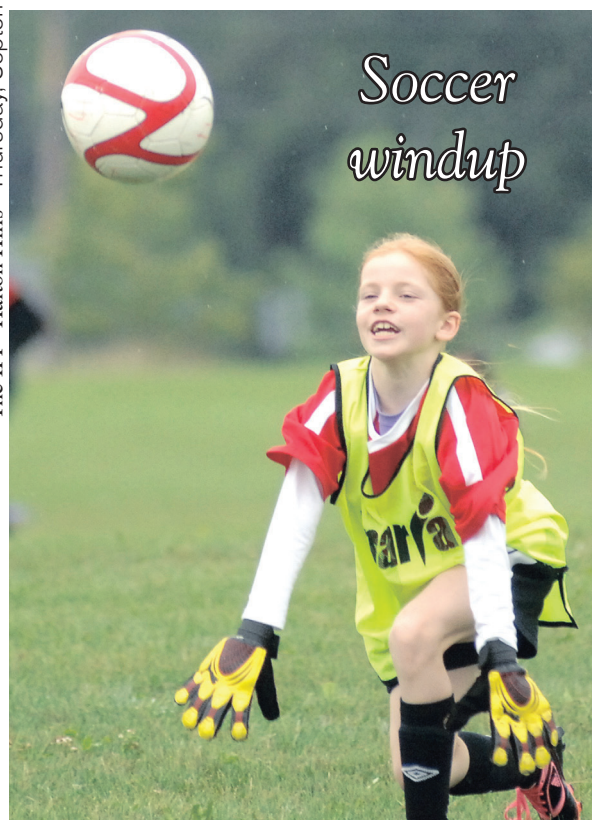


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'...it seems like everyone has jelled from the start.'
— Raider Michael Stiliadis... see story below



Soccer
windup

Goalie Nicole Laurie of the Knights of Columbus passes to a teammate during the Georgetown Soccer Club's annual Closing Day for its house league teams at Trafalgar Sports Park on Saturday. Heavy morning rain made for some soggy conditions in this girls' under-9 matchup between the KOC and Ruffin's Pet Centre.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Jr. A Raiders get off to strong start

By EAMONN MAHER
Staff Writer

Newcomer Ryan Smith notched the winner with just 51 seconds left in regulation as the Georgetown Raiders took their regular-season home opener 4-2 over the Oakville Blades Saturday evening in Ontario Junior Hockey League action.

Coming off an impressive 6-2 triumph in Lindsay over the Muskies on Friday night in the OJHL's lid-lifter for the 2013-14 campaign, the Raiders had a nightmarish start in front of a little more than 300 spectators at the Alcott Arena Saturday as a skittish bounce off the boards got away from netminder Michael Stiliadis and was slapped in the net by Sean Kohler just 11 seconds into the contest.

Goals by newly named captain Steve Hladin and second-year forward Brendan Jacome put Georgetown in a tenuous one-goal lead before Blade Mark Bzowey evened the score midway through the third period on the man advantage.

The home side outshot Oakville



Steve Hladin of the Georgetown Raiders is stymied by Oakville Blades' netminder Evan Buitehuis Saturday night in a matchup of longtime Ontario Junior Hockey League rivals. Hladin opened the scoring in the Raiders' 4-2 win.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

41-29 on the night as veteran Evan Buitehuis kept the visitors in the game until Smith blasted in a rebound in the final minute. John Adams added an empty-netter just before time expired.

"We've got a solid group here and it seems like everyone has jelled from the start," said 19-year-old Stiliadis, who went undefeated at 11-0-1 during his first stint with the Raiders as a backup in 2010-11 before moving on to play with the Oakville Blades and then the BCHL's Victoria Grizzlies last season.

"That's a major part of making a good team. I really enjoyed my time

here the first year and the coaching staff was a big reason I wanted to come back."

Against Lindsay, the Raiders took control early on goals by Richard Court, Acton's Michael Courvoisier and Jacome, with Adams, defender Tyler MacPherson and 16-year-old rookie blueliner Mitchell Kreis of Georgetown rounding out the scoring.

Next up for the Raiders is a home date Saturday with the Newmarket Hurricanes beginning at 7:30 p.m., followed by a trip to Milton Sunday to take on the IceHawks at 3:30 p.m.

Acton parents spearhead move to form Special Olympics team

By EAMONN MAHER
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Buoyed by the success of swimmers at the club and high school level in this area, a new team is about to hit the pool in Georgetown this weekend.

The Georgetown District Community of Special Olympics Ontario already has about 30 swimmers committed to take part in the weekly practices beginning this Sunday from 2-3 p.m. at the Georgetown Indoor Pool and there is space for a few more to register.

The idea to form the team came

from Acton residents Lindsay and Jay Bouwkamp, who for years have been taking their daughter Jenna to Oakville to swim with the club there, but were looking for something closer to home.

Other than snowshoeing, there isn't a locally-based sports team for Special Olympians and the Bouwkamps wanted to start something that provided physical activity and a social outlet for intellectually disabled athletes that was also affordable.

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Swimmers from the newly formed Georgetown Ontario Special Olympics swim team got together to do a few laps of the pool at the Gellert Recreation Centre recently ahead of their first official practice this Sunday. Some of the team members (from left) are: Amanda Bunder, Lauren Ottaway, Tori Ranson, Alison Salvian, Jenna Bouwkamp, Brianna Mc Gee, Mirren Smith.

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