

Minus six regulars locals claim deadlock

Short-handed Raiders net 4-4 tie

Round Two in the battle for third in the Central League's West Division ended in a draw Tuesday night. A shortstaffed Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders club held a 4-1

lead in the final frame of Tuesday's game with Streetsville Derbys. But missing five regulars due to suspension and another with an injury took its toll on the locals as the Derbys

rallied for the 4-4 tie. The deadlock leaves the Raiders in third in the loop standings with a 15-12-9 record, two points better than the Derbys. The tie extended the Raiders undefeated

streak to nine games, equalling a season-high mark. "We just ran out of steam," said Raider coach Peter Sturgeon. "I was really impressed with the effort the

guys gave. For having five pretty good hockey players out of the lineup and another hurt (forward Bryan Gendron dressed and tried to play, but his shoulder injury didn't allow him to finish) we did just fine."

The Raiders were also hoping for player help from their Ontario Hockey League (OHL) affiliate Guelph Platers. However the defenceman Georgetown had hoped for was no longer eligible to play Junior B hockey having played in too many OHL contests. So it seems the Raiders aren't likely to get any players from Guelph for the remainder of the season.

"We were anticipating on a defenceman, an experienced one who could control our power play," Sturgeon said. "But I'm not going to take anything away from the crew we have right now. They've worked very hard and what I like is they're improving all the time."

Des Brown returned to the Raider lineup after being out these past few weeks with mononucleosis and had one goal. Greg Brazeau led the Georgetown attack with a pair while Travis Cole had the other. Again all three lines contributed in the scoring, which pleased Sturgeon. The Raider coach was also impressed with the play of Georgetown bantam affiliate player Ken Kosziwka, who toiled with Cole and Raider leading scorer Chuck Loreto. As well with netminder Todd King out of action with a knee injury the Raiders had major midget Chris Cambouris as starter Curtis Green's backup.

The Raiders returned to loop play last night, meeting Oakville Blades. Tonight Georgetown hosts Streetsville as the two hook up in their third game of the week. Friday the Raiders defeated the Derbys 11-9.

"It would be nice to get the win in Oakville then return here and get one against Streetsville," Sturgeon said. "We'd like to keep this going right on through to the playoffs."



NEAR MISS-Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders' forward Travis Cole (with back to camera) narrowly misses the net here in action last week between Georgetown and Streetsville Derbys. Georgetown defeated the Derbys 11-9 in this game and on Tuesday night the two sides battled to a 4-4 tie. Tonight the Derbys are here to take on the Raiders in the battle for third in the Central League's West Division. Photo by TED BROWN

Another close puck defeat for Acton Sabres

So close, but yet so far. That best sums up the Acton Sabres' plight Tuesday night against Caledon Flyers. A severely short-staffed Sabres' club (which was minus nine regulars, including four of their seven defencemen) put up a valiant effort in rallying from three two-goal deficits to tie their match 5-5 in the third period. But the hometown Flyers

went ahead about midway through the frame and added the insurance tally with just 20 seconds left after the Sabres came close to tying the contest. Absent from the game were defencemen Derron Bain, Tim McDonald, Dave Sutherland and D.J. Farnsworth. Up front the Sabres were minus Ian Ellis, Shawn O'Connell, Kevin Ritchie, Mike Nellis and Bob Wat-

son. But while being disappointed with not gaining the win, Sabres' coach Ken Steen said his team's coming the loss didn't come due to a lack of effort. "I was pleased with the effort everyone gave," Steen said. "Everyone gave it all they had and that's all you can ask."

"It's been my experience that seldom do you see a poor effort when you're shorthanded," Steen added. "As a player you tend to get into the game a lot more knowing you'll be playing every second shift or so whereas with a full squad you're on the bench three or so minutes before your next shift."

The loss was the second close affair for the Sabres, who last Friday night were just 36 seconds away from gaining an overtime tie with Schomberg Cougars. However the visitors netted a power play tally to leave with the 6-5 victory.

Sabres' captain Peter Cargill led the Acton attack with a pair of goals. Singles went to Troy Foster, Todd Shimirack and Steve Wagner. As well centre Jason Lucas assisted on four of the Acton tallies.

The Sabres returned to loop play last night hosting Alliston Hornets and Sunday the squad travels to Orangeville Crushers. With the regular season winding down Steen said good efforts in the remaining contests are imperative with the playoffs just right around the corner.

"It would be nice to head into the playoffs with a couple of wins," Steen said. "I think if we could get a win over a team like Orangeville we'd be in good shape."

