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Jr. B's tie in Burlington, lose at home

Lapses hurt Raiders

With a little more consistency the Georgetown Raiders could easily be battling for top spot in the Central Ontario Jr. B Hockey League's west division rather than occupying the basement.

But the basement is just where the Raiders found themselves after tying Burlington and losing to Oakville in weekend contests. The one-point weekend leaves Georgetown with a 1-4-1 record with only three points separating the Raiders and third-place Burlington and Streetsville.

"We have to learn to play 60 minutes of hockey," said Raider coach Peter Sturgeon. "We're disappointed that we're not putting the points on the board but they will come."

pumped in the hattrick for Georgetown with Don Cruise, Chuck Loreto and J.P. Latour firing singles.

Saturday's home game against Oakville saw the unbeaten Blades (3-0-2) outscore Georgetown 2-0 in the second period and hung on in the third frame for a 4-2 win. Chuck Loreto and Travis Cole supplied the Raider goals.

OAKVILLE 4, RAIDERS 2

A second period lapse cost the Raiders with Oakville outscoring the home side 2-0 in the middle frame after taking a 1-0 lead at the end of the first 20 minutes.

Georgetown topped Oakville 2-1 in the third but couldn't find the extra goals to draw even.

with Loreto and captain Mark Pries supplying helpers.

Todd King kicked off 22 Oakville shots while the Raiders directed 38 at the Blades cage.

RAIDERS 6, BURLINGTON 6

"We had full control heading into the third period," said Sturgeon of Friday's effort. "But we went back in the third." Georgetown led 6-4 in the third before Burlington erupted for a pair of quick goals in the final five minutes of play to earn the tie.

A controversial penalty shot drew Burlington to within one goal before the Cougars found the mark to deadlock the proceedings at 6-6. Chuck Loreto was called for tripping and Burlington's Rob Beroldo was awarded a penalty shot as the referee deemed the Cougar player was in the clear when the foul occurred.

Georgetown netminder Curtis Green, tasting his first regular season action on Friday, got a piece of Beroldo's shot but the puck managed to trickle past the red line.

Sturgeon said the call was questionable. "But I don't make the calls," he said. "It was good to go in to Burlington and come out with a point."

Kevin Dance had the hattrick including one on the powerplay, one shorthanded and a third at even strength. Chuck Loreto also scored a shorthanded marker while J.P. Latour and Don Cruise scored the other Georgetown goals.

Travis Cole, making impressive contributions since rejoining the club two weeks ago, picked up two assists as did J.P. Latour and Chuck Loreto. Trent Cull, Shannon Storr, Greg Brazeau, Rob Doucette and Dance had single helpers.

Green, a graduate of the Georgetown midget rep team, received praise from Sturgeon for his work between the pipes which saw him kick out 33 shots. "He played well," said Sturgeon. "He'll start to see some more action."

Georgetown fired 41 shots on the Burlington net.



The message

The message was clear for Georgetown Raider defenceman Rod Pasma but just to remind himself the local skater had instructions printed boldly on his stick. (Herald photo)

On Friday in Burlington the Raiders blew a 6-4 lead in the last five minutes of the contest as the hometown Cougars clawed back to gain the equalizer Kevin Dance

Chuck Loreto scored Georgetown's first goal at even strength with Don Cruise and Travis Cole assisting. Cole notched the other Raider goal on a powerplay

RAIDER RAMBLINGS: Assistant coach Jim Storr has apparently left his position with the club, citing work commitments as his reason for departing. "Pete wants 100 per cent from everyone and I'm sure he doesn't want a part-time coach," said Storr. "This is a good club this year and I didn't feel I could devote the proper amount of time to it."

Brampton native Rob Gilmore may yet see action in the near future with Georgetown Raiders are currently considering working the skater into the lineup. "He's a good tough kid," says Sturgeon. "He's strong on the puck and he's well disciplined."



Ramblin' Reb

Trevor Elnesky assumes a menacing glare as he carried the ball for a big gain against the Assumption Crusaders in high school junior football action last Wednesday in Georgetown. The Rebel player scored one touchdown

and had another called back on a penalty as the GDHS squad rolled to a 14-0 shutout win. The Rebs are now 3-0 in league play including two consecutive shutout wins with Lord Elgin Lancers in town today for a key matchup. (Herald photo)

Jr. Rebels crunch Crusaders

The GDHS Rebels junior football team is just where it wants to be.

