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Former Petes captain returns to Georgetown

Gendron re-signs with Raiders club

Bryan Gendron is living proof you can go home after all.

The former Ontario Hockey League player signed on with the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders on Monday night. Five years ago Gendron, then a lanky left-winger out of Brampton minor hockey, joined the Georgetown club and performed well enough to get drafted in the sixth round of the OHL draft by the Peterborough Petes.

All that stands in the way of the reunion becoming official is

Gendron passing through the OHL waivers. The Raiders will find that out today, and should he pass as expected, Gendron will be in the Raiders' lineup Thursday night in Brampton trying to help Georgetown snap a nine-game losing streak.

But Gendron won't be the lone player making his Raider debut Thursday. Defenceman Jeff Churney, the 20-year-old defenceman with Central and Metro league experience who didn't play last sea-

son, will line up on the blueline for Georgetown against the Capitals.

Gendron was more than happy with his days in Peterborough, which included him being the Petes captain last season. However, he began the season with the Owen Sound Platers as an over-age player the result of a trade. Even though he had five goals and five assists in eight games, the 20-year-old wasn't happy with the Platers, cellar dwellers in the OHL's Emms Division, and left two weeks ago.

"My three years with the Petes spoiled me," the amiable Gendron said. "Even though when I left I was having a pretty good year, I just wasn't happy with the Owen Sound program.

"I found myself getting very frustrated and I felt if I was going to just put in time, I might as well do it at home."

Even though both the Milton Merchants and the Brampton Capitals courted the six-foot-one, 185-pounder, Gendron said his first

thought was to return to Georgetown.

"There was really never doubt because this is where I started," he said. "I've always been treated fairly in Georgetown."

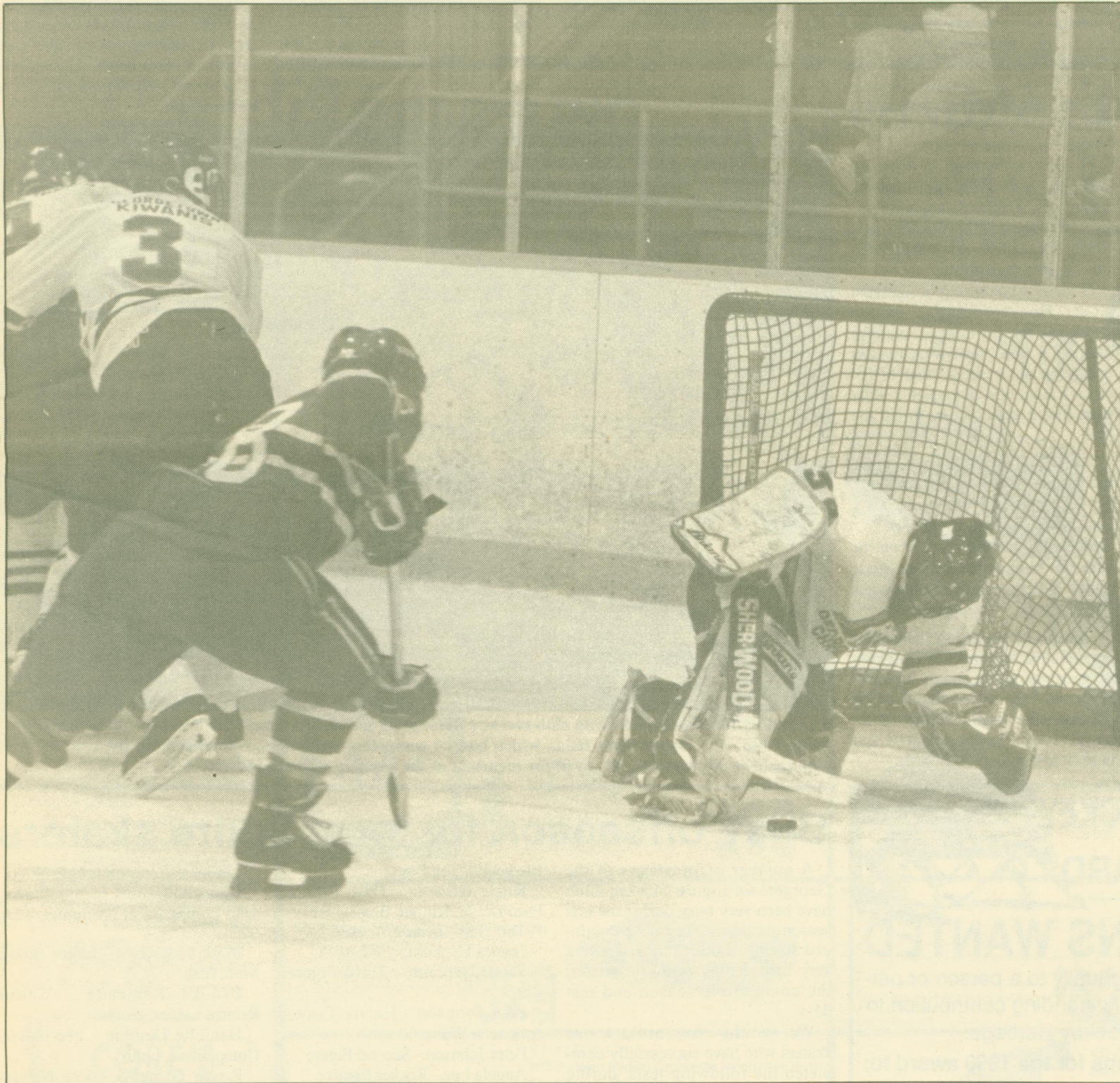
The addition of Gendron, while helping to solidify the forward ranks, doesn't address the Raiders most pressing issue, which is experience on defence. But Georgetown coach Charlie Hanman is confident Gendron's work ethic will rub off on all team members.

"From what I know he is a team guy and he's tough," Hanman said. "I do think he will be a leader for us and be very hard nosed."

Raider assistant coach Jay Anderson, a former teammate of Gendron's during his stay in Georgetown, had similar sentiments.

"To me Bryan is the ultimate team player who does whatever it takes for the system," he said. "We're having a problem with commitment to our system and

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Sometimes two heads aren't better than one, as goaltender Jason Sirota of the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders can attest to. Here, he covers up a loose puck, with a Caledon player closing in, while Raider defencemen Ante Galic (4) and Kevin Moxey (3) collectively take one Caledon player out. However, the Canadiens scored quickly and often, taking a 9-2 win Saturday to hand the Raiders their ninth straight loss.

Bennett called up by Hawks

Adam Bennett is back in the National Hockey League.

The Georgetown native was called up by the Chicago Blackhawks last week, and wasted little time making a contribution. He had an assist in the Hawks' 3-2 win over the Boston Bruins on Saturday, but was held off the scoresheet in Chicago's 4-4 tie with the San Jose Sharks on Sunday. San Jose goaltender Brian Hayward, another Georgetown native, played for the Sharks.

This isn't Bennett's first stay with the parent club. He was called up by Chicago at playoff time last year and stayed with the Hawks during their Stanley Cup drive, which stalled in the final against the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Bennett, the six-foot-four, 210-pound defenceman who was the Hawks' first-round pick in the 1989 NHL draft, returned to Chicago's camp for the fourth straight year this summer and felt he performed well enough to start the year with the NHL club. But he was one of the team's final cuts and was sent to the organization's International Hockey League affiliate in Indianapolis.



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