

# SPORTS & LEISURE

## Raiders turn early lead into win

Grabbing a 2-0 lead just one minute into the contest, the Georgetown Raiders had to hang on for a 6-5 victory over the Jr. Sabres in Buffalo on Monday evening.

The 37-9-1 Raiders clinched top spot in the Ontario Junior Hockey League's West Division last week and will get a first-round playoff bye after the completion of the regular season this weekend.

Tyson Fawcett notched a hat trick for the visitors Monday, with singles added by Nick Per-

ruccio, Patrick Megannety and Ryan Lopes.

Goalie Steven Racine improved his record to 14-0-0, making 22 saves.

The Raiders will host the Jr. Sabres at the Alcott Arena Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and go to Burlington Sunday to face the Cougars at 3 p.m. to finish the season.

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 divi-

sional quarterfinal series.

The second-place Oakville Blades can certainly use the bye, having lost four of their last five starts.

The Raiders won't begin the post-season until Feb. 22.

It's still possible for Georgetown to finish first overall in the 27-team OJHL as they jostle with Newmarket, Trenton and St. Michael's in the final week of play.

Georgetown has won nine consecutive games and 20 of their last 21.



## Swarmed by Jaguars

Three Christ the King Jaguars (from left), Joe Wallace (32), Chris Buckley and Phillip Bath (33), defend against a Notre Dame player during a Halton high school senior boys' basketball game Tuesday in Georgetown. A slow start for the Jags allowed the Fighting Irish to take a big lead and although the home side played well in the second half, Notre Dame prevailed 64-43. In the senior game Tuesday, the Irish were also victorious, defeating the Jaguars 64-33.

Photo by Eamonn Maher



SCOTT WILSON

## Ex-Raider captain impresses

Former Georgetown Jr. A Raiders' captain Scott Wilson continues to make a good first impression for the UMass Lowell Riverhawks.

The Oakville native was named the Hockey East rookie of the week for the fourth time this season after scoring twice and setting up three more in a two-game sweep of Vermont. With 13 goals and 13 assists on the season, Wilson leads the Riverhawks in scoring and is tops among all NCAA freshmen with 1.08 points per game.

Wilson assisted on both

game-winning goals over the weekend. He had a goal and an assist in a 3-1 win Friday night and followed that up with a goal and two helpers in a 6-4 victory over the Catamounts.

The seventh-round draft pick of the Pittsburgh Penguins previously earned the weekly honour in back-to-back weeks Nov. 7 and 14 and again for the week ending Jan. 23.

UMass Lowell is 19-7-1 overall and 13-6-0 in Hockey East, good for second in the conference. The Riverhawks are currently ranked ninth in the NCAA.

## Deadline extended

The Halton Hills Sports Museum & Resource Centre is looking for athletes, teams or builders worthy of being inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2012 and the deadline for nominations has been extended until Feb. 28.

Full nomination criteria and forms are available at *The Independent & Free Press* office, located in the Georgetown MarketPlace, or at Johnson Associates at 247 Guelph St. in Georgetown.

The sixth-annual induction ceremony will be held June 21 at Christ the King Secondary School. For more info visit [www.hhsm.ca](http://www.hhsm.ca).



## Golden girls

The Georgetown under-14 girls' Impact went undefeated through to the gold medal match at last weekend's McGregor Cup West Championship before needing a tiebreaking third-set 15-13 victory over Woodstock to win the nine-team Ontario Volleyball Association tournament. Team members (front, from left) are: Janelle Albert, Cailin Wark. Middle row: Tarea Heshka, McKenzie Young, Brooke McGowan, Bex Osterlee. Back row: Coach Kevin Hughes, Chelsea Dixon, Maddie Wilson, Lauren Veltman, Jessica Lam, coach Kyle McCracken. The next big tourney for the under-14 Impact is the provincials in April in Waterloo. The Canadian championships will be held at the Direct Energy Centre in Toronto in late May and all Impact teams are entered.

Photo by Glenn Heshka

# STAYING HOME THIS WEEKEND?... SHOP LOCAL

Shopping local saves you money. Out of town shops have done a good job of convincing us all that sole traders = expensive, but the evidence just isn't there to back this up. If you add in travel, parking costs, fees to transport larger items home and your time, the overall cost is often much higher. SHOP LOCAL, SHOP HALTON HILLS!



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