The Rebels blanked the Assumption Crusaders 14-0 last Wednesday afternoon in Georgetown to push their Halton Tier II gridiron record to an unblemished 3-0.

That's exactly the slate Rebel coach Bevin Clarke was hoping his juniors would be sporting when the Lord Elgin Lancers invaded the GDHS athletic field. Lancers are in town today to face the Rebels in what could be a preview of the 1988 Tier II final.

Rebels overcame their own obstacles on Wednesday to break a 0-0 defensive struggle in the second half with a pair of touchdowns and a single. Until that point Georgetown had victimized itself with some costly penalties.

Two golden scoring opportunities were wiped out in the first half when an offside negated a 20-yard reverse by Kevin Dyer and an unnecessary roughness flag foiled a nifty interception by two-way man Trevor Elnesky.

Georgetown almost gave up some points when the Rebels misjudged the amount of time remaining in the half and downed the ball on their own 20-yard line on fourth down with just under 10 seconds remaining. Fortunately for GDHS the Assumption kicker never got to attempt the field goal as the snap was bobbled.

A 30-yard gain by Elnesky and a Jeff Deleurey charge up the middle were both called back early in the second half when penalties again cost Georgetown its momentum.

But a half-time scolding from co-coach Fred Kotani had the desired results as Georgetown finally avoided the yellow flag and scored from the Assumption two-yard line with quarterback Adam Hills taking the ball in on a keeper.

Chad Bailey connected on the convert and Georgetown led 7-0.

At the end of Georgetown's next possession Clarke told punter Jason Moran the Rebels needed a point and the booter rose to the occasion by hoisting one into the Crusader end zone. Assumption gamely tried to run the ball out but the Crusader ballcarrier was stopped just shy of the goal line.

Trevor Elnesky put the icing on the cake for Georgetown by rambling in from about 35 yards out.

New-look Sabres look to sharpen after opening season with losses

There's room for optimism in the Acton Sabres camp despite a double loss opening weekend.

Sabres lost a 7-6 overtime heart-breaker in Alliston in their Mid-Ontario Jr. C Hockey League opener last Friday before returning home on Saturday to suffer a 9-1 pounding by the Orangeville Crushers. Although the Sabres failed to produce a point in their first two outings of the fledgling 1988-89 campaign general manager Robin Incoe had cause to assume an optimistic posture.

"We're rebuilding," he said of an Acton club that until August wasn't even sure of operating this season. "Right now we can't seem to go for 60 minutes but it will come around once the guys have played together for a few games."

Indeed, some of the Acton players almost needed name tags to identify new teammates as the Sabres skated into the season after a brief training camp and only a pair of exhibition matches with Stayner. Incoe said some of the Sabres met new linemates for the first time on Friday. "It'll take some time," he said.

regulars out of the lineup due to a mix-up in player cards. Sabres dressed 15 players including two goaltenders and two midget affiliates.

Ian Ellis, a 14-year-old second-year bantam from Milton, powered the Acton offence with a hattrick performance while Jason Lucas had two goals and Pete Cargill tallied a single.

Ellis and Lucas each added an assist while other helpers were earned by Tim McDonald (2), Troy Foster (2), Todd Shminak, Darron Bain, Paul McLeod and Evan Hayter.

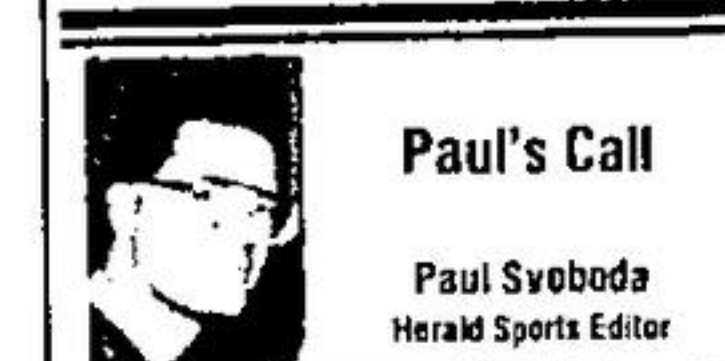
SABRE-RATTLINGS: Ellis would appear to be quite a find for the Sabres. The 14-year-old Milton native came up with the hattrick in Alliston and Incoe said he would be surprised to see Ellis back in Jr. C hockey next season.

The Acton goaltending tandem of Jim Mantione and Dean Bower has impressed Incoe. "We're happy with our goaltending," he said. "They both played well."

