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# Raiders split weekend games at Alcott



Raider goalie Jason Nicholson anticipates the deflection by the Burlington player during their game at Alcott Arena on Saturday night. The Raiders kept

the game close with a 4-4 score after two periods, but lost 7-5. (Herald photo)

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The Georgetown Raiders split their weekend home series, winning their second game in a row by defeating Streetsville 9-6 on Friday, but losing 7-5 to Burlington Saturday.

Coach Gary McFadyen said he was disappointed the team didn't get the four points, but there are more positive signs the Raiders are beginning to turn their season around.

"We've won two of our last three games and our new additions are starting to click with the rest of the team. With a little more time together, the scoring should increase even more for us."

The players McFadyen referred to - Pierre James, John Williamson, Grant Dexter and Bill McDonald have all played a part in the team's success.

"Bill McDonald (who was returned from Burlington when the trade for Andy Pearce fell through) got a hat trick on Saturday and he's gotten some points in every game since he's been back."

Pierre James has been the main force of the team's penalty killing squad, while Williamson and Dexter have been teamed with Marty Savoy as one of the two main powerplay lines. The same line combined on Saturday with Dexter scoring to give the team a 2-1 lead in the first period.

Burlington came back to tie the score with just 1:06 remaining in the opening frame, but the Raiders showed some spark when Rob Doucette's shot from the point was deflected in by McDonald, who was parked at

the side of the net with just 43 seconds left on the clock.

In the second period, a tripping penalty by Adam Hagen enabled the Cougars to tie the score with 11:05 left to play. The visitors went ahead 4-3 at 7:12 when one of their forwards got behind the defence for a breakaway, beating Jason Nicholson low on the glove side.

The Raiders showed some more powerplay strength with just under two minutes remaining in the period when Duane Lewis took a pass from Blair Catherwood and wristed a shot past the Burlington goalie to tie the score 4-4.

"They scored a quick goal in the first minute of the third and another to make it 6-4, which forced us to try and come from behind late in the game. If we can tighten up defensively more when we get a lead, we'll be in a lot better shape," said McFadyen.

The coach said the overall play of his team has been improving recently, with Friday's game against Streetsville being their best effort of the year so far.

"We were scoring a lot of goals against a team that is in second place. Blair Catherwood got two goals and so did Rob Doucette. McDonald, Williamson and Dexter each got one."

To make room for the new players, the Raiders sent down forward Jim English, who is now playing for the Acton Sabres Jr. C team, and Ken Kosziwka who is now on the Halton AAA Hurricane Midget squad. The Raiders play their next game on Friday in Burlington and then return home to play Brampton on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

## Volleyball Rebels stopped at GHAC

The Georgetown District High School Rebels senior volleyball team reached the end of the road on Thursday at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference in Hamilton, losing their semi-final game to Brebeuf.

The Rebels lost in two sets 15-13 and 15-12 to the team which went on to defeat Oakville-Trafalgar in the final 15-11 and 16-14, advancing to the Ontario Federation of Secondary Athletic Association championships in Brantford Friday.

Rebel coach Bob McKay said his players were a little more disappointed in their play than when they lost the Halton championship to Oakville on Nov. 13.

"The guys knew they didn't play as well as they could have, like they did in Oakville. We weren't getting to our blocks in time and they kept getting shots through them."

McKay gave the Brebeuf team credit, noting that they had a smart veteran team that had also played in GHAC last year. The Rebels won it that time, finishing fifth overall provincially.

something he predicted Brebeuf would also do.

The coach is optimistic about the fortunes of the team for next year, since only three players, Mike Bosman, Jim Lawrence and Pete Gombocz will be graduating.

"We've got eight of our 11 players back and hopefully we'll pick up two or three of the younger guys from the junior squad. The guys really listened and stuck with the game plan, so I think we'll be in there again."

McKay said he'll miss the presence of the tall Gombocz and his court savvy, along with Lawrence's varied abilities. Bosman was recognized for his superior effort by being given the team's player award at the school spirit assembly on Friday.

"He really came on this season and was always at practice helping set up. He had a severe ankle injury last year and has hardly any playing time as a senior. Mike really surpassed all expectations, being a major part of our team," said McKay.

## GDHS team player awards

Georgetown District High School held a spirit assembly on Nov. 16, part of which was to recognize the efforts of its Rebel team athletes.

The following students were the recipients of the GDHS team player awards:

Cross country - Kristy Johnson; Junior football - Joe

Beaver; Senior football - Stew Teezel; Junior field hockey - Andrea Redford; Senior field hockey - Entire team; Midget volleyball - Gianni Markou; Junior volleyball - Dave Vanderbyle; Senior volleyball - Mike Bosman; Midget basketball - Teresa Currie; Junior basketball - Jenn Apgar; Senior basketball - Sherri Nairn and Kelly Cotton.

## Sabres defeat Bradford 7-5

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The Acton Sabres sandwiched a win amongst two losses in their last three games, leaving them just two points behind Bradford, which they defeated 7-5 in Acton on Friday.

However, the Sabres lost Thursday's game in Schomberg 2-1 and 6-2 to Brussels on the road Sunday. Coach Ken Steen said the loss to Brussels, which is leading the Western Ontario league, was one thing, but the Schomberg game could have been won.

"It was a game that could have gone either way. They're tied for first with Orangeville, but we played a good game and could have come out with a win."

He said the close game against Schomberg helped the players build confidence that they can contend for the top of their division.

"The 7-5 win over Bradford was a big four-point game for us, since we're now just two behind them and have two games in hand," said Steen.

With 12 points, Acton is also just four points behind Alliston and has one game in hand on the Hornets. Steen said if his players continue to score like they did against Bradford, the standings race will grow even tighter.

"Jason Lucas got two, and so did Mark Broomersma. Adam Hiltz got one, along with Shawn Hasselfeldt and Jeff Shevalier."

Shevalier, who is still playing for the Georgetown Jr. B Raiders on his off days from the Sabres, also played well in Brussels Sunday, netting a goal to move the team ahead 2-0 early.

"Mike Brooks got the other goal, which helped us keep things close in the first period. In the second, the puck took a few dirty bounces and in the third... I guess three games in four nights took a bit off our game," said Steen.

Jim English, recently dropped from the Raiders lineup, has added some more experience to the Sabre forward units. He started on right wing in Thursday's game and contributed with an assist

during the game against Bradford Friday.

The next game for Acton is this Friday when they visit Goderich at 8:30 p.m. Their next match is technically a home game on Sunday, but it will be played in Erin against Fergus. The game is the first of two games designed to draw more fan interest from the area. The second game is scheduled for Jan. 5 against Bradford at the Hillsburgh Arena.



The Schomberg goaltender blocks the Acton Sabre shot from the point during their game in Schomberg Thursday evening. The match was a tight checking one, which saw the home team edge the Sabres 2-1. (Herald photo)