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Derbys, Blades hand Georgetown first losses of season Raiders brought back to reality

When the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders began the Central Ontario Hockey League season with only one returning defenceman, coach Charlie Hanman knew the club was in for some long nights.

Well, Saturday was one of those nights.

The Mississauga Derbys scored three power-play goals, including two in a three-goal second period, to break open a 1-1 contest en route to a 6-1 victory over Georgetown to avenge an earlier 7-6 overtime loss to Georgetown earlier in the season. On Friday night the

Raiders dropped a 5-3 decision to the Oakville Blades, their first loss after starting the year with three straight victories.

The Raiders started the campaign with only Steve Weishar as the lone returning blueliner, and three rookies on the roster. Last week new-

comer Colin Hooper signed one, nudging the number of first-year players to four.

Actually, Georgetown's problems began Friday, when with the Raiders leading 2-0 starting goaltender Jason Sirota had to leave the game with an injured finger on his

catching hand. From that point on, the hometown Blades took control of the contest by outscoring the visitors 4-1 before clinching the victory with an empty-net goal.

The following night the Raiders seemed content to play most of the game in their own end, thanks in part to numerous penalties. Only fine play from backup goalie Jamie Szyk, who stopped 34 shots, kept the game respectable.

"We just did not kill penalties well at all in both games," said Hanman, whose team surrendered three goals while Oakville had the man advantage. "We haven't spent a lot of time working on that, but we will."

Georgetown's penalty-killing woes aren't the only concern for Hanman. The Raiders' offence is a currently uni-dimensional, with forward Trevor Brandt having scored all the goals.

In fact, Brandt has eight of the Raiders last 10 scoring points.

"I am concerned about not only our lack of offence, but the whole situation right now," Hanman said. "But I feel it stems totally from the defence."

"We've got guys up front who can put the puck into the net, but our defence has to get the puck up to them quicker. The only way they can do that is through hard work and repetition."

While being fully prepared to endure the tough times, the Raiders' dismal play Saturday left Hanman fit to be tied. In the second after a sloppy breakout by Georgetown resulted in a needless two-line pass, a visibly frustrated Hanman, normally a mild-mannered individual, grabbed a water bottle and slammed it to the floor.

