

Raiders' netminding duties rest with a pair of Michaels

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The Georgetown Jr. A Raiders opened training camp at the Alcott Arena on Monday with several returnees from last year's squad and two new goalies in the fold.

Actually, one of the signed netminders is making a return to the Raiders after seasons with Oakville and a team in B.C.

Nineteen-year-old goalie Michael Stiliadis of Woodbridge was picked up by Georgetown coach and general manager Greg Walters in a trade for veteran defenceman Alex Adams with Victoria of the BCHL after posting an 11-0-1 record as a backup for the Raiders in 2010-11.

Goaltending was a sore spot for the Raiders in last season's elimination at the hands of the eventual Ontario Junior Hockey League-champion St. Michael's Buzzers and Walters feels the team now has stability between the pipes with Stiliadis and 17-year-old Michael Singh of Stoney Creek, who is committed to Harvard University for the 2015-16 season.

"Michael is a proven number-one Jr. A goalie who had a pretty good season out west last year," said Walters of Stiliadis's 15-8-6 record in 31 starts with Victoria, posting a 2.96 goals-against average.

"And we've got a good young goalie behind him with the other Michael, six-foot-three and very committed."

The Raiders have three returning blueliners in Tyler MacPherson, Phil Kiss and local resident Liam Clare, while 19-year-old defender Gavin Shantz was acquired from the Burlington Cougars. Another rearguard with OHL experience was expected to be in camp this week.

Up front, Steve Hladin, Anthony Marra, Scott Emerson, Richard Court,



MICHAEL STILIADIS

Brendan Jacome and John Adams are among the returnees and Walters dealt for another BCHLer, Liam Board, a Burlington native who played for Oakville in 2011-12.

Also signed is 16-year-old centre Andrew Court, captain of last season's Burlington midget AAA Eagles.

The OJHL's regular-season scheduling format for this season has changed to allow for each team in the league to play each other at least once home and away. The Raiders begin their campaign Friday, Sept. 6 in Lindsay against the Muskies and will welcome their old rivals, the Oakville Blades, for the home opener on Saturday, Sept. 7.

"It's going to mean some extra travel for us, but I think our fans will be excited to see some new teams, new blood," added Walters, who is back for a fourth season in Georgetown.

The Raiders have just two exhibition games scheduled, in Georgetown on Friday, Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m. and then the IceHawks play host to Georgetown Saturday, Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Walters said the team is looking for a couple of local families interested in billeting players this season. For more info, call 886-442-3338.

MacDonald helps Whitby club claim Minto Cup championship

For the second year in a row, a Halton Hills resident has hoisted the Minto Cup championship trophy as Canadian Jr. A lacrosse's best after Michael MacDonald and the Whitby Warriors tasted victory in New Westminster, B.C. Sunday night.

MacDonald, 20, joined the Warriors for their playoff adventure after his Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldogs were eliminated in the second round of the post-season by Akwesasne last month.

Taken in the first round of the 2010 OLA Jr. A Draft by the Warriors, MacDonald paid dividends three years later as one of the top offensive performers for Whitby over the past month.

The Princeton University sophomore field lacrosse standout scored twice

in the opener of the best-of-5 series with the Salmonbellies, a 16-6 win last Thursday, and had two more in New Westminster's 9-7 triumph Friday. He was named game MVP for his three-goal, one-assist effort in game three Saturday, then had a goal and three helpers in Sunday's title clinching 10-8 overtime win to finish the four-team tournament with 13 goals and 12 assists in seven games played.

Last year, Acton's Brad Kri and Jordan Dance of Georgetown celebrated a Minto Cup win as members of the Orangeville Northmen, who took top spot at the tourney played in Whitby. MacDonald, Kri and Dance played together on the Halton Hills Bulldogs team that won the Founders Cup Canadian Jr. B championship in Etobicoke in 2010.



MICHAEL MACDONALD

Spear records first victory

Acton's Riley Spear recorded rounds of 77-72 to win by one shot over two other golfers in the juvenile boys' division at the recent Maple Leaf Junior Tour Collegiate Bound Series at the Osprey Valley course in Alton.

Spear, 16, carded eight birdies through 36 holes and held off a couple of competitors, including Gray Potter of Glen Williams, who shot a pair of rounds of 75, for the one-stroke victory.

Jack Quirke of Waterloo finished three shots back.

"It is my first win and I am very excited," said Spear, representing the Blue Springs Golf Club.

"I have played with Jack (Quirke) before and knew that he would be tough to beat."

With the win, Spear sits atop the MJT's Order of Merit standings in the



Riley Spear (centre) of the Blue Springs Golf Club in Acton receives his reward for winning the juvenile boys' title at last week-end's Maple Leaf Junior Tour stop at Alton's Osprey Valley course. Flanking Spear are junior boys' champ Truman Tai and bantam boys' winner Jordy Denomme.

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juvenile boys' category at 300 points, with Potter tied for second at 217.5.

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