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Oakville eliminates Jr. B's for second straight year

## Bad dream for Raiders

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Recurring nightmares aren't pleasant. Just ask the Georgetown Raiders.

For the second consecutive season the Oakville Blades eliminated the Raiders from Central Ontario Jr. B Hockey League playoffs in four straight games as the hometown Blades earned a comeback 7-5 overtime win at Oakville Arena on Wednesday night.

The win gave the Blades a 4-0 sweep of the best-of-seven quarter-final series and left the Raiders with haunting memories of last year when the local Jr. B's, then known as Gemini, were also sidelined by Oakville in four.

"I'm really disappointed with the loss," said disconsolate Raider head coach Peter Sturgeon after Wednesday's game. "I thought with our offence we could win the series. Tonight I thought we played well enough for a win. We took it to them, but they wanted it bad too."

It was do or die for the Raiders on Wednesday with Oakville holding a 3-0 stranglehold on the series after recording wins of 7-5, 7-6 (OT) and 7-4 last week.

Things started off well enough for Georgetown as the club held a 4-1 advantage after the first period at Oakville, in what was arguably their best 20 minutes of hockey in the series.

K.C. Foster, who played well in both games at Oakville Arena, drew first blood before Greg Brazeau sandwiched a pair of goals around one by Oakville's Brant Mahoney. Davin Ciglen beat Oakville starter Glen Williams on

a rebound at 13:00 and it was off to the showers for Williams as Oakville replaced him with backup Chris Lovisa.

Oakville's Mahoney added his second of the night on a Blade powerplay at the 27-second mark of period two but a shorthanded effort by Des Brown put the Raiders back in front of a three-goal lead.

Oakville's John Huff beat Raider started Curtis Green with a slapshot on another Blade powerplay and the second stanza ended at 5-3 in favor of the visitors.

But the recurring nightmare haunted Georgetown again as Oakville dominated the third period much as it did in game three last Saturday at Alcott Arena



where Oakville overcame a two-goal second period deficit to earn an eventual 7-4 win.

Only on Wednesday the Blades took it one step further. They blanked the Raider offensive machine and scored twice themselves to force the match into overtime. John Duff drew Oakville to within one goal with the Blades' third powerplay marker of the night before Tony Galante tied it up on a goalmouth scramble at 18:25.

In the 10-minute regulation overtime period Galante again came up big for Oakville, scoring what would prove to be the winner at 3:29 as he banged a rebound past Green.

Oakville warded off several Georgetown attacks before the Raiders lifted Green with 1:11 left on the clock.

After a pair of face-offs in the Oakville zone the Blades cleared the puck again, this time grazing the post of the Raider net. Georgetown tried desperately to mount one more attack but Oakville's Chris Krbavac iced the game and the series when he intercepted the puck and deposited it into the empty Raider goal with only three seconds remaining.

A reflective Sturgeon said the Raiders had hoped their explosive offence would have been the difference in the series. Over the course of the 42-game regular season schedule the locals scored 221 goals - only four less than league-leading Etobicoke - while Oakville came up with only 161, the second-lowest figure in the west division and 60 less than Georgetown.

But in the four-game series it was the Oakville offence that erupted, scoring a lucky seven goals in each game and outscoring Georgetown over the four games, 28-20.

"We're an offensive team and we went with our offence," said Sturgeon. "They grind it out and the only way to combat that is to grind it out with them, which I thought we did tonight. We missed a lot of chances, too. I thought our guys worked really hard. They deserved to win."

The series win by Oakville capped a mastery over the Georgetown club that saw the fifth-place Blades hold a 6-1 regular season win-loss record over the fourth-place Raiders.

