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Raiders just miss ending streak

Twenty-seven seconds is all that separated the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders from putting a halt to their six-game losing streak.

But quicker than you could say "It's over," the Raiders found themselves going down to their seventh straight loss, thanks to Dan Delmonte of the Oakville Blades.

Delmonte's goal with 27 seconds to play lifted the Blades to a 7-6 win over the Raiders on Saturday night. In Milton on Friday, the Raiders dropped a 7-4 decision to the defending Central League champions.

Goaltender Carmello Giurello, a league all-star with Georgetown

last year who only signed on with the Raiders last week, played in both contests and couldn't be faulted with the losses, coach Charlie Hanman said.

"I feel very confident with Carm in goal," Hanman said. "He played well last year, but he's a better goalie now.

"If we can get some help on defence, we'll be fine."

Oakville held a 2-1 first-period advantage, and lead 3-2 entering the third. Jonathan Levack, seeing his first action in a while after sitting out with a neck injury, led the way with two goals. Brent Ford, Dean Roberts, with the Raiders

shorthanded, Jim English and Ian Ellis had the other goals.

The Raiders were minus four regulars for the Oakville game. Team captain Trevor Elinesky will be out for two weeks with a separated shoulder after being injured in a high school football game Friday. Dean Doner couldn't play Saturday after shattering the toe of one of his skates and being unable to fine a replacement pair. Forward Randy Bond also was out because of a bad leg bruise and Todd McKee had a prior engagement.

Results of the Milton game weren't available.

The Raiders are expecting a host

of new faces in practice this week, including Jeff Churney, a 20-year-old defenceman who has Junior experience in both the Central and Metro Junior leagues. With the Raiders currently having four rookies back on defence, the club hopes Churney, if signed, could provide stability on the blueline.

Also expected are centre Sonny Cordillo, a Milton team member who elsewhere; forward Peter Ronson, who is listed as being six-foot-two and tipping the scales at 240 pounds; and left-winger Mike Croucher, who spent time with Milton and the Acton Jr. C Sabres (who are now in Erin).

The Raiders would also like to take another look at left-winger Jason Mizzi, a new resident of Georgetown currently attending York University. Mizzi played Junior B in London last year, but Raiders officials haven't been able to get in touch with him recently.

Even with the mounting defeats, Hanman hardly sounds like someone not enjoying himself.

"I'm really happy with the assistant coaches (Bert Osborne and Jay Anderson) and I've got an excellent general manager in Finn Poulstrup, who must be getting a lot of flak right now," Hanman said. "I'm really enjoying this so far and I hope it (coaching change) doesn't come because if we can get a couple more players I feel we'll be off to the races.

The Raiders return to league play tonight in Royal York, then host Caledon on Saturday.

Smith nets winner for AA atoms

The Georgetown major AA atom players travelled to Chinguacousy on Oct. 21 and came away with a 2-1 win.

The contest started aggressively, with Matt Hotham's unassisted goal at 4:36 opening the scoring. The contest continued with aggressive play, highlighted by excellent back checking from Scott Ellis and Bryan Stuttard.

Goaltender Tyler Pearce came up with a big save at the 2:16 mark, with Josh Travers continuing to forecheck well. Stuttard contributed a fine defensive play as Georgetown finished the first leading 1-0.

Georgetown have a great scoring chance early in the second as Michael Rovere made a nice pass from behind the net to teammate Daniel Smith, who narrowly missed the net. Roddy Heinz's shot at 7:26 is stopped by the Chinguacousy goaltender.

Shortly after, with Georgetown killing a penalty, Chinguacousy had some scoring pressure of its own, but Pearce came up big. However, less than 20 seconds later Chinguacousy tied the score.

Two fine Pearce saves later, Rovere, Heinz and Smith combined for the winning goal with just 50 seconds remaining, with Smith netting the winner.

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Alison Coe and Kara Leatherland are the latest members of the Acton Figure Skating Club to capture their Gold Dance tests. Coe (left), 16, who has been skating for nine years, recently passed her Westminister Waltz to captured the prestigious honor.



Leatherland, 19, who has been skating for 16 years, passed both the Westminister Waltz and the Argentina to claim the the test. Both are coached by Cindy Currie and had Dave Scarborough as their partner.

Photos by Kathy Toth

Novices extend their win streak

By Mara Fantegrossi

The Beaver Lumber major novices continued with their winning ways last week.

The team picked up three weekend wins and added another win to stretch their impressive opening record to seven victories.

The Georgetown Raiders downed

visiting Hamilton 4-2. Scoring unassisted goals were Kyle Hotham, Alex Durham and Brandon Valente. Kevin Binsell, with assists from Bradley Snow and Mark Fantegrossi, had the other.

The following day the Raiders hosted Oakville, and came away with a 4-3 win. Georgetown domi-

nated the first half of the game, scoring four unanswered goals: Graham McCulloch from Corey Forbes, Hotham from Durham and Valente, Ronny Larocque from Hotham, and the eventual game winner from Valente, with Hotham drawing the assist. Oakville rallied with three third-period goals, but

that's as close at the visitors could get.

The Raiders' offence was again dominant on their third consecutive night of play. On the road in Chinguacousy, Georgetown claimed a 6-2 victory. Larocque and McCulloch had two goals each,

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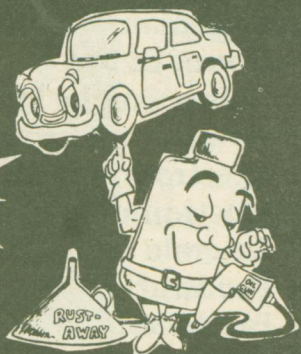
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