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**GOALTENDER CURTIS GREEN** might be justified in feeling a bit shell-shocked following the two most recent losses of the Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders. Green might have had just cause in suing his mates for non-support following the 12-1

thrashing by Brampton Capitals last Thursday (Dec. 14). Saturday night at home against Burlington, Green turned aside 45 shots but the Raiders dropped a 5-2 decision. (Herald photo by Donna Kell)

### Bennett returned to Wolves

## National camp good experience

By COLIN GIBSON  
Herald Sports Editor

Adam Bennett's dream of representing his country in international competition has been on hold - for the time being.

The 18-year-old, 6'4", 206-pound defenceman with the Sudbury Wolves of the Ontario Hockey League, had been one of 35 players, including 12 rearguards, invited to attend Canada's national junior hockey team's training camp, staged in Ottawa from Dec. 12 through last Sunday.

He was told last Friday by national team head coach, Guy Charon, that he wouldn't be on the 22-man roster which will compete in the world junior hockey tournament scheduled for Helsinki, Finland, Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

"They (team Canada management) were very good about it, when they told me," said Bennett in a telephone interview from Sudbury. "They said they were pleased with my play in camp but because of the larger ice surfaces in Europe, they were going to go with more mobile defencemen. I'm more of a bump and grind kind of player."

"In one way I'm disappointed," continued Bennett, "but in another way I'm not. I thought I played well and the camp was a great learning experience. It was an honor to be invited and play alongside such talented hockey players. I learned a few things that I'll be able to put to good use. In a way though, I'm also glad to be coming back to Sudbury Wolves in

regular Ontario Hockey League play."

Wolves are presently in third place in the Emms Division of the OHL, just two points behind second-place Kitchener and just seven points behind division-leading London.

Bennett will suit up for the Wolves in their game against Niagara Falls, Thursday night (tomorrow) then spend time at Christmas with his family here in Georgetown.

Defencemen named to the Canadian team roster include: Patrick Brisebois (Laval Titans, QMJHL), Kevin Haller (Regina Pats, WHL), Jason Herter (University of North Dakota), Stewart Malgunas (Seattle Thunderbirds, WHL), Adrian Plavsic (Peoria Rivermen, IHL) and Dan Ratushny (Cornell University).

Ironically, also cut from the team Canada roster was left winger Scott Thornton, a Toronto Maple Leafs draft choice who plays for Belleville Bulls of the OHL.

Last Jan. 6, The Hockey News published rankings of the top junior players in Canada and Bennett was ranked second behind Thornton.

All in all, it's been quite a year for Bennett.

Bennett was drafted in the first round last spring by the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks, but he has yet to ink a professional contract with the team.

"My agent (Anton Thun, based out of Toronto) is handling things with the Blackhawks," said Bennett. "But right now, I'm not playing hockey to please the Hawks. I have a job to do here in Sudbury and I'll let my on-ice performances do the talking. I'm concentrating on my junior hockey career and with another year still to go, maybe I'll make the national team next year!"

Earlier this hockey season, Bennett was selected OHL Player-of-the-Week and he is one of Sudbury's top point-getters.

Prior to leaving for the national camp, he was the second leading Sudbury Wolves scorer with 31 points on 11 goals and 20 assists.

With the Blackhawk situation out of his hands and the national junior training camp now just a fond memory, Bennett can concentrate on the immediate task at hand. Namely, contributing to a Sudbury Wolves Memorial Cup triumph.

### Major Bantams

## M & M undefeated

During the past week Georgetown M and M Pro Sports Major Bantams went undefeated.

On Dec. 10 Georgetown travelled to Streetsville. During the first period Streetsville did all the scoring. First goal coming at 7:25 of the first and last goal coming at 2:42 and from there on it was all Georgetown.

Jake Mashinter got Georgetown on the scoreboard with an unassisted goal which turned out to be one of his three goals.

At 11:41 of the second period Steve Wright got Georgetown one more goal closer to the leading Streetsville. At 8:38 Jake tied the game up with his second of the evening.

After Streetsville had taken the lead, Shawn Curry tied it up at 13:05 of the third.

Three minutes later Steve Wright gave Georgetown the lead. Tim Presswood was another goal scorer for Georgetown as Curry and Mashinter scored additional goals.

The final score was 8-5 for Georgetown.

Saturday night Georgetown travelled to Chinguacousy to play the top team.

After falling behind in the first period 1-0, Chris Barrow got Georgetown on the scoreboard at 13:19.

After falling behind again, Jake Mashinter tied the game at 2-2. Then at 5:03 of the second Mark Laird scored to put Georgetown in the lead. Then at 3:10 Derek Ellard added to Georgetown's lead.

After Ching came within one, Chris Barrow put the game out of reach with his second of the night. With 4:23 remaining in the third Ching got another goal, but with 1:07 remaining Dustin Thompson scored the final goal as Georgetown won 6-4.

Sunday afternoon second place Burlington visited Georgetown.

