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GEORGETOWN PONTIAC-BUICK RAIDERS player Duane Lewis comes to the rescue of goaltender Shaun Reis while Oakville Blades captain Darren Hunter is held back during play in the Central

Ontario Junior "B" West Division contest Saturday evening at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. The West Division leading Blades potted two third period goals to ice a 5-2 win. (Herald photo)

Raiders drop two

Success is short-lived

By COLIN GIBSON
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Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders minor string of success came to an end on the weekend in a pair of Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League, West Division, clashes.

Raiders made the trip to Burlington Friday evening only to run into an aroused pack of Cougars and were humbled 10-4.

Saturday evening at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, Raiders had the misfortune to challenge runaway West Division leading Oakville Blades and while the Georgetowners severely tested the visitors, Oakville eventually escaped with a 5-2 win.

Raiders had entered weekend play with four points from their previous four games - two ties and a win - but the weekend losses



dropped the team's record to 5-29-3, last in the West Division standings.

The Cougars, solidly entrenched in third place in the league's West Division standings, had something to prove to their hometown supporters.

The previous weekend Burlington took on the Raiders at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena and were lucky to escape with a 5-5 stalemate.

A second period offensive barrage by the Cougars effectively

ended the Raiders hopes of pulling off an upset.

The game was tied 2-2 after the first period but Burlington erupted for six second period goals while Raiders could manage but two and the Cougars enjoyed a comfortable 8-4 lead heading into the final frame.

Burlington outscored the Raiders 2-0 in the third period to ice the 10-4 win.

Curtis Green, who has seen enough rubber this season to apply for a Firestone franchise, was replaced in the Raider nets by Shaun Reis in the second period.

Chris Lazarowff, Adam Hagen, Davin Ciglen and Andy Hockeng accounted for the Raider goals while team scoring leader Brent Presswood, collected a pair of assists.

Former Georgetown resident Andy Pearce had a goal and an assist for Burlington.

Shaun Reis got the nod to man the pipes Saturday evening against Oakville and didn't look out of place, making 36 saves.

However, a third period letdown by the Raiders once again plagued the team.

The game was tied 1-1 after the first period with Oakville enjoying a slim 3-2 leading heading into the final period of play.

Oakville managed two third period goals while holding the Raiders off the scoresheet to salt away the 5-2 win.

Mark French converted a pass from Kevin Brown for the initial Raider marker while Brown scored the second Raider goal on passes from Bill McDonald and Rob Doucette.

Raiders travel to Brampton Thursday for a 7:30 p.m. tilt with the Capitals then entertain Peterborough Junior Petes Saturday evening, 7:30 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

Acton Sabres fighting slump

By COLIN GIBSON
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Acton Sabres saw their 1989-90 Mid-Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League regular season record tumble to 10-23 following a pair of losses in weekend action.

The losses run the Sabres winless streak to eight games and the Leathertown squad has only two regular season contests remaining before entering post-season play.

Acton presently sits in fifth place in the six-team league, with Alliston Hornets occupying the cellar.

All teams in the Mid-Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League qualify for the playoffs but Acton will have to improve in a number of areas if the team hopes to travel any distance down the playoff road.

Friday night Sabres trekked to Orangeville for a joust with the league-leading Crushers and emerged on the short end of a 7-5 score.

Saturday evening at the Acton Community Centre Schomberg provided the opposition but little else changed as the Sabres bowed 5-1.

"I thought the team played well against Orangeville," said Sabre coach Ken Steen. "We were a bit shorthanded but for 55 minutes we stayed with the Crushers. Then the referee took the game out of our hands. It was a good all-round effort."

Orangeville scored two power play goals in the final five minutes of play as the Sabres were forced to play two men short.

The game was tied 1-1 after the first period and Orangeville enjoyed a slim 2-1 lead heading into the final period of play.

Then both teams' offences came to life with Orangeville outscoring Acton 5-4 over the final 20 minutes to seal the 7-5 win.

Despite the score, Jim Mantione, in the Acton nets, had a solid game.

Jeff Shevaier, Bob Gagnon, Mike Hunchuck, Tim McDonald and Peter Cargill were the Acton marksmen.

Shevaier added a pair of assists, as did Vince Rogers and Jason



Lucas. Saturday night, in a game described by Steen as one "we could have won and should have won," the Sabres did an about-face and came out flat, allowing Schomberg to post the relatively easy 5-1 win.

Schomberg scored twice in the first period, once in the second period and twice more in the third period. Acton managed but a single second period reply from Jeff Shevaier who converted passes from Jason Lucas and Bob Gagnon.

For various reasons, the Sabres were lacking in bodies against Schomberg and Steen used the opportunity to give three midget-age players some junior experience.

Kevin Caswell was inserted in the Sabres nets replacing Jim Mantione, midway through the third period after the issue had been virtually decided.

Paul Westaway and Paul McLeod, like Maswell, members of the Ed's In and Out midget team, also saw action against Schomberg.

