

SPORTS & LEISURE

Raiders show Spirit in shootout triumph

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Even on an off night, the Georgetown Raiders still found a way to pick up two points Saturday, coming back from a 3-1 third-period deficit to defeat the visiting Stouffville Spirit 4-3 in a shootout.

The 22-8-1 Raiders have lost just once in their last 11 games and hold on to top spot in the Ontario Junior Hockey League's West Division, one point ahead of the Oakville Blades.

Outshot 51-42 by Stouffville, new Georgetown goalie Steve Racine earned first-star honours for keeping his squad in the game before goals by Nick Perruccio and Geoffrey Bagnall pushed the contest into extra time.

Patrick Megannety then clinched the victory by scoring the lone goal through four rounds of the shootout.

"We've been sticking to the systems that (head coach and GM Greg Walters) gives us and it's been working for us," said Raider captain Alex Lubczuk.

"We're looking to make a deep run in the playoffs. Now we've got two great goalies with (Racine) and (Michael Giugovaz) and we've got to keep improving in the 20 games or so left before the playoffs."

Racine, a 20-year-old from the Buffalo, N.Y. area, has won all three of his starts so far with the Raiders since being acquired from a team in

B.C. earlier this month.

This weekend, Georgetown takes on the IceHawks in Milton Friday night and the teams will meet again Saturday at the Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m.

The Raiders will be well represented on the OJHL's Team West roster that will play in the inaugural Central Canada Cup All-Star Challenge Dec. 27-29 in Smiths Falls, Ont.

Eight teams will compete, including the four OJHL conferences, Quebec, Northern Ontario and two Central Canadian league squads.

Forwards Megannety and Tyson Fawcett, defenceman Nathan Domagala, coach & GM Walters and athletic trainer Andrew Groombridge were selected for Team West, which will play three preliminary-round games to determine semifinalists.

NOTES: Georgetown's Jay Sprague is playing for the Central Hockey League's Tulsa Oilers this season, collecting five goals and five assists in 20 games. One of the 25-year-old former Raider winger's teammates is Acton resident Gerome Giudice...The Raiders will host the second-annual Bedpan Cup during the first intermission of next Wednesday's match against Oakville (Dec. 21) at 7:30 p.m., pitting the Georgetown Hospital's physicians against staff members. The Raiders will donate \$1 to the Georgetown Hospital for each ticket sold.



Stouffville Spirit netminder Jonathan Hall turns aside a scoring attempt by Ryan Lopes of the Georgetown Raiders during their Ontario Junior Hockey League matchup Saturday at the Alcott Arena. The Raiders rallied back from two goals down in the third period to win in a shootout 4-3.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Used baseball gear needed

A Halton Hills native is collecting used baseball equipment to be distributed to youths in the Dominican Republic and a couple of drop-off locations have been established.

Patrick McCarthy, who lives on the Caribbean island, is working in conjunction with the educational organization Dream Project to pro-

vide less-fortunate youths with recreational opportunities.

The donation of baseball gear, especially gloves, can be dropped off at Apple Auto Glass at 354 Guelph St. or Georgetown Kia at 199 Guelph St.

For more info call 905-877-6842 or email patty_pants@hotmail.com



Reading Rocks

Colin Doyle, captain of the reigning National Lacrosse League-champion Toronto Rock, was in Georgetown South recently to be the special-guest reader at St. Brigid Elementary School's Family Literacy Night. Doyle, a Kitchener native, read the book *The Hockey Card* to students as part of the lacrosse club's Reading Rocks program and signed autographs afterward. The Rock begins its 2012 regular season with a game against Calgary on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Air Canada Centre.

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