



A couple of 20-year-olds on the Georgetown Raiders won the Gongshow Gear monthly awards for the past two instalments and Ontario Junior Hockey League manager of hockey operations Brent Garbutt (left) was on hand for last Wednesday's home game with the Toronto Patriots to make the presentations to fourth-year centre Brendan Jacome and goalie Andrew Masters. At right is Raiders' governor Bill Court. Jacome scored four game-winning goals in November to earn the player-of-the-month award, while Masters was masterful in December, earning OJHL goaltender-of-the-month honours while also being named the Canadian Junior Hockey League's 1st Star of the Month after posting a record of 4-0-1 with a .952 save percentage. Photo by Andy Corneau/OJHL Images

## Defensive prowess leads Raiders to first place in S/W Conference

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A stingy group of Georgetown Raiders has taken over first place in the Ontario Junior Hockey League's South-West Conference and doesn't appear to be ready to get knocked out of that perch any time soon.

Georgetown has allowed just eight goals in its last seven outings and with just three regulation losses in 21 starts, the 30-11-3-1 Raiders passed the Buffalo Jr. Sabres in the standings with a pair of weekend victories, 6-1 over Mississauga Saturday and 2-0 against the Toronto Patriots Sunday at the OJHL South-West Showcase event in Toronto.

Goalie Andrew Masters collected his third shutout in his last five games in Sunday's win, with Andrew Court and Brendan Jacome supplying the offence.

Masters, a 20-year-old from Kitchener,

was recently named the 126-team Canadian Junior Hockey League's First Star for the month of December after posting a 4-0-1 record prior to the Christmas break.

In his final year of junior eligibility, Masters has taken a long and winding road to the Jr. A ranks after getting cut by the Raiders as a 17-year-old, moving from Paris Jr. C along to stops with Jr. B clubs in St. Marys and Sarnia.

The victory over the Patriots was his 150th start in four years as a junior and Georgetown head coach & GM Greg Walters feels he's got the top backstopper in the OJHL.

"One thing I wouldn't give for anything is that I've started everywhere I've been and it's really helped with my development," said Masters, who has a 23-7-3-0 record with a league-best .940 save percentage.

"I'm really happy that I ended up in Georgetown. There's no place I'd rather finish off my junior career than here."

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## Arena opening, Winter Carnival headline big weekend in Acton

Warmer-than-average temperatures with rain are forecast for a busy weekend of recreational activities in Acton.

Saturday marks the official opening of the expanded Acton Arena & Community Centre with the official ribbon cutting scheduled for 1 p.m.

A number of free activities such as outdoor skating, crafts, face painting, Monkey-nastix and Zumba will run throughout the afternoon, as well as an indoor public skate at 2 p.m. The second floor of Rink B is also expected to be ready for the public to use this Saturday for the first time since the new arena opened Nov. 30.

On Sunday, the Acton Winter Carnival has free activities planned to run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Prospect Park.

At the Town Hall, a pancake breakfast runs

on Sunday from 9-11 a.m., with a chili cook-off and sampling from 3-5 p.m.

The Town of Halton Hills has enlisted the help of the public in coming up with names for each of the ice pads at the Acton Arena & Community Centre.

Full details about the Ice Pad Naming Contest will be announced at the official unveiling of the Acton Arena & Community Centre expansion at the carnival on Saturday.

The contest deadline for entries is March 20 and for more info, visit the website [www.haltonhills.ca/naming-contest](http://www.haltonhills.ca/naming-contest)

An ad-hoc committee comprised of community volunteers, Town staff and representatives of CRH Canada Group (formerly Dufferin Aggregates) will evaluate and select recommended names from the contest submissions.



Acton native Hayleigh Bell and her partner Rudi Swiegers of Manitoba suffered a bit of a setback in their quest to earn a spot on the national team for senior pairs this past weekend after placing eighth at the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in Halifax, N.S. The duo suffered two falls in the short program on Friday to take them out of medal contention. They've been together for just a few months after the 19-year-old Bell recovered to a pair of surgeries to her landing leg last year.

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