

Raiders surrender three goal lead in loss to Kilty Bees

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The Georgetown Raiders couldn't hold on to an early lead Tuesday night at Mountain Arena, and eventually dropped a 9-6 decision to the Hamilton Kilty Bees.

Under new coach Rick Bince, the Raiders mounted a 6-3 advantage through the first half of the contest. They led 3-2 after the opening frame and then unloaded with three quick goals early in the second.

From then on, some big defensive lapses allowed Hamilton to tie things up

at 6-6 by the end of the second and shutout Georgetown 3-0 through the final stanza.

The Raiders, who surrendered a four-goal lead in their 7-7 draw with St. Michael's last Sunday, are now 5-16-3 at the midway mark of the season.

"Defensive mistakes were what killed us," said general manager Jules Russiani. "The defensemen are not taking the man in front. They're trying to stick check instead of using the body."



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Working the net for the visitors was Marcello Martella, who was challenged 39 times. The Raiders fired 10 shots at starting netminder Sam Stewbachs and another 15 at Ryan Geekie, who came in after Georgetown's fifth goal.

Leading the attack were veteran forwards Will Pomp and Bill Rennie, who stretched their current scoring streaks to seven games. Pomp notched a pair of goals, including a shorthanded marker in the second, while Rennie set up both his

goals and another by J.P. DiFazio.

Also counting two goals was Krys Barch, with Dave D'Ammizio netting the first. Darryl Slaney picked up two assists and D'Ammizio, Rob Crawford, Marco Presutti and Dan Gilpin drew single helpers.

The loss came without Steve Guiney and newly acquired defenseman Brad Martin, who were both out sick.

The Raiders are at Teen Ranch this afternoon (Sunday) to meet the Junior Rangers in a 1:30 p.m. start. They are at home on Saturday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. against the Bramalea Blues.

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Scutts claim crown

The Industrial league held the teams doubles tourney last week in place of the usual standard fare.

Nineteen teams were entered with most teams entering two sets. Four sections contested for the last four places.

A two way play off in the first section saw the Scutt boys come through in first place. A three way play off took place in section two before Joe Cairns/Stam Rhynold prevailed. Section three also went to a play off with Nail Olmstead/Larry Hunt qualifying. Keeping in line was section four where Chris Hildebrand/Henry Graham won through after another play off.

Chris and Dave Scutt struggled awhile before winning through over the Olmstead/Hunt due by 2-1. In the other semi final Cairns/Rhynold took care of Graham/Hildebrand. The final opened with Cairns finishing the first set. Scutts returned to form and ran out the next two sets for the championship win, representing Bossman in the tourney. It is back to league play next week.

The Halton league continued with league play last Monday as normal. Legion Three 9-5 over Royal Pizza, Time Out One 8-6 over Legion One, Legion Two 10-4 over Time Out Two, Charleys Two 8-6 over Brackys Fat Bunch, Charleys One 11-3 over Brackys Tapsters and Brackys Brew Crew 10-4 over McGibbon were the posted results.

Charleys One opened in strong style, as was expected, against Brackys Tapsters in taking the opening teams sets as well as the opening three singles sets. Bob Engleby stepped in to defeat Russ Hillier and Denise Vallance shook Dan Abercrombie to put Tapsters on the board. However, Charleys steadied and won the remaining singles and three of four doubles to reach the 11-3 victory. Rena Gray and Denise Vallance won their doubles over Neil Olmstead and Dan Abercrombie in fine style.

Denise Vallance had a great night of darts. She hit for 180, 156, 140, 140 and 140 as well as singles and doubles wins. She topped individual stats with 13 points.

Hosting meet this weekend

Blue Fins working with new coaches

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Halton Hills Blue Fins (HHBF), Georgetown's competitive swim club, is currently hosting what is to be its biggest and best meet.

This weekend (Saturday and Sunday) the Fins are hosting 11 swim clubs from south/central Ontario. The organizations' first ever two-day meet is being held at the Georgetown Indoor Pool, and will draw close to 200 swimmers including youngsters from the Acton Aqua Ducks.

Preparing for this type of competition involves commitment of time and energy.

For example, the clubs' competitive swimmers have worked hard during their five practice sessions per week. The swimmers focussed on developing four basic strokes (freestyle, butterfly, back and breast strokes). They have also hone their turning techniques, and continue to increase their stamina and strength.

As an enhancement to the club's competitive program, this year the organization introduced a new "Pre-competitive" level.

HHBF is holding two pre-competitive sessions throughout the 1995/96 year. The first is now underway, running from September to December, and will be followed by a second session from February to April. At this level, the swimmers concentrate on improving their overall swimming ability, and are taught the basics of the four competitive swim strokes.

Teaching these youngsters, who range in age from seven to 18 years, the proper techniques requires skills and dedication. HHBF has that and more in its new coaching team.

Paul Carter, while a familiar face at the club, has taken on new



Taking a short break before the swimmers arrive are Halton Hills Blue Fins' coaches (from left) Laurie Conrad, Paul Carter and Anna Drummond. Absent from the photo is Russ Weeber.

responsibilities this year as head coach. He brings a strong measure of discipline and training to his role and explains that, "Like many, I enjoy coaching because it's a great opportunity to pass on what I learned to young people."

Over and above his role as swim coach, Carter is also a childrens' triathlon trainer to the 15 or so Blue Fins swimmers who have shown a keen interest in not only developing their swimming skills, but their cycling and running abilities too.

