatened at its very foundations?

As Pries says, there are just too many more things for kids to do these days. Who can remember a video arcade in their neighborhood 10 years ago? When was the last time you saw a gang of kids up at 8 a.m. on a Saturday shovelling off the local pond for an all-day game of shinny?

Like high school football, hockey is feeling the pinch of higher costs. School boards are less likely to initiate football programs with its expensive equipment and the escalating insurance coverage required. Likewise, too many parents and their children are giving minor hockey the miss due to the high cost of equipment and ice time. Hey, soccer only requires boots and shorts.

Pries also blames some parents for losing interest in hockey once it appears their offspring may not be drafted into a higher level of competition. "A lot of proud parents are willing to promote their kids," he says. "If junior isn't drafted by bantam age many figure they don't have a chance."

The fact that a provincial championship squad can quietly fold and forfeit its opportunity to defend its crown should provide us with reason enough to become concerned.

## Rebels crystal clear in 20-0 shutout win

Bevin Clarke's crystal ball was right on the mark last week as his GDHS Rebel junior football squad blanked Milton's E.C. Drury Spartans 20-0 in Halton Tier II grid action in Milton last Wednesday.

"The boys played well, it was a good solid effort," said the Rebels coach who earlier in the week had predicted his team would knock off Drury without allowing a single point. The win pushed Georgetown's junior football record to an unblemished 2-0 including a season-opening 14-6 victory at T.A. Blakelock two weeks ago.

Jeff Delurey, Adam Hills and Kevin Dyer were the offensive stars for GDHS with each player carrying the ball into the end zone for a touchdown. Kicker Chad Bailey was good on two of the three ensuing convert attempts for two points.

The Georgetown offensive machine was well-oiled as it rolled for over 300 total yards. Running back Adam Hagan accounted for a large chunk of the yardage as he churned out about 100 yards on the ground.

"Our defence didn't have to play a lot," said Clarke. "The offence really controlled the ball well."

Wade Serjeantson started the game at quarterback for the Rebels, giving way to Adam Hills in the second half. Both players were lauded by Clarke for their heady play.

According to Clarke the Georgetown offence could have compiled even more yardage had it not been for a couple of untimely penalties. "We had a couple of big gamers called back," he said.

Although some of his players were heard to be singing, "We are the champions," after Wednesday's second straight win, Clarke was careful to caution his charges against over-confidence. The Rebels host Assumption Crusaders today and then prepare for what will probably be their biggest test of the season when Lord Elgin Lancers invade GDHS on Oct. 19.

"Assumption will probably be tougher than Drury," said Clarke. "We'll basically stick to the same game plan. Our offence is moving the ball well and the defence is playing with confidence."

Clarke, who is proving thus far into the 1988 season to be a pretty fair forecaster, hopes the Rebels will be sporting a 3-0 record when Elgin comes in next week.



**Rebels upended**

A Georgetown Rebel senior football receiver goes flying after being clipped by a Blakeblock Tabbie during gridiron action at GDHS last Friday night. The Rebel receiver managed to make the catch before being upended but Georgetown

couldn't grab a win in its third straight try as the Oakville visitors took a 15-6 victory. Rebels will try again on Friday with a visit to Lord Elgin. See game story on page B2. (Herald photo)

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