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Stingers win three divisions at north meet

Stewarttown Stingers won three divisions and was narrowly edged for a fourth at the Halton District School Board North cross-country meet at Sherwood Park in Burlington.

Stewarttown swept two of the divisions. With the placings of each school's top four runners being added to determine the team standings, Stewarttown took first through fourth in both the senior boys and intermediate girls division.

Liam Robertson's victory led the senior boys sweep followed by Stewarttown teammates Jordan Milne, Ben Jolly and Jake Hnatiu.

In the intermediate girls race, Alex Jarvis led the Stewarttown charge while Alex Milne was second, Emily Driedger third and Samantha Green was fourth.

Holly Bigg's victory in the junior girls race helped Stewarttown claim its third title. Lindsay Poulton of Centennial was second and Maggie Darling of Stewarttown was third. Ashley Windsor of Silver Creek was fourth with Centennial's Lisa Laidlaw placing fifth and Tashia Truscott of Stewarttown sixth.

A one-two placing by Centennial's Tory McCracken and Allison Waters prevented Stewarttown from claiming another title. Centennial edged Stewarttown 32-34.

George Kennedy and Joseph Gibbons each claimed two team titles. George Kennedy needed a tie breaker (using the result of their fifth runner) to edge Limehouse for the bantam boys title and again needed a tie breaker to slip by Silver Creek for the atom girls championship.

Joseph Gibbons won the tyke boys and the tyke girls, led by the one-two finish of Kirsten Hack and Melanie Butler.

Tyke Girls: 1. Kirsten Hack, JG; 2. Melanie Butler, JG; 3. Rachel Bridges, GK; 4. Alesha Thomas, See LOCAL, pg. 18



Joey Piccone of the Georgetown Raiders slides the puck past Oakville goalie Marcus Johnson to give the Raiders a 3-0 lead in Saturday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game. Oakville rallied to tie the game but Georgetown pulled out a 4-3 win to improve to 7-4-1 on the season.

Photo by Yves Desjardins

Raiders record weekend split

It was a weekend of the good, the bad and the ugly for the Georgetown Raiders.

The good was Saturday's 4-3 victory over the Oakville Blades in which 15-year-old rookie George Lovatsis scored with 2:17 to salvage a victory after the Raiders blew a 3-0 lead.

The bad was a night earlier when the Raiders surrendered three goals in the final six minutes to hand the Milton IceHawks a 5-4 win. The ugly part was how they did it.

Georgetown gave the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League's best offensive team five power plays in the final eight minutes and the IceHawks took full advantage, tying the game with two power play goals and then finishing the job on Chase Langerap's goal with 28 seconds to play.

"If people are still comparing us to last year they should stop," said Raider coach Jay Anderson. "This isn't a team that can rely on skill to pull a game out in the end. It's a team that's going to have to outwork teams. When we've been outworked, we've lost."

That was certainly the case for most of Friday's game, in which Milton outshot Georgetown 46-15. Still, the Raiders took a 4-2 advantage into the third after Mike

Gurtler, Matt DiGiovanni and Mark Marchese scored late in the second to give the Raiders the lead.

That lasted until the Raiders shot themselves in the foot by taking eight minutes in penalties on one play. With Jon Southgate already being called for cross-checking, Kyle Termini jumped into the fray and took a double minor for spearing as well as a roughing minor.

"The guys from last year said one of the things the team needed was discipline and it's one of the things we've concentrated on," Anderson said.

And it had been working with the Raiders averaging 24 penalty minutes through their first nine games. But in the Milton and the previous game in Hamilton, Georgetown took 110 minutes.

"The bottom line is some guys are putting themselves in positions where it's easy to make the call," Anderson said.

The Raiders were able to reign the emotions in Saturday, taking just nine minor penalties. Instead, they feasted on the power play, scoring all four of their goals with the man advantage. Rob Sgarbossa, Paul Marchese and Joey Piccone had the Raiders

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Bulldogs rally late to nip Oakville

Matt Lyons and Graham Knoepfli scored in the final 40 seconds as the Halton Hills U-19 field lacrosse Bulldogs rallied to edge Oakville 8-7.

The Bulldogs took a 6-4 lead into the final quarter but with five minutes to play, Oakville scored three times in three minutes to jump in front 7-6.

Lyons' third goal of the game tied the score at seven and Graham Knoepfli fired home the winner with 13 seconds remaining.

Lyons scored five times and Travis Bland had four goals in a 14-3 victory over Simcoe.

Halton Hills 8, Oakville 7: Lyons (3G, 5A); Bland (3G, 2A); Knoepfli (1G, 1A); Tim Laidlaw (G).

Halton Hills 14, Simcoe 3: Lyons (5G, 4A); Bland (4G, 2A); Matt Laidlaw, Joey De'Athe (1G, 1A); Braden Artem, Nick McLaughlin, Greg Henry (G); Knoepfli, Mike Brown (A).

Twisters reach tourney final

The North Halton Peewee B Twisters were undefeated in three straight games to reach the final of the St. Catharines Chaos Girls Hockey Tournament. The Twisters earned the silver medal after falling 2-0 to Oakville in the final.

North Halton 1, Sarnia 1; North Halton 5, Niagara Falls 1; North Halton 2, Mississauga 0; Oakville 2, North Halton 0: Samantha Stull (2G, 1A); Holly Kendrick (2G); Hannah Hube, Shauna Costello (1G, 2A); Cassie Broadbent, Michelle Seedhouse (G); Nathalie Mihalek (2A); Amanda Larade, Laura Brooks, Delaney McQueen, Alix Murray (A); Terrilyn Digout (2W, T, SO).



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