

# Minor atom Raiders win three of four

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The Georgetown PDS Minor Atom Raiders are on a roll, as they captured three wins in four games.

On November 4, the Raiders were downed by hometown Ancaster, 3-1. The first period ended in a scoreless draw, but then Ancaster scored three consecutive goals. Brad Snow broke their shut-out with just over a minute remaining. He was assisted by Mark Fantegrossi.

Last Saturday the Raiders hosted Guelph at Memorial Arena. With a hat-trick, Mark Fantegrossi led his teammates to a 4-2 victory. Kyle Hotham scored Georgetown's first marker, followed by a goal for Fantegrossi in each of the three periods. Assisting on the plays were Ryan Busby (3), Kevin Binsell, T.J.

Monaghan, and Ryan Field. This aggressive, high-flying game feature great offense and solid defence with strong checking by defencemen Nick Black and Ryan Field. Also contributing to the defensive effort were Tim Mansfield and Doug Martin. Coach Paul LaRose commented that his team played their best game ever.

The next day at Memorial, Georgetown blanked visiting Hespeler, 5-0. Late in the first, Binsell put in a rebounder from Ronny Larocque and Doug Martin for the Raiders' first goal. In the second, the Raiders scored twice, 48 seconds apart, the first by Brad Snow from Nick Black and Kyle Hotham, and the second goal, a high flip home by Busby.

In the third, Busby scored again with a nice set-up from the boards by Fantegrossi and Field. Mansfield

finished off the scoring with a shot from the point from passes by Scott Pike and Black. Win #8 was satisfying for the Raiders as they played a clean, penalty-free game, and as they claimed their first shut-out of the season with Ryan LaRose playing steady in net.

On Tuesday at Alcott Arena, Georgetown met up with Milton for the first time this season. The Raiders had another night of prolific offensive output as they defeated the visitors, 6-1. Fantegrossi earned his second hat-trick in three games, and netminder Chris Henderson was brilliant with spectacular catlike reflexes.

Georgetown was quick to the scoreboard when, only 13 seconds after the opening face-off, Snow scored from Hotham and Alex Durham. The first period set the stage for a fast-paced game with

the Raiders consistently halting Milton's attacks.

In the second, Busby slipped the puck under the fallen goaltender, assisted by Fantegrossi and Field. Fantegrossi then scored on his own rebound shot, from passes by Field and Busby. Defenceman Mansfield bulled his way to the net from his own end, and accurately targeted the corner.

Midway into the third period, Fantegrossi threaded the puck through the 5-hole from Busby's pass. Fantegrossi then tallied his third goal of the game, again connecting with linemate Busby and defenceman Martin. Milton finally scored to deny Henderson his shut-out, but nonetheless, he played an impressive 40-minute game between the posts.

The Minor Atom squad's season record now stands at 9 and 2.

## Hurricanes continue to win

After a rocky tournament break last weekend, the Major Novice Halton Hurricanes climbed back into the driver's seat with back to back wins, boosting their season record to an impeccable 14-0-1.

The first game of a home and home series with Burlington featured a first period display of goaltending larceny as Ryan McManus repeatedly robbed the opposition until the team hit high gear. Halton finally broke the ice with a fine Ryan Ellis goal. Also contributing goals were Lucas Schott (2), Aaron Cowey (2), Chase Trull, and Mike Ley. Clem D'Orazio showed up ready to play and supported the goal scorers with four assists. The defensive pairs of Scotty Enair, John Gleed, Adam Sturgeon, and Danny Walinga snuffed a surging third period opposition attack to ensure the 7-4 victory.

In the return match Halton again benefited from a rock solid goaltending effort, this time by Matt Fielding frustrating repeated power play chances throughout the game.

For it's part the offense kept up pace exchanging goals with the opposition until four unanswered markers late in the third cemented a 7-3 victory. Ryan Ellis lead the

offence with a hat trick for a four point game. Lucas Schott opened and closed the scoring with Clem D'Orazio (+ two assists) and Chase Trull rounding out the goal tally. Aaron Cowey had two assists while Matt Clarke and Scott Enair each had one.

They boys were looking up ice for the open man through most of the game and it was great to see them applying their practice skills in the heat of battle. Josh Vanderbreggen had some nice moves clearing the puck up his wing and into the offensive zone.

In the final game of the week we hosted Niagara Falls, after a two hour wait for the opposition to arrive. This may have played on the boy's concentration as a slew of penalties again resulted in playing short most of the game, and the level of play dropped from the earlier day's games. However Halton played well enough to win and handed the opposition a 6-4 decision. There were some bright lights as Ryan Ellis had another hat trick (four points), while Chase Trull played very well with one goal and two assists. Lucas Schott had a goal and Johnny Gleed put in a hard low shot from the right point. Dan Walinga, Scotty Enair, and Aaron Cowey recorded assists.

## Youth section finally under way

Last Sunday saw the almost abortive start of the Halton Youth at the Charley's establishment. After the on/off/on again start only one or two showed up - however, the big start will come this Sunday coming at 12 noon at the same bar. The date was originally 14th, changed to 21st and changed back to 14th a little too late for publication. At least the youth section is under way.

The senior section played as usual on Monday with some good results. Legion #3 returned to the winning post with 10-3 over Charley #1. Brackys Boys battled away against Ravine and pulled off a win by 8-6. Royal Pizza moved up the standings in winning 8-6 at a stubborn Copper Kettle 8-6. Time Out #1 won 8-6 over Legion #1 and Legion #2 took out Charleys #2 by 8-6. However, the match of the week belongs to Legion #2 and Charleys #2.

In the Industrial league Dream Team continue front runners, chased by Hustlers mainly, with

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Westenders, Ensigns, Gasketman Cutters and Steeprock waiting for a slip up or three from above. Four wins by 7-2 last week, Dream Team, Hustlers, Hotshots and Steeprock. The biggest win went to Westenders, by 8-1 and Acadian Pools - same score. Ensigns and Panthers made the closest result of the night with a 6-3 win for Ensigns.

Many of the jolly captains are not completing the bottom section of the game sheet, which is where the column picks up most of the individual stats. Fill them up boys, your players are not being mentioned!

Most, if not all, of the major players around the globe, in the pro ranks of course, practice between six and eight hours a day. Then they are off tournamenting or exhibitioning all over the place. The game may not have the TV\$ it once had, which is a pity. However, there are still a lot of dollars, and other currencies, in the game with tournaments.

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