At the end of the first period Georgetown was behind 3-0 but then at 13:38 of the second Shawn Rearson scored for Georgetown. Then a minute later Burlington added to the lead.

At 5:42 Ken Kosziwka scored for Georgetown. At 9:32 of the third Tim Presswood scored the first of his two goals. With 2:47 remaining Tim Presswood scored the final goal which tied the game at 4-4.

The players and coaching staff of the M and M Pro Sport Major Bantams would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Next home game, 1990.

### Obstacles to be overcome

## Raiders drop two

By COLIN GIBSON  
Herald Sports Editor

Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders' pride - not to mention the team's won-lost record - suffered a pair of blows in the squad's two most recent Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League, West Division, outings. Brampton Capitals hung a 12-1 thumping on the Raiders in a game played last Thursday (Dec. 14) in Brampton while Burlington Cougars skated to a 5-2 win over the hometown crew Saturday night at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

Raider coach Peter Sturgeon doesn't like to offer excuses, but he feels there are valid reasons for the Raiders continuing misfortunes.

"We knew from the start we would be going with a young team and that we would take our lumps. Then, the affiliation with Owen Sound Platers (formerly Guelph Platers) of the Ontario Hockey League was discontinued because they wanted to affiliate with a junior team in their home base of Owen Sound," stated Sturgeon.

"We lost a potential player pool because of the loss of the affiliation with Owen Sound," continued Sturgeon, "and maybe our guys lost a little bit of incentive as well."

"As well," pointed out Sturgeon, "some veteran players didn't come through as we thought they would have, so we have struggled. There have been major obstacles."

"But I still have faith in our guys and right now we are concentrating on two main areas," said Sturgeon. "Number one is effort, all the time, every shift, every period and every game. The second area we're working on is continuing with a positive attitude. We have to believe that things will improve."

Around this time last year Raiders had just recorded a three-point week and were solidly in fourth place in the league's West Division standings, with 28 points, just a single point behind fourth-place Streetsville and six points ahead of fifth-place Oakville Blades.

The losses this past week to Brampton Capitals and Burlington Cougars drops the Raiders season record to 3-20 and last place in the West Division standings 10 points behind sixth-place Brampton.

Sturgeon has already wiped the slate on the 12-1 loss to Brampton.

"We were totally flat," said Sturgeon, in an understatement. "The whole team, we were just not ourselves, from the nets on out."

Curtis Green worked the whole game against Brampton in the Raiders nets while Brent Presswood, off passes from Chris Lazarowff and Marty Savoy scored the lone Georgetown goal.

Consistency, game in and game out has been another Raider shortcoming this year and it appeared a totally different outfit that challenged the West Division's third-place Cougars on Saturday evening. This time the Raiders came to play.

The first period ended in a scoreless tie and the contest was knotted at 1-1 after 40 minutes of play.

Burlington turned on the afterburners in the third period, however, to outscore the Raiders 4-1 and claim the hard-earned 5-2 win.

Green once again worked a full 60 minutes in the Raiders nets and put in some outstanding work, making 45 saves to but 25 for his counterpart in the Burlington net.

John Williamson and Adam Hagen were the Raiders marksmen against Burlington with Brent Presswood and Chris Lazarowff drawing assists.

The Raiders next home game is Thursday, Dec. 28 and it will be "Kids night" at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

The Raiders and the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association, in cooperation with area merchants, are handing out free admission tickets to children. Along with the ticket stub is a lucky number and prizes will be handed out to the children in attendance.

Raiders will host Streetsville Derbys in the 8 p.m. scheduled start.

**Sunny Acres Farms**

## Lights go out in third period

A third period collapse handed Sunny Acres Farms major midgets hockey team only their third loss of the season, Sunday afternoon at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena as Chinguacousy topped the locals 6-4.

As is their habit, Sunny Acres started out slowly and fell behind 1-0 after the first period.

Four Georgetown second period goals with but a single reply from Chinguacousy appeared to give Sunny Acres Farms a comfortable, 4-2 lead heading into the third period - normally the time when the Sunny Acres squad puts away the opposition.

Chinguacousy turned the tables, however, on Sunday by scoring four times while blanking Georgetown to skate away with the 6-4 win.

The loss dropped Sunny Acres Farms season record to 16-3-1, still the class of their Tri-County division.

Jim English, Mark Lorito, Brad Amato and Rob Lang shared in the Georgetown scoring.

Rob Boyle had a pair of assists, while single helpers went to English, Lorito, Jake Poulstrup and Rich Bond.

Peter Downs manned the pipes for Sunny Acres Farms against Chinguacousy.

Sunny Acres Farms had a game Monday evening in Orangeville - at press time the score was not available.

The game against Orangeville marked Sunny Acres Farms last league contest leading up to play in the annual Georgetown Minor Hockey Association midget tournament scheduled for Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, Jan. 2-7.

Georgetown opens tournament play Jan. 5, with an 8 p.m. game scheduled against Waterloo.