Carter was formerly a

competitive swimmer with the Cobra Swim Club in Brampton, and the Oakville Club. In 1976, he made the trials for the Summer Olympics Games in Montreal, and today is a member of the Milton Masters (adults) Aquatic Club.

Supporting him at the competitive coaching level is Laurie Conrad. She is new to the coaching position, but certainly no stranger to the sport of swimming. Conrad was a competitive swimmer with the Burlington Centurions during her latter years of elementary school

and throughout high school. She was also active on a University swim team.

In fact, Conrad excelled at the long distance freestyle and butterfly, and was ranked in the top ten in Ontario for her 100-metre butterfly (13/14 years age group). While she misses the excitement of being a competitive swimmer, Conrad says, "It's very rewarding to see the young swimmers at Blue Fins improve their strokes. As a coach, I also want to help them generate team spirit and have fun."

At the pre-competitive coaching level, Anna Drummond and Russ Weeber are in charge. In the past, Drummond was a member of the Cobra Swim Club. She has also long been involved in working with young people. "I first began working with children when I was just 11 - still a child myself! I taught summer camp, was a swimming instructor and, more recently, was coach of the Centennial School swim team," Drummond says. "Now as a member of the Blue Fins coaching staff, this is my chance to contribute both to the community and the sport of swimming."

From watching his own swim times improve during his high school and college years, Russ Weeber has the same desire to help others achieve what he calls 'personal goals'. "I was lucky enough to have some excellent coaches. As a result, I'm now in the position to be able to teach others what I learned."

With their excellent coaching staff, an eager and determined group of swimmers, and committed parents, the Blue Fins current meet, and those in the future are sure to be a success.

For more information on Halton Hills Blue Fins, please contact the president at 877-2858.

Athletes of the Week

The Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Jamie Goy and Stephanie McKay. Stephanie received the honor for her play on the junior Redmen basketball. Jamie was recognized for his outstanding performance on the senior Redmen basketball team.

Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Andrea LeBannister and Brad Spears. Andrea is a member of the senior Rebels basketball team, Brad has been an excellent player on the senior Rebels volleyball team all season and was recognized for his leadership ability as well.



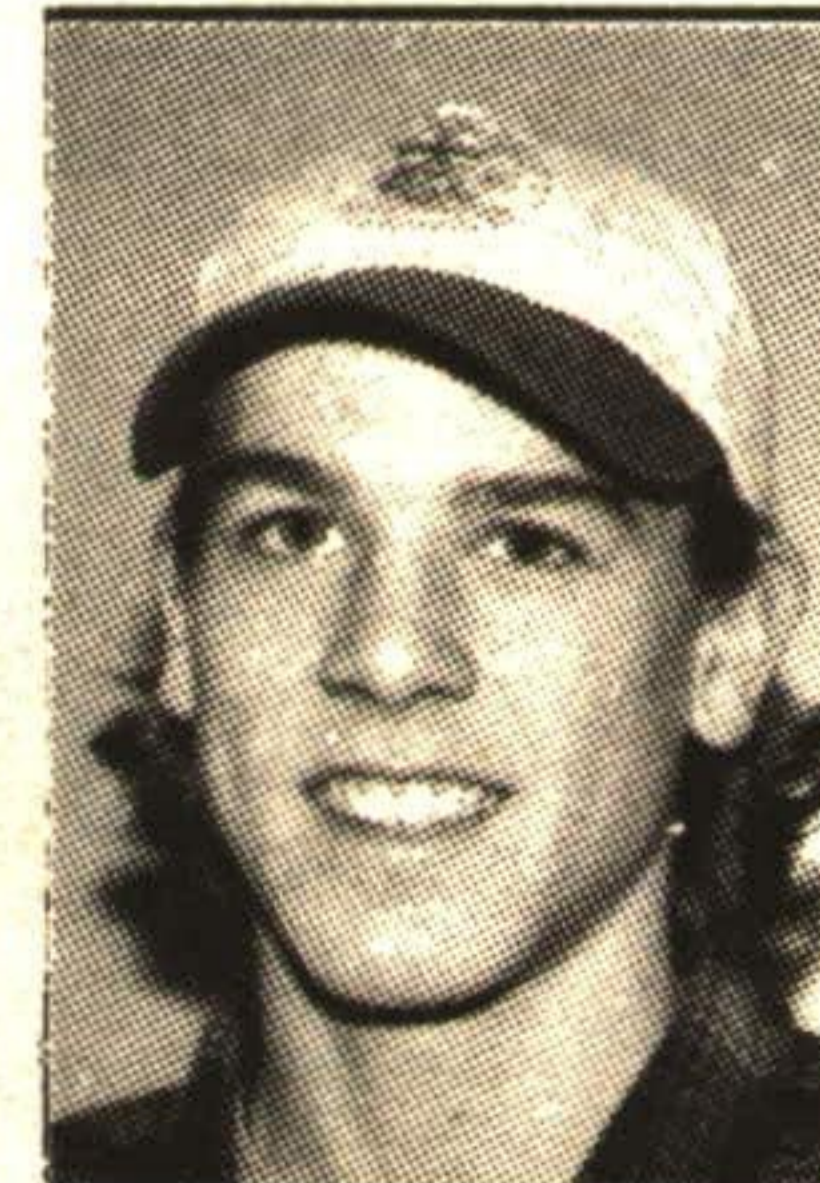
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