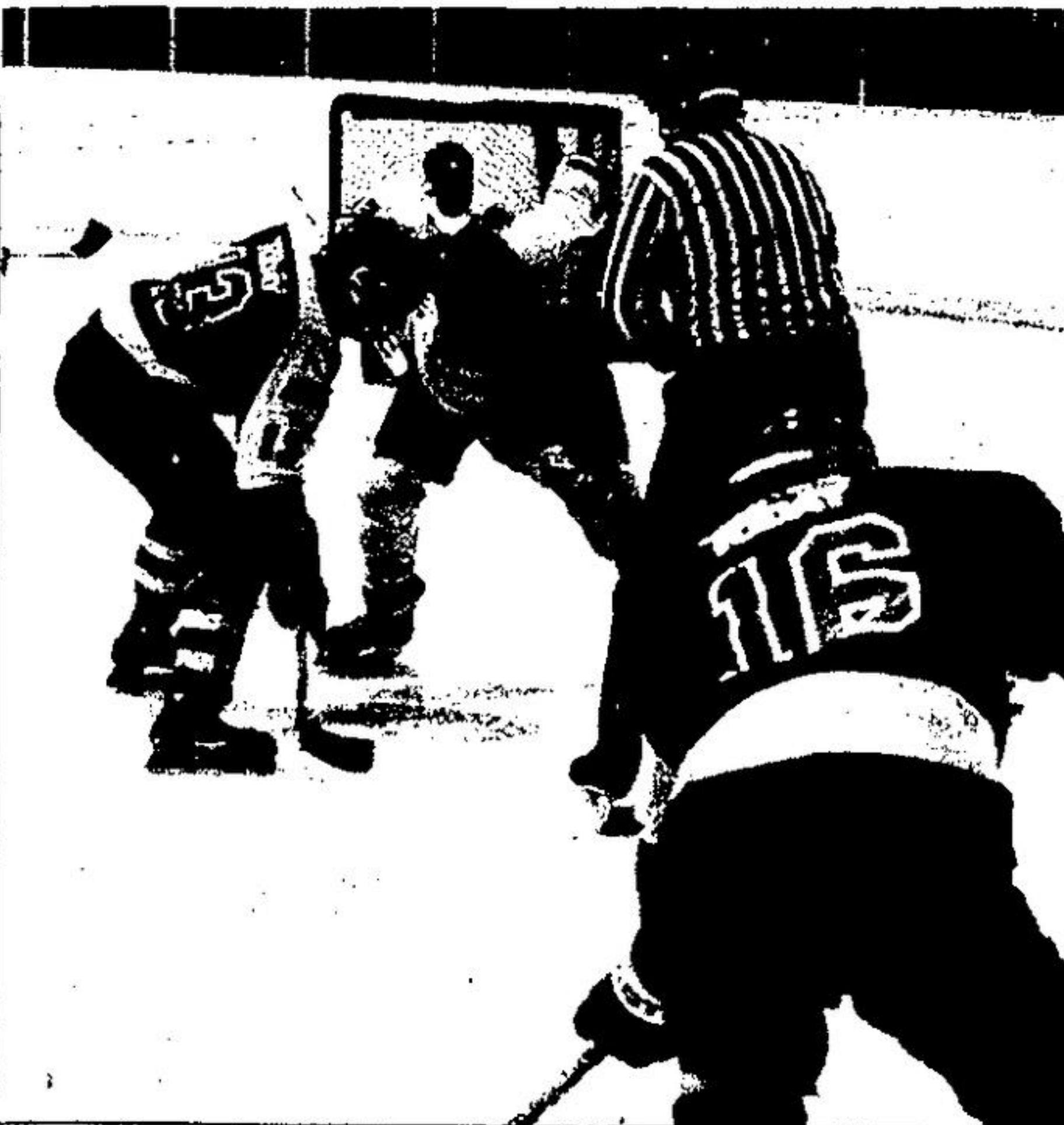
"We wanted to use them to give them some experience but also, to see if they would be able to help us," said Steen. "None of the three looked out of place against junior opposition."

Sabres played Tuesday night in Caledon against the Flyers, at press time, the score was not available.

Sabres round out 1989-90 Mid-Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League play this Friday with a game against Schomberg, 8 p.m. at the Acton Community Centre.

Depending on final league standings, according to Steen, Sabres first round playoff opponent would either be Caledon or Schomberg.

Sabres first home game of the best-of-five playoff series would be scheduled for Feb. 9, 8 p.m. at the Acton Community Centre.



GEORGETOWN PONTIAC-BUICK RAIDERS goaltender Shaun Reis gets a birds-eye view of the action during play in Saturday night's clash with Burlington Cougars. Burlington posted a 5-2 win but Reis stood his ground well in making 36 saves. (Herald photo)

Heritage dinner adds to lineup

The supporting cast is just about in place for the 13th Annual Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council awards dinner honoring the 1990 recipient of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award, Roy "Bungy" Ward.

The dinner is scheduled for Monday, March 12 at Holy Cross Auditorium on Maple Ave., in Georgetown and according to Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council chairman, Dave Kentner, a limited number of tickets are still available. Further information on the awards evening, with the reception scheduled for 6 p.m. and dinner to follow at 7 p.m., can be obtained by contacting Dave Kentner at either 873-0404 or 846-6639.

Ron MacLean, sportscaster on the CBC production Hockey Night in Canada will once again act as Master of Ceremonies.

Other head table guests include Syd Smith, Lefty Reid, Bo Elick, Harry Watson, John McCormick, Bill Hassard, Peter Conacher, John Lamau, Murray Henderson and Ivan Irwin.

A special feature of the evening will be Brian Darling and his collection of hockey cards which will be on display throughout the evening.

The Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council will be releasing the list of guest speakers for the gala affair the week of Feb. 12.