

Sports Outlook

Sturgeon happy with point in Streetsville

"Irregular" Raiders tie

It's not often a coach is happy with his team after they blow a 4-1 lead and end up settling for a tie.

But for Georgetown Raider mentor Peter Sturgeon, a 4-4 draw in Streetsville last Tuesday night will do just nicely, thank you.

With five regulars out of the lineup and one regular goaltender also on the sidelines, Sturgeon wasn't all that disappointed when his charges dropped a 4-1 lead and left town with the draw.

"It was a big point considering we had six regulars out of the lineup," said Sturgeon on Wednesday. "We played well. I thought we held most of the play and we took the offence to them. We just ran out of gas in the third period."

Raiders led 2-1 after 20 minutes and took a 4-1 lead into the third. With Rod Pasma, Davin Ciglen, Chris Lee and Kevin Dance sitting out suspensions in the aftermath of last Saturday's brawl with Milton and with Brian Gendron still nursing a sore shoulder, Sturgeon must've felt like a magician as he juggled lines and new combinations.

Veteran Greg Brazeau picked up the slack by netting a pair of goals and Travis Cole also pitched in with a single. Des Brown, pressed back into emergency service after battling with a recent bout of mononucleosis, also scored.

Ken Kosziwka, called up from the M and M Pro Sport Bantams, impressed Sturgeon with his play and also earned an assist in his junior "B" debut. He filled in nicely on a line with high-scoring Chuck Loreto and Cole.

Two recently-signed Raiders, defenceman Kevin Burrows and right winger John Williamson, also played well, said Sturgeon. Midget call-up Chris Cambouris filled in as backup goaltender behind starter Curtis Green, with veteran Todd King recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery which he underwent on Monday.

The tie left the Raiders in third place in the Central Ontario Jr. B league's western group, two points up on the Derbys.

RAIDER RAMBLINGS:

King looks to playoffs after knee surgery

Georgetown hospital was the last place Todd King figured to be last Monday.

But that's just where the veteran Georgetown Raider goalkeeper found himself after sustaining a freak knee injury while studying for his high school exams last Sunday night.

"I just went to cross my legs and it locked on me," said King after undergoing his first post-surgery therapy session last Wednesday. "It's locked a few times on me before but I've always been able to work it out."

King underwent arthroscopic surgery on Monday to repair torn cartilage in his right knee. Following the operation by Dr. Ken Bradley, King spent a night

in Georgetown hospital and was back with the Raiders on Tuesday in a spectator capacity as they tied 4-4 in Streetsville. He's optimistic about his chances of returning to the lineup prior to the start of league playoffs. "The physiotherapist told me it would be about a month but I can't give it that much time," said King. "I want to be back for playoffs."

Raiders visit Oakville on Friday before hosting the Derbys on Saturday.

Raiders have less than half a dozen games left in the regular schedule and King says he feels he can be back in action if he carefully monitors his recovery.

"I guess it depends on how fast it heals," said King.

On the mend

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Georgetown Raider goaltender Todd King, shown here making a stop in the Raiders' 11-9 win over Streetsville last weekend, is on the mend after undergoing knee surgery last Monday. The veteran backstop hopes to be back in Jr. B action before the Raiders hit the Central league playoffs in mid-February. (Outlook photo)

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Same script for Sabres

You couldn't really blame the Acton Sabres if they decided to patent a method for last-minute losses.

Sabres came back from a 3-1 deficit in Caledon last Tuesday night and despite fighting back to a 5-5 score the Acton crew saw their hopes dashed again when the hometown Flyers netted an insurance marker with 20 seconds left on the clock to claim a 7-5 win.

"In our last 15 games we've been in 12 of them," bemoaned Sabre GM Robin Incoe.

Two weeks ago Sabres lost a 6-5

Bridge winners

Mike Larusso and George Sarjeant tied with the team of Harry Arbic and Norma Maynard for first place in duplicate bridge play at Georgetown Legion on Jan. 23.

In second place were Adele Gladick and George Farrow while Elsie Whitham and Earl Ryder earned third.

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overtime final to Schomberg when the Cougars scored in the last minute of extra time. That loss provides a good illustration of the kind of season it's been for the Jr. C's.

Acton's comeback in Caledon was particularly impressive, however, when you consider they had only 10 skaters in the lineup. Four defencemen and five forwards missed the trip due to exams and other commitments, but Incoe wasn't resting on that fact for a handy excuse.

"It doesn't seem to matter whether we have 19 or nine," he said. "We seem to always be falling one goal short."

Team captain Pete Cargill fired two goals for Acton on Tuesday, adding a single assist. Troy Foster, Todd Shimirak and Steve Wagner also scored with Shimirak and Foster also earning one assist each.

Jason Lucas assisted on four of the five Acton goals with Kevin Elkins and Wayne Rivers also earning helpers.

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