

Loreto, Dance, Pries, Doucette win top awards as Raiders laud stars

The disappointment of a second straight early playoff exit was forgotten by the Georgetown Raiders last Friday night as the club gathered to honor its individual stars for the 1988-89 season.

Last month, for the second consecutive season, the local Jr. B's were removed from the first round of Central League west division playoffs in four straight games by the Oakville Blades.

On Friday at Alcott Arena the focus was a positive one, however, as players and management emphasized a steady improvement in the organization that all concerned hope will continue on into the 1989-90 campaign.

From a sixth-place finish in the seven-team west division in 1987-88 the Raiders moved up the ladder to end the 1988-89 regular slate in fourth spot, improving from a win-loss-tied record of 9-32-3 a year ago to one of 17-15-10 this season.

This year's edition of the Jr. B's also reduced its goals-against to a respectable 214 from a whopping 323 in 1987-88.

Sparkling centre Chuck Loreto, the Raiders leading scorer this season with 36 goals and 52 assists for 88 points, added his second major trophy on Friday as he was named the Raiders' Player-of-the-Year. Earlier, Loreto had been named the Central League's Most Sportsmanlike Player for the

western division.

Fiesty pivot Kevin Dance, number three on the Raider point parade this past season with 28 goals and 32 assists for 60 points, won the club's MVP honors while third-year Raider Travis Cole was named Georgetown's Most Improved Player. Cole was the second leading Raider scorer in '88-89 with 31 goals and 38 assists for 69 points.

Two Raiders were honored for their respective laurels on Friday for the second season in a row. Team captain Mark Pries took home his second Miller Family Best Defensive Player award in two seasons while forward Don Cruise won the Ken McMillan Scholastic Award as the best student-athlete on the Jr. B roster for the second year in a row.

Puck-carrying defenceman Rob Doucette, who led all Georgetown blueliners in scoring this season with three goals and 22 assists for 25 points, was named the Firestone Rookie-of-the-Year.

Raider executive member Finn Poulstrup was also honored on Friday, named to the James Mackie Award as the Executive Member of the Year. Raider president Dave Kentner cited Poulstrup's dedication to the club and his yeoman work on the club's program.

Mark Pries accepted the Pizza Hut Captain's Award and goaltender Curtis Green, currently with the OHL's Guelph Platers for

the remainder of the hockey season, was named Raider player-of-the-month for February.

RAIDER RAMBLINGS: According to Raider assistant-coach Jay Anderson, who also doubled as the club's official statistician this past season, Chuck Loreto was not only the team's leading scorer but was also number one in two other important departments. The Timmins native was the highest plus-minus player on the squad with a plus-43 and his 11 powerplay goals was also tops on Georgetown. Loreto also led the Raiders in powerplay goals during the playoffs (3 of 6) and was second during the regular season to Travis Cole in shorthanded goals (Loreto had three, Cole six).

Of the 221 goals scored by Georgetown this season, 45 of them came on the powerplay for a 22.3 per cent efficiency rating. In the penalty-killing department, Georgetown erased an impressive 81.4 per cent of opposition powerplays.

During the regular season, goaltender Todd King allowed 121 goals in 1335 minutes of play (he appeared in 26 games) for a 5.44 goals-against average. Green

allowed 93 goals in 1185 minutes (he appeared in 16 games) for a 4.68 GAA.

In the playoffs, Raiders were 24 per cent on the powerplay and killed off 64.3 per cent of Oakville powerplays.

Green made 86 saves on 104 shots (allowing 18 goals in 160 minutes) and posted a 6.74 GAA while King made 40 saves on 50 shots, allowed 10 goals in 80 minutes for a 7.52 GAA.

Kevin Dance led the Raiders in playoff scoring with three goals and six assists for nine points, followed by Chuck Loreto (4-3-7), Bryan Gendron (2-3-5) and Des Brown (2-3-5).

GEORGETOWN RAIDERS JR. B HOCKEY CLUB

Regular season scoring 1988-89 season

	GP	G	A	TP
Chuck Loreto	42	36	52	88
Travis Cole	36	31	38	69
Kevin Dance	40	28	32	60
Don Cruise	38	14	36	50
Greg Brazeau	27	18	22	40
Brent Presswood	40	16	22	38
Des Brown	23	16	17	33
J.P. Latour	33	12	18	30
Rob Doucette	37	3	22	25
K.C. Foster	40	18	13	25
Chris Lee	40	9	15	25
Shannon Storr	42	2	21	23
Rod Pasma	37	4	14	18
Bryan Gendron	37	8	7	15
Davin Ciglen	26	5	9	14
Mark Pries	41	2	9	11
Trent Cull	37	1	5	6



Revered Raiders

Georgetown Raider management and coaching staff lined up with the team's 1988-89 award winners following presentations at Alcott Arena last Friday night. In the back, left to right, are Jack Handy (vice-president hockey operations); Bob Hooper (general manager); Wayne Pries (vice-president fundraising) with a special citation from the club; Don Cruise, winner of the McMillan scholastic award; Chuck Loreto, player-of-the-year; Finn Poulstrup, executive-of-the-year; Don Vallance (gate director) with a special citation from the team; coach Peter Sturgeon and assistant coach Jim Storr. In the front are captain Mark Pries, Miller Best Defensive Player award; Rob Doucette, Rookie of the Year; Kevin Dance, MVP; and Travis Cole, Most-Improved Player. (Herald photo)

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