

Injuries hit Raiders again

During Saturday's 9-2 loss at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena to the Milton Merchants, forwards Doug Sheppard, Dan LeClair and goaltender Nick Montessano of the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders suffered injuries.

The bad luck continues for the Raiders in the injury department just as it seemed their line-up was getting

healthy.

Dan LeClair, playing in just his second game, suffered ligament damage to a knee and will be lost three-to-four weeks after being fitted with a walking cast.

Sheppard suffered a similar injury to a knee, however the prognosis is that the injury isn't as severe as LeClair's.

The Raiders are hoping

that Sheppard will miss only a week to 10 days, but will find out more after further examination.

Sheppard has been enjoying a great rookie season for the Raiders with 36 points (18 goals and 18 assists) in 25 games this year.

Montessano, who had been out recently with a groin injury, suffered an injury to his rib cage, after stopping a puck in the second period.

Montessano didn't return for the third period, being replaced by Paul Stinnett.

No ribs were cracked and how his movement is during the week in practice will determine when Montessano returns to the line-up. The Raiders hope he will be back for the weekend.

Andy Pazaver is questionable for this weekend, still nursing a broken hand. He re-injured it after returning to the line-up last week.

Barry Parsons returned to the line-up Saturday after separating his shoulder earlier.



Georgetown Chrysler Raiders goalie Paul Stinnett came into the game replacing injured Nick Montessano in the third period and had all he could handle against the Milton Merchants last Saturday at Gordon Alcott arena as the visitors won, 9-2.

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Nellis Sabres cut down opposition

The Acton Nellis Construction Sabres played two games last week and notched two more victories improving their season to 12-3-3.

The hosted Elora Wednesday night, outscoring them 7-3. Jon Newby, Mark Pawlak and Andrew Pembleton each scored twice and Mike Dube scored once for Acton. Assists went to Adam Brouillard, Sean Kirk, Shawn Prentice, Chris

Jowett, David Lyons, John Field, Pembleton and Dube.

On Saturday, Acton traveled to Milton for a late afternoon game and after two periods with only one goal, Acton finally found the range and blanked Milton 4-0.

John Field fired two goals and two assists, Jon Newby and Andrew Pembleton each had a goal and an assist, while Mike McDonald and Steve Atkinson recorded assists.

Raiders suffer costly loss to Merchants

By Mike Zrostek

It was a good news, bad news weekend for the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, when they defeated Royal York

Rangers 7-4 Friday, then took one on the chin Saturday against Milton, losing 9-2.

Three first period goals by Trevor Brandt, Doug Sheppard and Ian Ellis Friday, gave the Raiders the lead they would need. Both teams exchanged goals the rest of the way as Georgetown extended Royal York's winless streak to 23 games.

Saturday, Milton pumped in six second period goals en route to the win. More importantly, the Raiders have lost forwards Doug Sheppard, newly signed Dan LeClair and goalie Nick Montessano for some time with injuries.

Following the 3-0 first period lead Friday, the Raiders glided the rest of the way. Some outstanding goaltending by Paul Stinnett, who stopped 32 shots, helped the Raiders preserve the win.

Chris Monk counted a beautiful shorthanded

goal. He had a defender wrapped around him as he charged the net, then slid the puck past Ranger goalie Terry Doumkos.

Dave Milek, Brandt and an empty-netter by Sheppard accounted for the other goal. Despite the win, head coach Gary Ford wasn't thrilled with the game.

"It's two points. They (the Raiders) came in here thinking they were going to score 10 or 11 goals and they took the game lightly," said Ford.

Ford credits the team with their smart play in recent outings, however thinks the team is still inconsistent.

"They seem to be playing smarter and not taking as many dumb penalties, but their play is game-to-game. You can't tell what team is going to show up."

Saturday the Raiders were in it for the first 23 minutes before the wheels fell off and Milton pumped six goals in 15 minutes in the second period on their way to the win.

Will North and Ian Ellis replied for the Raiders who are now 6-19 on the year.

The Raiders have a home-and-home series with the Brampton Capitals this week. Thursday's (tomorrow's) game is in Brampton at 7:30 p.m. with the return match Friday at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, game time 8 p.m. No game has been scheduled for Saturday.

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