

SPORTS & LEISURE

Stingy defence, hot shooting keys to Raiders' win streak

Brendan Woods notched a hat trick and added three assists in the Georgetown Raiders' 7-2 pounding of the Burlington Cougars Sunday afternoon in Cobourg in Ontario Junior Hockey League action.

The 19-year-old from London was named first star of the contest, played in front of many scouts during the league's Governors Showcase weekend.

It was Georgetown's sixth consecutive victory and the club holds on to top spot in the OJHL's West Division, two points ahead of Oakville, although the Blades do hold a couple of games in hand.

The 9-3-0 Raiders outshot the Cougars 55-24 and netted three power-play markers to maintain their second-place standing in the 27-team league with the man advantage at a 27 per cent success rate, trailing only the powerhouse Trenton Golden Hawks.

Caleb Apperson, Jacob Bauchman, Jeremy DeFazio and Krystian Yorke also tallied Sunday against Burlington, while 16-year-old netminder Michael Giugovaz of Brampton continues to sparkle in the Georgetown goal.

The Peterborough Petes' draft pick has been scored on just 10 times over the Raiders' past half-dozen starts, carrying a 1.86 goals-against average, which is second best in the OJHL.

He posted his second shutout of the season Saturday in a 4-0 home win over Burlington, blocking 19 shots. Georgetown led 1-0 after 40 minutes on a goal by Patrick Megannety before rookie Luke Shiplo, Brock Labelle and Apperson found the mark to secure the victory.

The Raiders' streak will be put to the test Thursday in Newmarket against the Hurricanes, who lead the OJHL's North Division with a 10-1-2 record.

Georgetown is also set to play host to the Hamilton Red Wings Saturday at the Alcott Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m. The 4-7-1 Wings were shut out in three straight games last week.



Hands up!

Acton Bearcats Matt Doraty (7) and Jordan Milne get set to block an Aldershot player's spike during a Halton Secondary School Athletic Association senior boys' volleyball match last week. The host Bearcats swept the match in straight sets to improve their record to 5-2 this season in the HSSAA Tier II Division. Head coach Chris Braun said the Bearcats will try to qualify for the provincial championships as a AA squad this time around after a few years as a single-A school. In other volleyball action, Georgetown District High School's Rebels will play host to Christ the King's Jaguars Wednesday in a senior boys' matchup with first place in the Halton Tier I division up for grabs. It's also dubbed as the Big Pink Game as a fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a 3:30 p.m. start.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Hill, Canada forced to settle for bronze

The Canadian men's baseball team earned a bronze medal at the 39th IBAF World Cup over the weekend without a pitch even being thrown.

Rain forced the cancellation of Saturday's third-place game so Canada and the U.S. shared the bronze medals.

Georgetown's Shawn Hill, a right-handed pitcher who had posted a 2-0 record during the tournament heading into Friday's semifinal game, started against Cuba and gave up five runs before being pulled in the third inning.

The Cubans touched up the 30-year-old Hill for a triple and two doubles in a three-run first inning.

The former Toronto Blue Jay and Montreal Expo was able to retire the side in the second inning before Cuba struck for two more runs in the third, moving on to the gold-medal game with an 8-2 triumph.

Hill is recovering from his second Tommy John surgery last year to replace the elbow ligament in his throwing arm but said afterward that he felt fine health-wise.

"Shawn didn't have his best stuff tonight," said Team Canada manager Ernie Whitt.

"You can't take anything away from Cuba. They played very well."

Holland became the first-ever European country to win the World Cup, upsetting the Cubans 2-1 in



SHAWN HILL

the gold-medal matchup.

Canada's men's team now heads off to Mexico to play in the Pan American Games and Hill will start the opening game slated for Wednesday against Puerto Rico.

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