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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK.



David King (top) and Matthew Walker share the honors this week after bowling 'em over at Georgetown Bowl last Saturday.
 Matthew rolled a 194 flat and David pinned a 188 flat as the Mr. Big teammates had high scores in the YBC Peewee-Smurf league.

Moodie's taking nothing for granted

There's no over-confidence in the Oakville Blades camp despite the fact the club holds a 3-0 stranglehold on the Georgetown Raiders on the eve of game four of the best-of-seven Jr. B playoff series.

"The hardest team to beat is one with its back against the wall," said Oakville coach Ken Moodie on Monday. "It'll be a tough game."

Moodie was pleasantly surprised to be up 3-0 on Georgetown after last weekend's action although his club dominated the Raiders during the regular season (six wins, one loss).

"To be up 3-0 is great," he said. "The fact of the matter is we didn't have as good a regular season as last year. We've played like world-beaters some nights and others we've been blown out."

Meanwhile, the Kevin Alcock controversy hasn't hurt the club in the least. Alcock was suspended prior to playoffs by the Blades in a disciplinary measure and isn't likely to return.

Moodie said Oakville wouldn't re-instate the 1988-89 west division MVP under the present circumstances, even if Oakville started to falter in the playoffs.

"I can't see that happening (re-instating Alcock)," said Moodie. "It's not a matter of how well we do. It's a matter of principle. Win or lose we'll have our principles. If we were up 3-0 or down 0-3 we weren't going to compromise."

Backup goalie Glen Martin has stepped in and played well for Oakville in Alcock's absence. "I'm really pleased with his play," said Moodie.

Bantams win OMHA playoff

An Adam Hills hat trick helped power the Georgetown M and M Pro Sports Bantams to a big 8-2 dumping of Burlington on Monday at Alcott Arena as the local squad wrapped up its best-of-five OMHA playoff series in winning fashion.

The win gave Georgetown the series, 3-2 with one game tied.

Jr. B's need win tonight in Oakville to stay alive
It's do or die for Raiders now

By PAUL SVOBODA
 Herald Sports Editor

Do or die. Backs against the wall. Now or never.
 Go ahead. Pick your cliché.
 They all apply to the Georgetown Raiders.

Raiders head into Oakville tonight down 3-0 in their best-of-seven Central Ontario Jr. B Hockey League quarter-final series with the Blades and suddenly what's been a turnaround season is on the brink of disaster.

"It's do or die, no doubt about it," said a disappointed Peter Sturgeon after his Raiders dropped a 7-4 decision to the Blades in game three at Alcott Arena on Saturday night.

That win followed a double overtime 7-6 Oakville triumph in Oakville on Friday after a series-opening 7-5 victory by the Blades in Georgetown last Thursday night.

"There's not many positive things to say," continued Sturgeon after Saturday's disheartening loss in game three, one that the Raiders felt obliged to win after Friday's well-played (albeit losing) effort. "We lost our concentration early in the game. The reffing is no excuse, you've got to want to win in the playoffs. The will to win has got to be bigger than anything else. We didn't have it."

Although minor penalties were fairly even in Saturday's tilt (18 minutes for Oakville, 14 for Georgetown), referee Bob Morley's style definitely favored the clutch-and-grab Blades. Morley called mainly offsetting minors and the frustration of Oakville's close-checking game plan was evident on the Georgetown bench.

Sturgeon, however, wasn't prepared to blame anyone outside of the Raider organization for the Raiders 0-3 series plight.

"When you're in a situation like that (down 0-2) you've got to dig in," he said.

Raiders bounced back from a sixth-place finish last year to end up in fourth spot at the conclusion of the 1988-89 regular season, finishing a full seven points ahead of fifth-place Oakville. Despite Oakville's mastery over the Raiders during the regular season (six wins in seven meetings) Georgetown was looking forward to avenging last year's four-game playoff sweep at the hands of the



Crash course
 Georgetown Raider forward Brent Presswood delivers a stiff check to Oakville Blades defenceman Adam Driscoll during Saturday's Jr. B playoff game at Alcott Arena. Driscoll and his teammates again used a tight-checking style to frustrate Presswood and the locals as Oakville took a 3-0 stranglehold lead in the best-of-seven series with a convincing 7-4 win. (Herald photo)

Blades.

But tonight survival is more important than revenge and Sturgeon is maintaining a positive attitude.

"It's their (Raiders) decision if they want to come out of this series with pride," said Sturgeon. "It's never over 'til it's over. This is a good hockey team, and if everyone comes together who knows?"