## Rebels earn final berth



Flying to finals

It was an uplifting experience for Georgetown girls volleyball teams on Wednesday as both the senior and junior girls teams advanced to the Halton finals. The juniors, led by plays such as the one shown above by Heather Bouwman (10), downed Aldershot in three straight games (15-10, 15-13 and 15-5) in semi-final play while the seniors swept Oakville-Trafalgar (15-5, 15-10 and 15-10). The juniors tackle Lori Elgin while the senior Rebs meet Aldershot in the county final set for a 2:30 p.m. start at GDHS on Monday. (Herald photo)

## Homer sparkles in Pee wee shutout

Seth Homer played an outstanding game in net for the Weldwood Pee wee "B" hockey team in a recent 5-0 win over the Acton Pee wee II's.

Not to be outdone by his teammate, Michael Travers scored a team best and a personal best of four goals to lead Georgetown to the win. Andrew Marshall scored the other tally for Georgetown. Matt Anderson and Marshall picked up two assists each on Travers' goals. Charlie Snook who normally

plays defence, played centre and picked up two assists setting up Marshall and Travers for goals.

Ken Brown made two strong end-to-end rushes setting up potential scoring plays. Brown, David Steer, Blaine Kennedy and Derek Ruffolo played a solid game on defence to help Homer get his shutout. Mike Bahr, Jason Quinn, Jeremiah Fendley, and Keith Tippett played a strong game up front. Tippett and Quinn were instrumental with their aggressive work along the

boards.

The score would have been much higher had Georgetown not had to serve 18 minutes in penalties to Acton's two minutes. Seth Homer had to make many exceptional saves during the short-handed situations to preserve the shutout. Homer had to stop two breakaways.

To have any chance in the coming Tri-County playoffs, goalies Darryl Casselman and Homer will have to play outstanding hockey with superb support from the defence and the forwards. The team's most productive line of Marshall, Travers and Anderson will have to continue their excellent passing plays and the other two lines will have to improve in their passing.

The defence will have to play with their continued hard work. Coaches Marshall and Hay are hoping that the team's "big gun" Matt Deruchie plays to his full potential during playoffs. Smart play, sound defence, and great goaltending by this team could surprise a few teams.

The work ethic of this team has produced 10 players capable of cracking the double "A" teams in the minor bantam and major pee wee divisions next year.



It's in

Georgetown's M and M Pro Sports Bantams advanced to the next round of OMHA playdowns with a resounding 8-2 win over Burlington last Monday at Alcott Arena. The explosive win wrapped up an otherwise tight series for Georgetown with the M and M's taking the best-of-five tussle three games to two, with one tie. A Georgetown player, above, manages to beat the Burlington netminder with this shot between the legs on Monday. Georgetown now awaits the winner of the Eastern Ontario round. (Herald photo)

## Bridge winners

Renee March was the big winner in bridge play at the Georgetown Legion on Monday, Feb. 20, earning first place.

Mike Larusso took second place while George Farrow rounded out the winner's circle by claiming third spot.

## Acton boxla team honored

Members of the 1988 Acton Pee wee lacrosse team recently received an unexpected surprise.

At the local league meeting in January, the Acton squad was presented with the circuit's "Most Sportsmanlike Team" Award for accumulating the fewest number of penalties over the course of the 1988 lacrosse season.

Other league members include Arthur, Guelph, Fergus, Orangeville and Elora.

Members of the 1988 Acton Pee wee team are: Ryan Townsend, Michael O'Meara, Brad Cripps, Jamie Davies, Brad Parker, Todd Chumley, Eddie Bridge, Duane Piper, Charlie

Gair, Trevor Malloy, Jamie Davies, Joshua Marcoux, Chris Muir and Travor Davies.

Meanwhile, registration for the 1989 box lacrosse season will get under way in Acton on Mar. 4 with a second sign-up session slated for Mar. 21.

On Saturday, Mar. 4, registration will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and on Tuesday, Mar. 21, sign-up takes place from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Both registration sessions will take place at the Acton Arena.

Parents registering three children in the AMLA this year can take advantage of a bonus feature whereby families pay only for the first two registrants.