NOTES - Sabres' defenceman Tim McDonald injured his knee in a pick-up game earlier in the week and as a precaution didn't play Tuesday.

Copper Kettle ladies capture darts decision

By ALEX TOUGH
"Wee" Jocky Wilson, the world ranked darts personality from Scotland and recently settled in the North of England, regained the World Darts Championship last weekend. Wilson last held the championship in 1982 when he defeated Eric Bristow for the title—history repeated itself on this occasion, although not without difficulty. Wilson also claimed the scalp of the deposed holder, the redoubtable Bob Anderson, on the way (semi-final in fact). However, TV (over there) has elected to drop darts from sports programmes in spite of an eight million plus viewing audience. The reports are that no

TV station is about to take darts under their wing. Valuable sponsorships could well be lost not to mention exciting viewing of the world's top players in action on the screen. A weekend of meetings and the Super Bowl have curtailed the time available for me to prepare the usual full article, so please bear with me on the more crucial news of the week past. Top score of the week goes to Helen Reid of O'Toole's with 180 and Brad Miller of Brackens shot a 102 finish. Brian Hicks (Time Out 1); Rick Harden and Terry Kouyoumjian (Hollywood); Gary Rodda (McGibbon 1); Anne Nicholson (McGibbon 2) were all players with two 140s and there were several others with 140 and over 130 scores, too many to mention. The Industrial league took time out for the annual 'mixed' doubles tourney. Mixed in that players are drawn to team up, in a blind draw, with players from another team. There were sufficient entries to split the group into two sections, upstairs and downstairs at the usual hosting premises at the Legion. The upstairs section produced Pete Pickering and Cam Levers as section winners through to the final. The tandem defeated Gerry Wallace and Hugh

Smid in the semi final. The downstairs section saw Joe Poirier and Jim Nicholson go down to John Burke and Dave Robinson in that semi final. Pickering/Levers came as tournament champions in the end. The consolation section had Gary Rodda and George O'Neil defeat John Royce and self in one semi final (the third and deciding game by a 'skunk'). The other semi final was between Trevor Williams and Don Eady against Jim Watson and Mark Campbell with Watson/Campbell winning through. The eventual winners were the Rodda/O'Neil duo. Congratulations to all participants and champions. Back to normal next week, folks.

RESULTS FOR MONDAY, JAN. 16
Brackens 10 vs Time Out 2
Copper Kettle 8 vs McGibbon 2 6
O'Toole's 7 vs McGibbon 1 7
Time Out 1 8 vs Hollywood 6

MATCHES FOR MONDAY, JAN. 23
Timeout 1 vs Hollywood
Copper Kettle vs McGibbon 1
McGibbon 1 vs O'Toole's
Brackens vs Time Out 2

STATISTICAL PERFORMANCES
1. 180s: Helen Reid (O'Toole's).
3. High Closes: 102 Brad Miller (Brackens).
4. High Scores: 140 Brian Hicks (2); Alex Tough, Geo. Williams (T.O. 1); Kevin Baldwin, Kavan Drumm (O'T); Rick Harden (2), Terry Kouyoumjian (2) (H); Gary Rodda, Ian McDonald (2), (McG1); Anne Nicholson (McG2); Ray Catney (CK); Dwayne Maltby (B); Larry Vary (TO2).
133 Darlene Fyvie (McG2); John Colter (TO2).
132 Ron Scarlett (TO1).

HALTON HILLS HOCKEY LEAGUE				
STANDINGS				
Team	W	L	T	Pts
United Rental	14	0	0	28
McGibbon Hotel	11	3	0	22
LePage's	7	5	2	16
Genoe Remax	7	7	0	14
Dodge Remax	6	8	0	12
Hawks	4	9	1	9
Station House	3	10	1	7
Arnie's Body Shop	2	12	0	4

REGION OF PEEL DARTS LEAGUE									
TEAM	P	W	T	L	F	A	A	D	Tot
Time Out 1	17	17	0	0	187	51	-	1	186
McGibbon 1	17	13	1	3	155	83	-	1	154
Hollywood	17	11	2	4	141	97	-	1	141
O'Toole's	17	8	4	5	141	97	-	1	141
Brackens	17	7	3	7	125	113	-	6	119
Copper Kettle	17	5	2	10	96	142	-	1	95
Time Out 2	17	2	0	15	68	170	-	1	63
McGibbon 2	17	0	0	17	39	199	-	3	42