

SPORTS & LEISURE

At USGA Senior Women's Amateur

Hayward ousted in semifinals

Club at North Halton member Mary Ann Hayward came close to winning her second USGA championship in five years last week, bowing out in the semifinals on the 18th hole in her match at the Senior Women's Amateur in Fort Myers, Fla.

Hayward, 50, easily won the Ontario and Canadian senior women's titles this summer in her first year of eligibility in that age category after taking 2009 off from competitive play.

She placed second out of 132 golfers through 36 holes of

stroke play at +1, just one shot behind the winner.

After cruising through the first four rounds of match play, Hayward faced

sixth-seeded Mina Hardin of Fort Worth, Texas in the semis and was 2 up following nine



MARY ANN HAYWARD

holes of play.

Hardin birdied the 17th hole to take a 1-up lead heading into the par-5 18th. Hayward then carded her fourth birdie of the day to put the onus on Hardin to avoid going to extra holes, with the latter sinking a seven-footer for par to claim the match and then the championship.

In 2005, Hayward became the first non-American to ever win the USGA's Women's Mid-Amateur with a 1-up victory in the final held in Richmond, Texas.

Raiders take two of three on weekend

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Getting off to slow starts in games continues to be a habit for the Georgetown Raiders, although the Ontario Jr. A Hockey League club won two out of three games over the weekend and remains in top spot in the West Division.

The 11-3-0 Raiders fell behind 2-0 in Newmarket Thursday and didn't recover, as the 13-3-0 Hurricanes skated to a 6-2 victory.

Host Huntsville got a 2-0 early jump on Georgetown Friday before the Raiders found their stride over the final 40 minutes and registered a 7-2 win.

While coach Greg Walters' squad has yet to lose at home in six starts this season, the Brampton Capitals opened the scoring here Saturday and the teams were tied at four midway through the final period until sniper Justin Basso potted a power-play marker for

the clincher—his league-leading 18th of the campaign—in a 6-4 Raider triumph.

"We're trying to get to the bottom of (starting slowly), but on the weekend it was more about running into hot goaltending. Against Newmarket, we just couldn't get anything going," said Walters.

"One thing we're a little concerned about is getting our kids used to playing in tight games, because just haven't had many of those. We're still happy with the way we're playing for the most part, there are still some things to work on but you can't complain when you're 11-3 and in first place."

Travis Fulton and Patrick Megannety had third-period markers in the loss to Newmarket, with Evan Rodrigues (2), Duston Hebebrand (2), Michael Capicotto, Tyler Shiplo and Tyler McCarthy supplying the scoring in Huntsville. First-star Hebebrand added four assists.

Hebebrand (3), Basso (2) and Ralph Cuddemi tallied against the Capitals in front of about 400 people Saturday.

The Raiders have a couple of tough tests ahead this week as they'll host the Burlington Cougars Wednesday in the first meeting of the season between the longtime rivals after a year apart in separate leagues. The 10-3-0 Cougars trail Georgetown by two points in the standings with a game in hand.

Game time at the Alcott Arena is 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, the Raiders visit the magnificent new Sixteen Mile Sports Complex in Oakville for the second time in two weeks to take on the Blades before hosting the 1-13-1 Collingwood Blackhawks Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

For this Saturday's contest, spectators are asked to bring non-perishable food items and drop it off at the booth of Deker Electric, the game's corporate sponsor.



High school highs and lows



Hayden Weston (top photo, left) of the Acton Bearcats gets set to block a St. Thomas Aquinas' play at the net last week in a matchup of unbeaten teams in the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association's senior boys' volleyball league. The visiting Raiders swept the match by scores of 25-15, 25-21 to drop the Bearcats' record to 3-1. At left, Georgetown's Keith Hollingshead (59) chases down Bishop Reding's Eric Schroder in the Rebels' inaugural Friday Night Lights contest at Kiwanis Field, with the home side prevailing 20-0. Christ the King's seniors also won last week, edging Burlington Central 14-13.

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