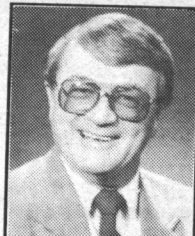




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## Raiders lacking consistent effort in losses

By Mike Zrostek

Once again, the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders of the Ontario Provincial Junior A Hockey League West Division couldn't put together strong 60 minute back-to-back efforts over the weekend, losing Friday 6-4 in Milton, and Saturday at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, 6-3 to Burlington.

Friday, the Raiders found themselves trailing the Milton Merchants 2-0 after two periods before responding in the third period, in a closely-played game.

Goals by Kevin Lamb and Ian Ellis, in a span of 1:28 in the third tied the game before the Merchants went ahead 3-2 just over a minute later on a Ryan Delorande goal, as both teams combined for eight third period goals.

The two teams then exchanged goals the rest of the way, including two from the Raiders Doug Sheppard and an empty-netter by Milton with one second left.

Saturday, the Raiders play was very sporadic against Burlington, with a lackluster first period that saw the Cougars all over Georgetown.

The Cougars had a 3-0 lead after one, and if it were not for Raiders' goalie Nick Montessano's sensational play, the score could have been much worse.

The only Raiders chance in the first came on an Ellis breakaway, with his shot ringing off the cross bar.

Ellis hit the post three

times in the game and a Sheppard rocket in the second period clanged the iron, as the puck wasn't bouncing for the Raiders.

Georgetown came out in the second, putting together a solid effort, with Ellis getting the Raiders on the board on a blast from just inside the blue-line, after receiving a Trevor Elinesky pass.

With the score 4-1 Burlington poured it on in the third adding two, running the count to 6-1 in their favor.

Lamb and Elinesky scored late in the third for the

Raiders as Georgetown came on too little too late, in this one.

With the loss, the Raiders are now 6-23 on the season and it appears that a young talented team like the Raiders, who need to play 60 minutes of hockey to win, just aren't and head coach Gary Ford says the players aren't listening.

"We threw it away, they just didn't come to play," said Ford on the Saturday night loss. "They played well Friday but tonight (Saturday) we told them to dump it in,

but a few of them just want to do it on their own. They get down if they haven't scored by the first intermission."

Georgetown was in Streetsville last night (Tuesday, results weren't available at press time). The two teams then meet 7:30 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena for a rare Sunday game this weekend.

From there, the Raiders then play twice on Monday and on Tuesday in the Newmarket Junior "A" Showcase Tournament.



Georgetown Chrysler Raiders goalie Nick Montessano stops this Burlington Cougar forward during a break-away in the first period of play last Saturday at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. Montessano played a strong game in net despite the 6-3 Raider loss.

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## St. Kitts dumped

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Chase Trull (2), Clem D'Orazio, and Schott. Final 4-4.

On Sunday, St. Catharines visited Hillsburgh and were handed a convincing 5-2 loss by the Halton squad. Halton controlled play through most of the game, led by Ryan Ellis who was able to control the puck in both zones and all points in between. Lucas Scott had a four-point night with a nice hat trick, including one unassisted. Ellis had the other two.

Assists went to Scott Enair (2), who played well from his point putting shots onto the goal. Chase Trull, John Gleed, Adam Sturgeon and Aaron Cowey each had assists. Ryan McManus showed good control of the puck to keep St. Catharines from getting advantage of rebounds.

This game could have been much higher scoring but a lot of good plays setting up chances at the St. Catharines net came up short with pucks bounding off posts or sailing just wide of the mark.

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