

SPORTS & LEISURE

Jr. A Raiders poised to be best of West

Heading into this past week's Ontario Junior Hockey League play, the Georgetown Raiders trailed the first-place Oakville Blades by five points in the West Division standings.

But after recording eight points in four days, the Raiders have leapfrogged past the Blades for top spot in the division by one point and appear to be positioned nicely to emerge as best in the West with six regular-season games left.

The first- and second-place teams in each OJHL division receive an opening-round play-off bye and Georgetown's goal now is to secure home-ice advantage through the conference finals.

The 33-9-1 Raiders have won 15 of their past 16 starts, including a 9-1 rout of the host Brampton Capitals Thursday, followed by a four-point haul over the Capitals here Saturday evening, finished off with a 6-3 triumph in Burlington against the Cougars Sunday. Meanwhile, the Blades dropped weekend contests against Stouffville and Burlington and have just five games remaining.

On Thursday at Memorial Arena, the Raiders jumped out to a quick 4-0 first-period lead and cruised from there over the 6-39-0 Capitals.

Nick Perruccio (2), Ryan Lopes (2), Conor McLoughlin, Patrick Megannety, Manny Gialledakis, Alex Lubczuk and Jacob Bauchman tallied for Georgetown, with Stephen Genua earning five assists.

Fans attending Saturday

evening's action at the Alcott Arena got five periods of hockey for the price of three. Completing a postponed game from the opening night of the regular season on Sept. 10 in Georgetown that was halted after two periods with Brampton leading 1-0, the Raiders got an overtime marker from captain Alex Lubczuk to earn a 2-1 victory. Perruccio supplied the third-period equalizer.

In the regularly scheduled tilt, goalie Steven Racine recorded his third shutout since being acquired in early December in a 6-0 pasting of the Caps and the 20-year-old from Buffalo is now 10-0-0 in a Georgetown uniform with a 1.49 goals-against average.

Perruccio and Lopes again had two goals apiece, with singles added by Genua and Nathan Domagala.

Completing the whirlwind weekend against a possible divisional semi-final playoff series opponent in Burlington Sunday afternoon, Georgetown built a 3-0 lead against the feisty fourth-place Cougars, receiving a pair of goals each from Brendan Woods and Gialledakis. Tyson Fawcett and Patrick Megannety rounded out the scoring.

This week, the Raiders visit Orangeville Wednesday and Milton Friday before hosting Brampton once more Saturday at the Alcott Arena starting at 7:30 p.m. To finish out the schedule next week, the Raiders face Buffalo twice and finish up against Burlington on Sunday, Feb. 12.



Emma de Vries of the Georgetown Skating Club was a busy performer at the organization's recent Low Test Day at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex. With coach Chris Stokes as her dance partner, de Vries passed both her Willow Waltz and Swing Dance routines. The GSC will hold its Club Competition on Saturday, Feb. 11. For more results from the test day, see below.

Photo by Eamonn Maher



Georgetown native Corey Gillies prepares to drive the skeleton during last week's Winter Youth Olympic Games in Austria. He finished seventh days later in the Jr. World Championship.

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Gillies takes 7th place at Junior World Championship

Following up his bronze-medal performance at the recent Winter Youth Olympic Games in Austria, Georgetown native Corey Gillies turned in another impressive result at the Junior World Championships for the sport of skeleton last Thursday.

Run on the same course as the Youth Olympic event, Gillies, who turned 16 on Jan. 19, placed seventh in a field of 26 competitors made up mostly of 20- to 23-year-olds.

The Calgary resident had a two-run time of one minute, 49.33 seconds to finish tied for seventh, 2.25 seconds back of the gold medalist.

German racers took all three spots on the podium and Gillies was the fastest North American finisher.

GSC Test Day results

The following Georgetown Skating Club members scored passing grades on their respective routines at the recent Test Day held at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex:

Fiesta Tango

Abbie Williams
Caroline Kennell
Key-Ara Northey
Kirsten Praught

Baby Blues

Logan Darby

Fourteen Step

Madelyn Gander
Jessica Stables

Swing Dance

Emma de Vries

Emily Davenport
Gabrielle Pelchat
Ten Fox

Emma Williams
Sarah Basha
Madelyn Gander

Willow Waltz

Emma de Vries
Justine Brooks

Preliminary Skills

Caroline Kennell
Key-Ara Northey

Preliminary Freeskate

Parts 1&2

Justine Brooks

Jr. Bronze Freeskate Part 1

Rachael Logan

Jr. Bronze Freeskate Part 2

Emma Williams

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GAME OF THE WEEK

GEORGETOWN JR. A

RAIDERS

vs

BRAMPTON

Saturday, February 4th, 2012

7:30 pm

Mold-Masters SportsPlex (Alcott Arena)

February 4th is Rona Night, this is when our contestants who have tried their luck at "Rona Shoot to Win" come back to try for \$500 gift certificate for Georgetown Rona. Rona will also be having a raffle for BBQ and Lounge chairs, giveaways and more.

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