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Raiders shifting into high gear

By COLIN GIBSON
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Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders appear to be holding true to that old axiom, "Save the best for last!" as regular season play winds down in the West Division of the Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League and playoffs fast approach.

The Raiders topped Peterborough Junior Petes 7-6 in a nasty game Friday evening at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, then held on to gain a 5-5 tie with the West Division's third place Burlington Cougars in another home encounter Saturday evening at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

The win and a tie lifted the Raiders season record to 5-27-3, not nearly good enough to escape the league's West Division cellar, but more than good enough to salvage Raiders' pride which has had a rough go of it this past season.

With playoffs just over the horizon, the Raiders have elevated their game a notch or two and have four points to show for their last four outings - two ties and a win.

If the Raiders continue to upgrade their efforts the team could be the surprise of post-season play as all teams in the Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League gain entry into the playoffs.

Curtis Green once more took centre stage in the win over Peterborough as he was forced to make 54 saves as opposed to only 28 snags for his counterpart in the Peterborough nets, Jamie Delaney.

His efforts might have gone for naught, had John Williamson not converted passes from Kevin Brown and newcomer Andre Gregoire, with less than three minutes remaining in the game, for what proved to be the game winning goal.

Williamson's goal, his second of

the night, capped a scrappy, gutsy effort by the Raiders who deserved the two points if only because of their never-say-die attitude.

Chris Lazarowff had a pair of goals and an assist for the Raiders, while singles went to Marty Savoy, team scoring leader Brent Presswood, and hard-working Andre Gregoire.

Kevin Brown had a pair of assists.

Burlington waltzed into Georgetown Saturday evening a full 29 points ahead of the Raiders in the league's West Division standings. The Cougars left with a bit more respect for the Georgetown squad.

The Raiders tightened up defensively, somewhat, against Burlington and goaltender Curtis Green was only called upon to make 33 saves while the Raiders directed 35 drives at Burlington netminder David Smeriglio.

Raiders enjoyed a 2-1 first period advantage and headed into third period play with a less than comfortable 4-3 lead.

Burlington managed to outscore the Raiders 2-1 over the final 20 minutes but the play of Green, combined with strong defensive play in their own end, salvaged the 5-5 tie for the Raiders.

Chris Lazarowff was a force to be contended with all game as he scored twice and added a pair of assists.

Single Raider goals went to Marty Savoy, Steve DuBarry and Brent Presswood.

With only seven games remaining in the regular season, Raiders will have ample opportunity to fine-tune leading up to playoff action.

The Raiders journey to Burlington Friday evening for a return engagement with the Cougars then entertain West Division leader, Oakville Blades, Saturday night, 7:30 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.



SUNNY ACRES FARMS DEFENCEMAN, Jake Poulstrup, comes to the aid of goaltender Peter Downs, during play in the major midget encounter Saturday at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena against Ancaster. In the rough and tumble affair, Sunny

Acres prevailed 9-6 and combined with wins Sunday and Monday evening, allowed the Georgetowners to finish the Tri-County Hockey League regular season in first place. (Herald photo by Ben Dummett)

Sunny Acres Farms claim regular season league title

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Georgetown's Sunny Acres Farms major midgets showed no mercy in rampaging over their opponents in the home stretch of the 1989-90 Tri-County Hockey League regular season.

Sunny Acres trounced Ancaster 9-6 Saturday afternoon, defeated Streetsville 3-1 Sunday evening and closed out regular season play Monday evening with a 6-4 triumph over Brampton.

The weekend wins ran the team's current winning streak to five games and locked up first place in the Tri-County Hockey League Midget "AA" Division, two points in front of arch-rival Milton.

Sunny Acres finished regular season play with a 22-3-1 record - a harbinger of hoped-for playoff success and possible provincial honors.

The game against Ancaster, played Saturday afternoon at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena was a rough and tumble affair that saw four players from each team tossed for fighting.

Mark McIntyre, Rich Bond, Craig Cooper and Mark Lorito were given the gate for Sunny Acres, while Jason Holts, Jason Van Den Heuvel, Ray Barts and Jason MacLean got the heave-ho for Ancaster.

The ejections were the result of a third period fracas when tempers worn thin during the chippy match, snapped.

Regardless of the roughhousing, Sunny Acres were full value for the win.