Sabres hope to finish, "in the middle of the pack," in the six-team loop this season according to Incoe. The Sabre GM says Orangeville, Alliston and Caledon will probably supply the toughest opposition.

Sabres host Caledon's Flyers on Friday at the Acton Arena before visiting the Bradford Blues on Saturday night.

Nothing hum-drum about NHL this year



Paul's Call
 Paul Svoboda
 Herald Sports Editor

The Russians are coming. Again. Yes, the NHL will welcome Russian hockey clubs to the continent, once more stirring memories of that famous New Year's Eve battle of 1976 between the Habs and Red Army (for you hockey purists) and the war a few days later in Philadelphia when the Broad Street Bullies mugged the Reds (for you real hockey fans) and sent them scurrying to the dressing room, where legend has it, Al Eagleson gave new meaning to the adage, "No play, no pay."

Other things to watch for this season?

Mike Keenan, now saddled with a woeful club in Chicago, will get a chance to show how good a coach he really is.

Best new nickname? "Missing" Link Gaetz, a wildman rookie with the North Stars who apparently terrorized opponents in the Western League to the point where no one would dare fight him.

Jobs on the line: Bob Probert and Pete Klima. Probert, who combines that much sought after talent of being able to score lots of goals and bust your face in the process, is coveted by other clubs. But apparently Klima will make or break it in the Motor City.

Most unlikely Stanley Cup final? Vancouver Canucks vs Toronto Maple Leafs.

Speaking of the Leafs, they may have a legitimate star in the person of high-scoring Daniel Marois.

Question of the year? Can the Penguins make the playoffs. Answer: Yes.

Bold prediction for the Stanley Cup final: Calgary vs Philadelphia.

Things we'd like to see: Can you imagine if Ben Johnson could skate? Hey, maybe he can.

It's not going to be just another hum-drum season in the NHL this year.

And it's not just the Gretzky trade that will guarantee this fact.

The NHL, which occasionally is exceeded only by the promotions department of the CFL for its ability to shoot itself in the foot, has really outdone itself this season.

Sure, sure, Gretzky is in L.A. The Kings are instant contenders, the game may breathe new life in California and the Edmonton Oil Cans might have to work just a little bit harder to earn Lord Stanley's spittoon.

But what about all the other exciting stuff about to take place in NHL rinks across the continent this year?

Well, for one thing Guy Lafleur has dusted off the moth balls and will make a comeback at the ripe old age of 37. Wouldn't it be great if he scored 40 goals? Then maybe Phil Esposito might be persuaded to come out of retirement and centre for The Flower.

Ex-players are getting a shot at the NHL coaching ranks. Guys like Terry O'Reilly, Jim Schoenfeld, Brian Sutter and Paul Holmgren. It's a refreshing change from the textbook, computerized, automation approach most popular in the league until Schoenfeld's Jersey Devils put the NHL in a tizzy.



A Georgetown player goes for the hoop while Acton Redmen defend in senior girls basketball play at GDHS on Monday afternoon. Rebels downed Acton 41-27 to push their record to 6-1 while on the junior side Georgetown took a 37-24 victory. (Herald photo)

ORANGEVILLE 9, SABRES 1

Acton stayed close with a powerful Orangeville squad until the second period when the Crushers blew open a 2-1 lead with five unanswered goals.

Craig Chamberlain scored Acton's lone goal with Jason Lucas and Pete Cargill assisting.

Orangeville sports a 5-0 record thus far into the season but Incoe says the Sabres are capable of gaining ground on a veteran Crusader team. "I don't see Orangeville getting a whole lot better," he said. "We have a lot more room for improvement."

Dean Bower went the distance in goal for Acton.

ALLISTON 7, SABRES 6

Sabres scored two goals in the last three and a half minutes of the third period to the Alliston and force the game into overtime. Acton actually thought it had won the match with five-seconds left in the third frame when Tim McDonald rifled a shot past the Hornet goaltender only to have the tally called back on an off-side call.

Alliston beat netminder Jim Mantione in the overtime period to send the hometown fans home happy.

Acton played the game with eight

Rebels in playoffs

A 2-0 shutout win over the T.A. Blakelock Tabbies last Thursday night ensured the Georgetown Rebels senior girls field hockey team of a berth in the Halton playoffs.

Becky Dobbin and Carole Ferguson scored for GDHS with Lorna Richards supplying the shutout goaltending. The win left Georgetown alone in fourth place at the conclusion of the regular schedule in the six-team eastern division.

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