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Raiders get break

A scheduling quirk means the Georgetown Raiders have a two-week break from Ontario Junior Hockey League action at a time when they're riding their longest win streak of the 2013-14 campaign.

The fortnight's layoff was made a little more enjoyable for the 11-8-1 Raiders thanks to a hard-fought 2-1 shootout win over the first-place Buffalo Jr. Sabres on Saturday night.

The 12-3-1 Jr. Sabres held a 1-0 lead until less than five minutes remaining in the third period when Anthony Marra scored his 11th of the season to force extra time and then the Guelph resident tallied again in the shootout before linemate Liam Board provided the clinching marker.

Georgetown netminder Michael McNiven made 35 saves to earn first-star honours and the 16-year-old local native improved his record to 6-0-0 with the club after starting the season with the Owen Sound Attack of the OHL.

Next up for the Raiders is a home date with the Stouffville Spirit on Saturday, Nov. 9.

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Stretch play

Heather Anderson of Christ the King's Jaguars sweeps the ball away from an onrushing Burlington Central player during a quarterfinal match in the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association's Tier II senior girls' field lacrosse playoffs in Georgetown Tuesday afternoon. The fourth-seeded Trojans scored a goal early on and then employed a stifling defence that wouldn't allow the second-place Jags to get a clear shot on goal to preserve the 1-0 win and a spot in the semifinals against top-ranked Bishop Reding. The Jaguars, who had lost just once this season prior to the playoff opener, were led by graduating seniors Emily Swica, Corie Pobgee, Melissa Cortese and Briar Coman. In the other Tier II semifinal, the 4-1-3 Georgetown Rebels will take on undefeated Blakelock today (Thursday) after a 2-0 opening-round victory over Iroquois Ridge Tuesday afternoon. Emma Samis and Danae Howson scored for the Rebels and Erin Docherty had the shutout.

Photo by Chris Carvalho

Trillium grant a big boost for Blue Fins' swim program

The Halton Hills Blue Fins have been busy since the local swim club received a two-year, \$100,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation this summer to support its plans to develop a fully integrated competitive swim program that includes young people with physical disabilities.

"I'm truly excited for HHBF to get this program up and running. Many great people have been working extremely hard behind the scenes and are very dedicated to seeing our new PARA program take flight and be a major success," said Blue Fins' head coach Chris Henderson, who took over the role this summer.

"This new program will be able to help so many people in the Halton Hills and surrounding areas. Swimming is such a great sport and HHBF PARA will teach people not only the skills of swimming and racing, but it will allow for a person/athlete to build confidence, find team companionship and belong to a program that's goal is to better people's lives and in turn the community."

The Blue Fins have strived to develop a nationally recognized para-athlete program that teaches and trains all levels of swimmers, emphasizing fit-



Halton Hills Blue Fins' head coach Chris Henderson discusses training strategy with club member Cynthia Berringer at a recent practice at the Georgetown Indoor Pool. Thanks in large part to a \$100,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Blue Fins have established a program within its club to allow swimmers with physical disabilities to train and compete.

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ness, competition, team unity and personal improvement. Funds from the grant are being used to help

with the costs associated with adapting and buying new equipment, coaching, lifeguards and pool times, helping with the salary for an administrator, adding a ceiling track lift and helping with costs for advertising.

"This grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will give the Blue Fins the resources we need to create a truly unique competitive swimming program," said Michael Zuraw, president of the Blue Fins.

"It is exciting to be developing a truly integrated Para Swimming program as the benefits of the grant will go beyond our own club as we set the bar for inclusive athletics in Ontario."

The Halton Hills Blue Fins have been in existence for over 30 years and have built a strong history of accomplished athletes.

Club volunteers and administrator Mary Jo Jans will be working over the next few months in meeting with and providing presentations to local agencies, parent groups and schools currently providing services to children with disabilities in the Halton Hills, Milton, Oakville, Orangeville and surrounding areas.

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