

# Canadiens hand Raiders their ninth straight defeat

Jody Spagnol found the Halloween goodies at the Alcott Arena much to his liking Saturday night.

The Caledon forward was a one-man wrecking crew, trick-or-treating his way to five goals and an assist in powering the Canadiens to a 9-2 dismantling of the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders. The loss extended the home team's losing streak to nine games as the Raiders' record

dropped to 3-9, leaving Georgetown sixth in the seven-team Central Ontario Junior Hockey League West Division standings.

The Raiders began the contest well enough, keeping the Canadiens' high-powered offence in check and finishing the first period trailing only 2-1. But then, with Spagnol leading the way with four goals, the Canadiens blew the game wide open, outscoring Georgetown 6-1 over the

final two periods.

Dean Roberts had both the Raiders' goals.

What angered Georgetown coach Charlie Hanman most about the ghoulish defeat was not the loss itself, but the visible lack of effort displayed by some Raiders players. And Hanman made it quite clear he's tired of it and wants something done.

"We've got to stabilize our defence, but we've also

got to make some trades and get some help and some maturity here," he said emphatically. "We've got to make some trades for the sake of making some trades and get some fresh blood here.

"Hockey is such an important element of this community, and the Raider name means a lot here. But these fans aren't going to come out and watch this for long. I feel bad for the people who come out and pay good money to watch something like this."

Hanman did notice some bright spots in what was otherwise a forgettable contest. Raider goaltender Jason Sirota stopped 38 shots and was often being the victim of a lack of support in trying to stop a second and third attempts. The frustration of the night got the best of Sirota late in

the game. He became involved in a melee in the Raiders' zone, and was instructed by the game official to vacate the area. Sirota skated near centre ice, where Caledon netminder Greg Gardner was standing and the two netminders, with Sirota doing the taunting, almost came to blows.

That will result in a two-game suspension for both goalies.

Affiliates Shawn Perrson, called up from the Erin Jr. C Shamrocks (formerly the Acton Sabres) and Mark Lunn, who earlier Saturday played for the Georgetown juvenile team, caught the coach's eye.

However, Hanman was also quick to point out the Canadiens were very quick to make the most of the Raiders' mistakes.

"Let's put this into perspective," he said. "That hockey team is as good a team as we're going to see."

"But quality players on a hockey team are always going to try no matter what the score is. This is real frustrating for us coaches and it has to be awful frustrating for some of these players."

Ironically, when Hanman first arrived at the Alcott Arena early Saturday night, he thought his club was poised for the upset.

"I honestly thought we were going to steal one, and after the first I figured we could pull off the minor miracle," he said. "Then came the second period."

The Raiders have a very busy schedule, mixing a little business with pleasure.

The business will be three league games, but that won't come before a little pleasure. The Georgetown team travelled to Erie, Penn., on Tuesday to spend a few days visiting the campus of Mercyhurst College, a Division II school. In addition to playing that school's junior varsity team and visiting the campus, the Georgetown team will take in the Mercyhurst varsity team's season opener. Former Raider Tom Viola is a member of the varsity squad.

"It seems all of the successful Junior clubs have a link with the American colleges," said Raiders general manager Finn Poulstrup. "We got along well with the Mercyhurst people last year and it seemed like a natural."

On Thursday night, the team travels to Brampton to meet the Capitals, then is in Burlington on Friday night to take on the Cougars. On Saturday afternoon, Georgetown is at Mississauga.

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Bryan will go out and make it work, which hopefully will rub off on the other players.

"I think once Bryan gets comfortable here and gets used to the players he'll be tough in the dressing room, which I think will cause the other guys to pick up their game because Bryan doesn't stand for a half effort."

But Raider general manager Finn Poulstrup quickly pointed out Gendron isn't expected to turn Georgetown's fortunes around by himself himself.

"One player isn't going to win the season for us," he said. "It's not fair to put that load on his back."

"But this is a very important acquisition for us. Bryan has proven he can play and has been to a level that a lot of our guys want to be at."

The pressure and expectations don't concern Gendron.

"No one can put more pressure on me than myself," he said. "There will be a lot of weight put on my shoulders, but I feel I can help the team turn it around."

"I haven't been here in a long

time, so things are going to be somewhat different. There are a lot of quality players here who just don't have that polish yet, and hopefully because I've been in the OHL I can help them out.

"I'm not concerned about being a marked man either because I've been able to handle myself in the OHL. But I'm not here to prove myself or prove anything. I just want to play and contribute."

And have fun, now that he has come to the realization that pro hockey isn't in his future. Gendron already has a few irons in the fire concerning lining up a job.

"I went to the draft in Montreal last year and didn't get drafted, which was a little disappointing," he said. "The road to the NHL is a tough one, but it's even tougher if you haven't been drafted."

"I guess I could play in the East Coast Hockey League or the Colonial Hockey League, but I'm almost 21 now and I want to start preparing for a career. You've got to look at the rest of your life rather than just a year or two down the road."

"This is going to be a lot more fun for me. The intensity will still be there, but I'm going to be a lot more relaxed on and off the ice."

Poulstrup, for one, isn't about to relax. He figures the Raiders are a couple of defencemen and a rugged forward away from respectability.

"This is a tough act to follow, but somewhere we have to find two defencemen and a tough forward. However, I feel we've improved 30 per cent after having signed (goaltender) Carm Giurleo, Churney and now Gendron."



The Halton Hills Blue Fins swim club recently made a big splash at a competition hosted by the Alderwood Swim Club. The Halton Hills team, which had 24 competing swimmers, returned from the Oct. 25 event with the overall team title. Many of the members of the winning club are pictured here.

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A number of members of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club have been very busy during the off-season months. They have continued skating at other clubs, working very hard getting ready for winter, the competitive season and test days.

We would congratulate our skaters who have successfully completed the following tests, during the off-season months:

Mark Fedyschyn - Second figure, Baby Blues

Michael Fedyschyn - Novice competitive test (Figure, Freeskate,

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Paul Johnson - Harris Tango, American Waltz

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Angela Lee - Rocker Foxtrot

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Brooke Remenda - Third Figure, Rocker Foxtrot, Harris Tango

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Lesley Watson - Starlight Waltz

Congratulations to our Skaters who competed at "Summer Skate 92"

Mark Fedyschyn - Junior Bronze Men, first

Brooke Remenda - Senior Bronze Ladies, second

Danielle Dembie - Pre-Novice Competitive, ninth

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