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No-nonsense Walters has Raiders on impressive run

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The knock on the Raiders during the four-year stay here of head coach James Richmond (whose Aurora Tigers, ironically, are the only team to have beaten the Raiders in the past two-and-a-half months) was that they couldn't match the size, toughness and experience of their Halton nemesis, the Blades, who finished a distant second to the Raiders in the regular season and lost five of six meetings to Georgetown.

But the slumping Blades have looked vulnerable before in the regular season, only to peak for the playoffs. The last time the Raiders won the West Division and took top spot overall was in 2008-09 with Rockwood's Andrew Marcoux and Chicago Blackhawks' prospect Brandon Pirri leading the charge.

Georgetown trailed the divisional championship series 3-1 to Oakville before rallying back to force a seventh game on home ice, but came out flat in front of a capacity Alcott Arena crowd and watch the Blades take home the hardware again.

How the West was won this year, however, comes with question marks. Only Georgetown and Oakville finished with better-than-.500 records in the seven-team division and third-place Buffalo looked dreadful in a 10-2 loss in Georgetown last Saturday evening.

A decade ago, four or five teams from the West Division could have been con-

sidered league-championship contenders, but the proliferation of so-called "Daddy ownership" clubs has created more lopsided scores than ever and gamenight crowds consisting mainly of family members and friends of the players.

Although the Raiders have had one of the better attendance marks over the years, their spectatorship has dropped as well for a variety of reasons.

Georgetown was involved in just 11 games out of 49 that were decided by a goal this season and if it weren't for a crossover schedule with the strong North Division, only the three dates with Oakville could be considered worth spending money to see.

Finally getting past Oakville in the playoffs might change the Raiders' fortunes, and they're certainly equipped for a long drive into the spring.

Backstopped by University of Michigan recruit Steven Racine, who hasn't lost in 15 starts since joining the Raiders from a B.C. team, Georgetown likely has its best all-around team since the 2004-05 group that went to the Royal Bank Cup in Weyburn, Sask.

That Raider team self-destructed due to penalties in the national championship tournament. Strangely enough, this year's RBC is also in Saskatchewan, with the Humboldt Broncos hosting May 5-13, nearly three long months away. The Dudley Hewitt Cup Central Canadian championship is in Thunder Bay April 17-21.

Ontario Jr. Hockey League West Division final standings

Team	GP	W	OTW	SOW	OTL	SOL	L	PTS	PCT	GF	GA	PIM	HOME	AWAY
yGeorgetown	49	33	3	3	1	0	9	79	.806	224	109	1183	16-3-0-5	17-3-1-4
xOakville	49	28	2	1	2	4	12	68	.694	196	120	950	17-3-2-2	11-0-4-10
xBuffalo	49	20	2	1	4	1	21	51	.520	189	189	1059	8-2-3-11	12-1-2-10
xBurlington	49	18	0	2	0	0	29	40	.408	161	205	1098	12-0-0-13	6-2-0-16
xMilton	49	15	0	3	1	2	28	39	.398	195	264	1211	9-2-1-13	6-1-2-15
xHamilton	49	11	2	4	2	3	27	39	.398	176	241	888	7-5-2-11	4-1-3-16
Brampton	49	6	0	0	1	0	42	13	.133	118	276	790	3-0-0-22	3-0-1-20
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