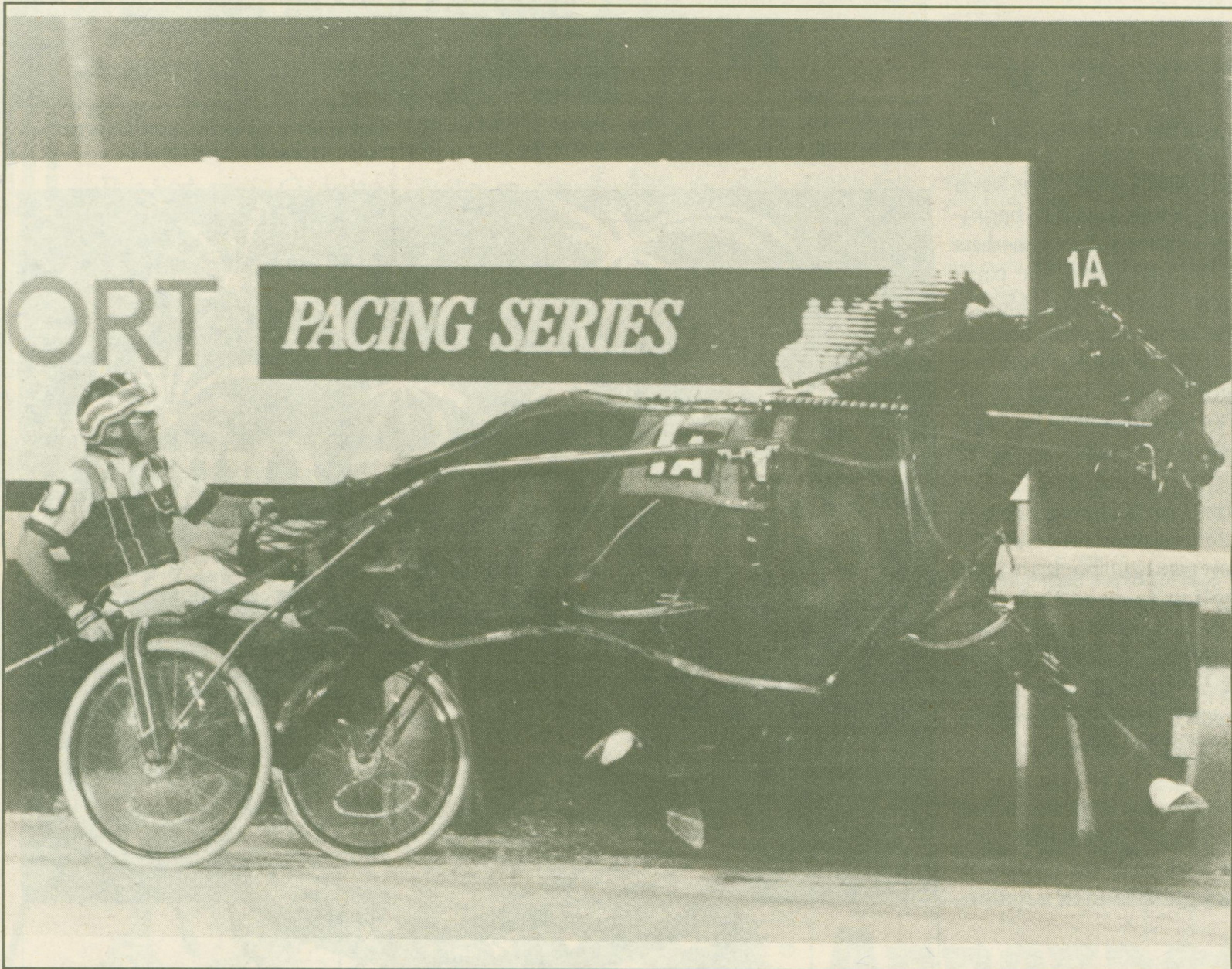
A moment later, with form that would rival that of any of football's top field-goal kickers, Hanman gave the bottle the boot.

On another occasion, after one of many off-side calls, the Raider coach calmly walked to one of the two steel beams situated behind the Georgetown bench, and gently rested his head, facing inward, against the steel pillar, as if to say "Why me?"

However, the coach made it clear he isn't about to give up on his defencemen.

"I'd hate to go back to Georgetown having a losing record, but I'm prepared to do it this year because we've got a lot of good, young hockey players."

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Friday night's Aged Horse Pace for \$368,100 at Mohawk went to Artsplace, with \$100-million man John Campbell of Ailsa Craig, Ont. in the sulky. Artsplace had no trouble winning its 15th race in a row in 1:52 even.

Legion #4 tops Halton darts divisional play

By Alex Tough

Monday's Halton League results: George #1 11, Copper Kettle #1 3; Copper Kettle #2 7 Time Out #2 7; Time Out #1 8 Legion #3 7; Legion #4 8, McGibbon 6; Legion #1 8, George #3 6; George #2 12, Legion #2 1; and George #4 3, O'Tooles 11.

The results put Legion #4 at the top of the heap with McGibbon dropping to second spot, just a point back. George #2 retains third spot two points behind McGibbon. O'Tooles is

fourth, one point behind George #2. Time Out #1 and #3 round out the top half of the division. Legion #2 dropped to last place behind George #3.

The top match of the week, surely, was the encounter between McGibbon and Legion #4. Legion took the singles 5-3, lost the doubles 3-1 and won the teams 2-0. Add them up and Legion took the match, away from home, by two pints. Stan Rhynold shot 180 and two 140s. In a fine match, Pete Pickering, Terry Hancock, Dan

Abercrombie, Dave Nicholls, Eddie Ebbinge, Terry Winters, Doug Anderson and Glenn Hillier all shot 140s.

Danny Drumm and Mark See also shot 180s. Paul Kirby scored five 140s, John Shannon and Hugh Smid both had one each. Roger Armstrong shot two 140s in a losing cause.

Bill Blackburn one in a winning cause. Other 140s were scored by Ian McDonald and Wayne Eagles, Hank Van Gogh, Roger Vanderham,

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