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Having a ball chasing dreams ...



WITH THE GOAL OF SCORING! Youths from the Georgetown Minor Soccer League squared off Saturday for their Day of Champions. League organizers braved dire weather predictions and were rewarded

for their faith, allowing 1425 participants to face off. The day also featured several awards including the Klaus Zander and Jack White Memorial Awards. (Jamie Harrison photo)

Strong finish sees Raiders tie

BY KYLE GOODLET
The Georgetown Gemini

Adam Bertoli proved to be a welcome addition to the Raiders' roster on Saturday night as he was instrumental in this weekend's re-match tie against Collingwood at Gordon Alcott Arena.

Collingwood struck first in this final game of exhibition play with an 8:16 goal from Bob MacMillian. Raiders' new man Adam Bertoli went to work early as he netted the tying goal by tapping in a shot from blue-liner Brian Buchanan.

At 10:37 of the first period the Raiders found themselves in an all too familiar short-handed situation. Collingwood spent the next six minutes with at least a one man advantage but only produced a single goal as Dan Sundberg scored at 16:55 on the power play.

Three quick Raiders goals in the second frame put the home team ahead 4-2 before the mid-way point of the period. Curtis Carr started things off at 5:39 with help from Captain Duke Bouskill and Ryan Odette. Dominic Cignelli sent Brad Cripps and Andre Sandsziuk in two on one as Cripps slid the puck to Sandsziuk who put it away for the Raiders. Kris Barch kept his scoring streak alive on a power play goal from Dave Lajeness and Ken Mair rounding out three goals in as many minutes.

Collingwood was only able to muster up one goal in the second as the teams matched each other shot for shot with 13 a piece.

David Deeres attempted to take the wind out of the Raiders' sails with a short-handed marker early in the third to tie the game.

Guy Pellier made a further attempt as he netted the go-

ahead goal at 12:45.

The Raiders pressured Collingwood over the latter part of the third period, and with the tie in sight, Coach Bince pulled McCarthy from the Georgetown net. This proved to be the correct coaching tactic as the extra attacker, Cignelli, emerged from a scrum in front of the Collingwood net and slid the puck into the open corner.

No overtime was needed in this game that saw new goalie Carl Rossignol earn his keep with 19 saves on 21 shots in the first period and a half.

Raiders' stars were Dominic Cignelli, Adam Bertoli, who split his time between wing and defence in this, his first game as a Raider and Carl Rossignol.

Other Raiders news saw the Peter Westercamp deal fall through as he was dealt to the Newmarket 87's for a couple of prospects.

The Raiders open regular season play against Westercamp and the 87's on Friday night at St. Mikes in the Showcase game. The puck drops at 7:30 pm. Don't miss the home opener on Saturday at Alcott as the Raiders take on the Vaughn Vipers also a 7:30 start.

Loss of pools devastating to schools

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A recent board decision means no aquatic directed activities for schools in Halton.

It is Monday afternoon as this *Gemini* reporter sits in the Phys-Ed office and peruses a newly revised agenda for sports teams at GDHS. Bold letters in the middle of the agenda draw attention to the fact the swimming program is canceled. As a supporter of all school athletics and as a relative of a slew of GDHS swimming alumni I am intrigued. No interest? No coaching? Which element is missing from this organization that, at one time, thrived?

The coaching is there as is the interest. It is the lack of a swimming pool that has forced Physical Education Head Jim Hall to reluctantly cancel this program.

"It really upsets me to see that 40-50 Rebel swimmers who want to be involved, their coaches and a fine tradition of Rebel swimming will not be allowed in our swimming pool this year," said Hall.

The Halton Board of Education is responsible for the upkeep of seven pools which, combined, cost roughly one million dollars to maintain yearly. In an attempt to save money during times of cut back negotiations, the board has decided to indefinitely rule out aquatic directed activities.

"Kids are caught in an economic struggle," said Sue Amos of the Halton Board. This, of course, affects not only GDHS but all schools in Halton. It also affects not only extra-curricular aquatic activities but those too that have traditionally been part of Phys-Ed curriculum.

Aquatics for fitness and stroke improvement have been mainstays in many departments, but now have to be scraped along with new outdoor education components such as canoe safety.

"I have seen the value of aquatics in curriculum and so has my department. It is a shame that we will not have the use of this facility. The kids are the ones that are suffering" said Jim Hall who is dedicated to education, his students and who is obviously devastated by this board decision.

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