Georgetown rebounded from a 2-1 first period deficit, to lead 5-4

heading into the third period.

Sunny Acres outscored Ancaster 3-2 over the final frame to claim the 9-6 win.

Lorito made his presence felt before bowing out ungraciously by potting a hat trick and collecting an assist.

Eric Long had a pair of goals for the winners while singles went to Ken Kosziwka, Trevor Elinesky, Brad Amato and Rob Boyle.

Elinesky had three assists to cap off a fine game, with Kosziwka adding a pair of helpers.

Although he allowed six goals, Sunny Acres goaltender Peter Downs came up with some clutch saves when called upon.

It was a different story Sunday evening in Streetsville as the defensive side of Sunny Acres came to the fore.

The first period ended scoreless and was knotted 1-1 heading into the final period of play.

Goals by Adam Hagen and Rob Boyle added to the second period marker from Rob Lang allowed Sunny Acres to escape with the 3-1 win.

Ken Kosziwka had three assists on the night, with Trevor Elinesky collecting two assists.

Paul St. Pierre did yeoman-like service between the pipes for Georgetown to earn the win.

The regular season finale Monday night against Brampton, at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, saw Sunny Acres stumble through two periods of play before putting Brampton away for good in the third period with an offensive flurry.

Sunny Acres led 2-1 after the first period but Brampton rallied to tie the game 3-3 heading into the final frame.

Sunny Acres outscored Brampton 3-1 in the third period for the 6-4 victory.

Mark Lorito once again showed his scoring prowess by collecting three goals and an assist. Single Sunny Acres counters went to Rich Bond, Ken Kosziwka, and Rob Boyle.

Boyle, Craig Cooper, Kosziwka, Mitch Butt, Trevor Elinesky and Gord Burke garnered assists.

Peter Downs saw action in the Georgetown goal.

By virtue of the team's first place regular season finish, Sunny Acres will play fifth place Woodbridge in the first round of playoffs.

Although the playoff schedules have not as yet been finalized, it is expected Sunny Acres will have a home game this weekend at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

Acton knots Cambridge

Acton Leathertown West Warehouse Major Novice Reps ran into a hot goaltender, in the form of Larry Beaulieu and were forced to settle for a 4-4 tie with Cambridge in a Hub League OMHA round one playoff game played Sunday in Cambridge.

Acton opened up a 2-0 first period lead but Cambridge rallied to tie the game at 2-2 near the mid mark of the second period.

Two more Acton markers allowed Acton to enjoy a 4-2 lead early in the final frame but once again Cambridge regrouped to knot the game and leave the issue stalemated.

Andrew Coe, in the Acton nets, matched his counterpart in the Cambridge nets with a number of fine saves.

David Owen and Devon Fraser each scored twice for Acton, and picked up a pair of assists.

Single Acton helpers went to Sandy Chapman, Kevin Dick, Kyle Artem and Chris Lee.

The Acton Leathertown West Warehouse squad plays host to Cambridge tonight (Wednesday) at the Acton Community Centre then pays a return visit to Cambridge tomorrow (Thursday).

Raider rivals reap rewards

The 1989-90 award winners were named for the West Division of the Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey and as expected, the top two teams in the division scooped up most of the hardware. Similarly, as expected, Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders failed to make an appearance on the winners' list.

Oakville is perched loftily in first place in the West Division standings, 10 points ahead of second-place Streetsville.

Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders are in last place in the seven team division.

John Duff of Oakville Blades and Willie McGarvey of the Peterborough Junior Petes were named as co-winners of the Most Valuable Player award.

Cam Cuthbert of Streetsville Derbys was selected the Best Defenceman, Jim McGroarthy of Streetsville was named Rookie-of-the-Year, Jeff Daw of Milton was judged the Most Gentlemanly Player while Shaun Kelly of Oakville was selected the league's Most Improved Player.

Coach-of-the-Year honors went to Oakville Blades' Ken Moodie, with special mention to his assistant coach, Tom Herstad.

Golden Age bowlers roll along

Jet Set	87	Skylarks	57
Happy Gang	77	Hopefuls	55
Alley Cats	71	Corner Pins	52
Snow Birds	66	Dominoes	51
Bowler Domes	64	Toilers	45
Blitzers	62	Blue Jays	41
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