Game time tonight at Oakville Arena is set for 7:30 p.m. Game

five, if necessary, is slated for Alcott Arena tomorrow beginning at 8 p.m.

Games six and seven, if required, go Friday in Oakville (8 p.m.) and Saturday in Georgetown (7:30 p.m.).

OAKVILLE 7, RAIDERS 4

On Saturday, as in the two previous games, the first goal came early as the visitors opened the scoring at the three-minute mark with Shawn Kelly beating starter Todd King from the side of the Raider net.

Bryan Gendron's unassisted effort at 6:11 evened things up but Oakville buzzed right back with Darren Hunter scoring on a rebound on an Oakville powerplay at 7:08.

John Duff gave Oakville a two-goal lead with seven seconds left in the first frame as he blasted the puck home off a faceoff deep in the Georgetown end.

Curtis Green took over in goal for Georgetown at the start of period two but he yielded an Oakville goal inside two minutes as Hunter scored his second powerplay marker of the night.

Chuck Loreto banged one in from in front of Williams at 4:09 and that's how the period ended, with Oakville harboring a 4-2 lead.

The roof fell in for Georgetown in the final frame as Oakville scored three straight goals, two on the powerplay, before Rob Doucette's slapper from the blueline (powerplay) cut the Blades' lead to 7-3.

Doucette added a second powerplay tally with 28 seconds left in the game.

The final shots on goal favored the Raiders, 40-37.

OAKVILLE 7, RAIDERS 6
 (double overtime)

Raiders did everything but win on Friday in Oakville as they put in a strong effort after losing the Thursday opener on home ice.

Sturgeon's move to start four defencemen on the opening faceoff backfired, however, as Oakville pinned the Raiders in their own end and scored at 28 seconds.

K.C. Foster, who delivered a standout performance on Friday, scored on a breakaway to even the affair after taking a lead pass from J.P. Latour.

Bryan Gendron deposited a pass from Brent Presswood past a

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Alcock's absence blessing in disguise for Blades?

Paul's Call



Paul Svobeda
 Herald Sports Editor

The Oakville Blades are in the driver's seat and GM Murray Walker doesn't foresee any mechanical problems as the team heads into tonight's fourth game with a 3-0 lead in its best-of-seven Jr. B playoff tussle with Georgetown Raiders.

"It's one of those situations, unless we really go for a nosedive we should wrap it up," said Walker on Monday.

In the wake of what was supposed to be a battle between star goaltender Kevin Alcock and an explosive Georgetown offence,

Walker was crediting Oakville's buzzsaw checking game which has frustrated the Raiders in three straight wins.

"We try to play each team differently," said Walker. "We forecheck well, we're a bunch of buzzers."

A pre-playoff suspension to Alcock, for disciplinary reasons, meant the much-awaited confrontation between the Central League's west division MVP and the Raider offensive machine has not materialized. But rather than hurt Oakville, as many suspected, Walker feels the absence of Alcock has actually helped the Blades.

"Everybody counted us out but it's turned out to be just the thing we needed," he said. "As a result of letting Kevin go we've had to dig deeper. Glen Williams (Oakville backup who has played all three games) has played well.

The kids understood why we suspended Kevin and they've actually been positive about it."

Walker admitted he was worried during Friday's double overtime win by Oakville at home. "When Loreto had that breakaway I said it was all over but the crying," said Walker, referring to a clear-cut scoring chance by the Georgetown super sniper in the sudden death period.

"But Glen stopped him with a save you would expect Alcock to make."

With Oakville playing well Walker says he doesn't anticipate returning Alcock to the lineup.

"At this stage of the game I'd have to say no," he said. "Kevin has come to me on several occasions lately. It's the story of his life. He could've been playing pro. But he's feeling it. He's a likeable kid, you can't dislike him. But I told him he's got to

make his peace with the coach (Oakville's Ken Moodie)."

SPIKERS ADVANCE: It wasn't pretty, but the GDHS senior Rebels girls volleyball team advanced to the next round of Halton playoffs. Bevin Clarke's charges made it tough on themselves as they emerged victorious over Burlington Central on Monday with scores of 15-12, 11-15, 15-12 and 15-13. Meanwhile, the junior Rebs had an easier time of it as they also advanced by blanking Lester Pearson in three straight games.

IN LEFT FIELD: Apologies to Lorna Richards and Carol Ferguson, two of GDHS's three star field hockey players honored at the Feb. 8 Municipal Awards Night. The photo in last week's Herald was mis-captioned. It was actually Lorna Richards shown accepting her award and not Carol Ferguson.