

# SPORTS & LEISURE

## Jr. A Raiders lock up top spot in West Division

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With first place in the Ontario Junior Hockey League's West Division now sewn up, the Georgetown Raiders can turn their attention to getting prepared for the upcoming playoffs.

A 4-1 home victory over the dead-last Brampton Capitals Saturday night, coupled with the second-place Oakville Blades' 3-1 loss to the Aurora Tigers Sunday, the 36-9-1 Raiders clinched top spot in the division for the first time since the 2008-09 campaign.

Georgetown still had three regular-season games remaining heading into Buffalo to take on the Jr. Sabres Monday night. They'll also host the Jr. Sabres Saturday at the Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m. and travel to Burlington Sunday to face the Cougars at 3 p.m. to close out the schedule.

The top two teams in each division will receive an opening-round playoff bye, while third place plays sixth and fourth takes on the fifth seed

in best-of-5 divisional quarterfinal series, meaning that the Raiders likely won't begin the post-season until Feb. 22.

It's still possible for Georgetown to finish first overall in the 27-team OJHL, with Newmarket, Trenton and St. Michael's only a couple of points ahead of the Raiders entering the final week of the regular season.

The Raiders have won eight straight games and 19 of their last 20.

In the win over Brampton, Raider leading scorer Stephen Genua tallied twice and added two assists to garner first-star honours. The 20-year-old from Vaughan has 23 points in his last seven starts.

Jacob Bauchman and Ryan Lopes also scored in the victory and Steve Racine made 23 saves for the win in goal.

The Raiders also crushed the host Milton IceHawks 9-3 on Friday evening as Brock Labelle (2), Lopes (2), Conor McLoughlin, Tyson Fawcett, Genua, Patrick Megannety and Caleb Apperson found the net.



Georgetown Raiders' defenceman Nathan Domagala and goalie Steven Racine team up to stop a shot by Gabe Valenzuela of the Milton IceHawks Friday night at Memorial Arena in Milton. The Raiders clinched top spot in their division with a 9-3 triumph and get a first-round playoff bye.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

## Jags nipped in shootout marathon

Seven rounds of the shootout were required before Kitchener's Grand River prevailed 3-2 over Georgetown's Christ the King Jaguars in the Gold Pool championship game at the 28th-annual Bur Bear High School Hockey Tournament on Saturday.

To get to the top-tier final of the 16-team event, the Jags pulled off five straight one-goal victories, allowing just six goals in six games overall.

They swept through the preliminary by defeating Guelph's St. James 1-0, Waterdown 2-1

and Regiopolis Notre Dame of Kingston 3-2, before downing London's St. Thomas Aquinas 2-1 in the quarterfinals and Orangeville 1-0 in the semis.

Head coach Scott Van de Valk's side received goals from Jamie Stoyles and Will McDonald in the championship match, while goaltender Joey Bonsignore was superb in the semifinals and final. Defenceman Kyle Kutlesa was named tournament MVP.

The Jaguars will host the Nelson Flames Thursday at 2:45 p.m. at the Alcott Arena.

## For Cambridge Cup tourney

## World's top squash players coming to town

The Georgetown Racquet Club will host some of the best squash players in the world at a special event to be held on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 29.

Located at 215 Armstrong Ave., the local club was one of only five venues in the greater Toronto area chosen to host the prestigious Cambridge Cup Squash Tournament.

The prize money for the tournament is \$60,000, the largest for any squash tournament in Canada. It has attracted eight of the world's top 20 players, two of whom

will play in Georgetown.

Tournament organizer Shahier Razik is Canada's number one player and one of the competitors. When Murray Jans, the GRC event organizer, introduced the Georgetown Club facility, with its capacity to seat 150 people and its enthusiastic volunteer roster, to him he gladly selected it to be a host club.

"This is one of the biggest events in the history of our club," said GRC president Jeff Switzer. "We have already produced a national champion here such as Mela-

nie Jans. Now we're delighted to welcome these top international players."

The club invites the public and all current and former members to come and watch world class competition.

Tickets are \$50 in advance, with a purchase deadline of Feb. 15, or \$65 at the door.

There will be an opportunity to meet the pros, door prizes, raffles for a BlackBerry Playbook and Samsung Galaxy 10.2 tablet.

For tickets and information, contact club manager Cherri Massey at 905-873-0848 or [clmassey@cogeco.ca](mailto:clmassey@cogeco.ca)

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**GAME OF THE WEEK**

**GEORGETOWN JR. A**

**RAIDERS**

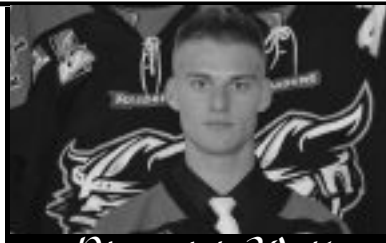
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**BUFFALO**

**Saturday, February 11th, 2012**

**7:30 pm**

**Mold-Masters SportsPlex (Alcott Arena)**



*Player of the Week!*

**Stephen Genua, forward**

**Games played 46 goals 18 assists 46 total point 64 PIM 165 mins**

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