

Raiders move into 1st place

A pair of weekend wins within their division has propelled the Georgetown Raiders into first place in the Ontario Junior Hockey League's West standings.

Outshot 37-30 on the evening, the Raiders received standout goaltending from first star Andrew Masters in a 3-2 triumph over guest Buffalo Saturday to improve to 9-2-1 on the season, three points ahead of the second-place Jr. Sabres in the West Division.

The teams collided just three days after a meeting in Buffalo in which Georgetown's Kyle Allan was suspended 10 games for an end-of-game incident that also netted Raider head coach & GM Greg Walters a three-game ban.

Leading scorer Daniel Hardie, defender

Matt Cairns and Arran MacDonald tallied for the hosts Saturday in front of 250 spectators.

On Friday in Burlington, the Raiders rallied from a 4-3 deficit after 40 minutes to beat the 7-5-1 Cougars 6-4.

Josh Dickinson (2), Hardie, Cairns, Brendan Jacome and Anthony Mota scored in the win as associate coach Andrew Martin handled the bench duties. Georgetown resident Ben Morris had two goals and an assist for the Cougars.

Walters also added another local product to the roster as 6-foot-2, 185-pound defence-man Matt Mercer was acquired this week from the CCHL's Nepean Raiders. Mercer, 18, spent last season with the OHL's Ottawa 67's and had two assists with his new club over the weekend.

The Raiders hosted the North York Rangers Wednesday night, followed by a trip to Pickering Friday and a visit from the Kingston Voyageurs Saturday evening with a 7:30 p.m. puck drop.



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AT THEIR THANKSGIVING BEST: Racking up four straight shutouts, the Halton Hills minor pee-wee A Thunder needed some dramatics in their final game against the Welland Tigers to hoist the Harvest Cup championship banner this past weekend at the Best of the Best Thanksgiving Challenge tournament. In the round-robin portion of the tourney, the Thunder downed the Erindale Spitfires 5-0, Credit Valley Wolves 3-0, Welland 3-0 and the Wolves again 3-0 to reach the Harvest Cup final against the Tigers. The teams traded goals and the score was tied 2-2 late in the third period before host Halton Hills struck for two goals. Team members (front, from left) are: Brooke Vaccari, Cameron Playter. Second row: Evan Brown, Jayden DaSilva, Benoit Cuerrier, Lucas Byrne, Adam Gander, D'Arcy Lowe, Mark Jeffery, Alex Butler. Third row: Ryan Shewell, Tyler Garcia, Cody Merritt, Drew Harding, Jaron Holloway, Luka Bacic, Garrett Kelly. Fourth row: Trainer Debbie Harding, manager Warren Butler, assistant coaches Paul DaSilva, Jaime Harding, head coach Andre Cuerrier.

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Canada Prep 'coming together'

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The Raiders have had their share of growing pains with an 0-4 record, but Alain feels the team, which draws players from across Canada, is starting to come together.

The former North Halton Crimson Tide standout relishes taking on a leadership role on the defence, but when the ball is snapped, his objective—like Watt's—is to pose a major disruption to the opposition's offence.

"I used to play basketball, but I always wanted to hit things," he laughed.

"So when I figured out I could do that legally in football, that immediately became my sport."

The Canada Prep program was jolted a couple of weeks ago when 16-year-old

wide receiver Darrian Seaton-Tucker collapsed on the field from a heart attack suffered just after a game in Princeton, N.J.

Transferred to a hospital in Philadelphia, Seaton-Tucker was in a coma for several days but is said to be improving.

The #WakeUpST fundraiser on gofundme.com to help offset the teen's medical costs exceeded its goal of \$20,000 in just a few days.

"Thank God, it seems like he's going to be okay," said McArthur.

"Now, he's in the process of being transferred to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, and we're praying for his recovery."

This Friday, the Raiders travel to Lakewood Ohio to take on St. Edward High School, which is reportedly ranked 28th in the U.S.


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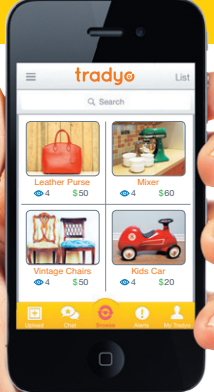




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