



Georgetown Atoms picking up pace

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The Georgetown PDS Minor Atom Raiders ended their regular season play before the Christmas break on a high note, undefeated in the last three games and elevating their record well over the 500 mark to 16-7-2.

Last Saturday the hometown Raiders defeated Brantford 7-2. Although Brantford scored in the first, Georgetown dominated from the second onwards. Ronny Larocque netted the Raiders' first two goals with

Graham McCulloch assisted. Kyle Hotham then added the third goal of the second period from T. J. Monaghan. In the final period, goal scorers were Nick Black, Brad Snow, Kevin Binsell and Ryan Busby. Assisting on the plays were Monaghan, Scott Pike, Tim Mansfield and Binsell. Ryan LaRose played a steady game between the posts.

On Tuesday at Alcott, despite having three players sidelined, the Raiders dumped on their visitors from Ching 6-3. Hotham got the first marker from Busby with a shot on the

ice catching the far corner. Then Binsell fired in the rebound from McCulloch's shot, with Black also helping out. Ching got on the board before the end of the first with a power play goal, and then they tied it in the second. In the third period Georgetown took over with four goals by Alex Durham, Hotham, Busby and Mark Fantegrossi. Adding single helpers were Hotham, Mansfield, and Snow. In net for the Raiders fending off the Ching attacks was Chris Henderson, backed up by his defence team of Black, Doug

Martin, Busby and Mansfield. In Milton the Raiders ended up skating to a 1-1 draw. Most of the squad wasn't feeling 100 per cent and it showed in a uncharacteristically sluggish game.

Fortunately for Georgetown, in the third period Hotham came up with the play of the game, taking a pass from Busby, rushing down the wing, deking the goalie and burying the puck behind him.

The Raiders took a short break for Christmas before travelling to Oakville for a tournament.



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Midgets make big comeback in 6-6 tie

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The Georgetown "AA" Midget Raiders fought their way back from a 5-2 deficit and recorded an exciting 6-6 tie with Flamboro Saturday, December 18th at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

The draw keeps Georgetown at an even .500 record with 10 wins, 10 losses and four ties.

"We're in a bit of slump right now but the guys have played solid hockey all season and we've been getting strong goaltending from Steven Heinz and Chad Hughes," said head coach Gary McFadyen, whose team has now gone winless in their last five outings.

The Raiders took a 1-0 lead early in the opening period on a goal by Scott Lahey, with the assist going to Paul Agius. However, the hometown gave up a pair of goals in the first and were outscored 3-1 in the middle frame.

Scoring Georgetown's second period marker was Tim Diardichuk with help by Will Pomp.

Starting netminder Steven Heinz was replaced by Chad Hughes after Flamboro notched their fifth goal.

Hughes turned in a strong third period performance and stopped all but one of the dozen shots he faced. Meanwhile, his teammates went on the attack and collected four goals.

Leading the way was Pomp who picked up a pair of goals including the tying marker on the powerplay with just 15 seconds left to play. Pomp also drew two assists in the game.

Also scoring for Georgetown in the third were Kevin Lumb (who picked up two assists as well) and Mark Aldridge. Drawing the other assists were Stephen Onoprijenko and David Boere.

Novice Raiders win shoot-out

The Major Novice Raiders traveled to Acton on Dec 27 for a tournament. Their first game brought them up against Caledonia.

The Raider squad opened the scoring in the first period at 6:12 on a shot by Billy McDonald with Jeff Boyce earning the assist. One minute later Caledonia was able to tie up the period.

The second period saw both teams shut-out.

The Raider squad poured it on in the third netting two more. First one at 13:16 by Andrew McGourty assisted by Brett Velten and Scott Rostrup. Brett Velten nets the second goal at 4:49 with the help of Vince Burke. Donnie Lane manned the nets for the Raiders playing solid with a great directed poke check and consistent squeezing of his pads and the corners of the net. Raiders take their first game 3-1. Fantastic hustling earned Andy Burns MVP honors for this game.

High noon brought on the shoot-out contest for the tourney Donnie Lane and Brent Beaumont took to the ice for the Raiders shooter and goalie. The Raider squad was on the glass cheering their team mates on.

First contest: Donnie Lane stopped 4/5 shots. Brent Beaumont dumped 2/5 shots.

Second contest: Lane stopped 5/7 shots. Beau dumped 3/7.

Third contest: Lane stopped 3/3 shots. Beau dumped 1/3.

Final: Brent Beaumont shooting on his own Raider netminder Donnie Lane. Beau dumps 1/3. Raiders win shoot out!

The Major Novice Raiders second game had them up against the challenging team of Haliburton.

The third period had Haliburton going ahead by two. Andy Burns brings the Raiders closer dumping one in at 14:03 with the help of Matt Knoepfli and Billy McDonald. The Raider squad played hard with some great offensive and defensive checking. Haliburton nets one at 2:25 to gain a two goal lead. With seconds remaining on the clock, Raiders pull their goalie for the extra man with the strategy working for them when Billy McDonald slammed one in at 0:40. Andrew McGourty and Brent Beaumont made some great plays to help bring the Raiders closer and earn the assists.

The Raider squad pulled their goalie again after the face-off. The squad fought back hard but were unable to tie the game. Great hustling team!! Goaltender Donnie Lane played consistent between the pipes for the Raiders stopping loads of shots to earn him MVP honours for the game. Final score Raiders 3 Haliburton 4.

Hurricanes playing aggressively

The Halton Minor Novice "AAA" Hurricanes have been turning in some impressive hockey lately and took a two-game split mid-way through December.

The team cranked out a big 4-0 victory over Welland December 12th. An impressive checking game by the Hurricanes led to this win with Tyler Czuba, Robbie Ogle, Todd Gilmore and Danny Syvert picking up goals.

Drawing assists on the night were Peter Schultz, Patrick Sherren, Andrew Alarie, Tyler Czuba and Nat Wicken.

The following evening, the local novices played a hard fought game but came up short in a 1-0 loss to Brampton. The home game saw Brampton go ahead with just seven seconds left to play.

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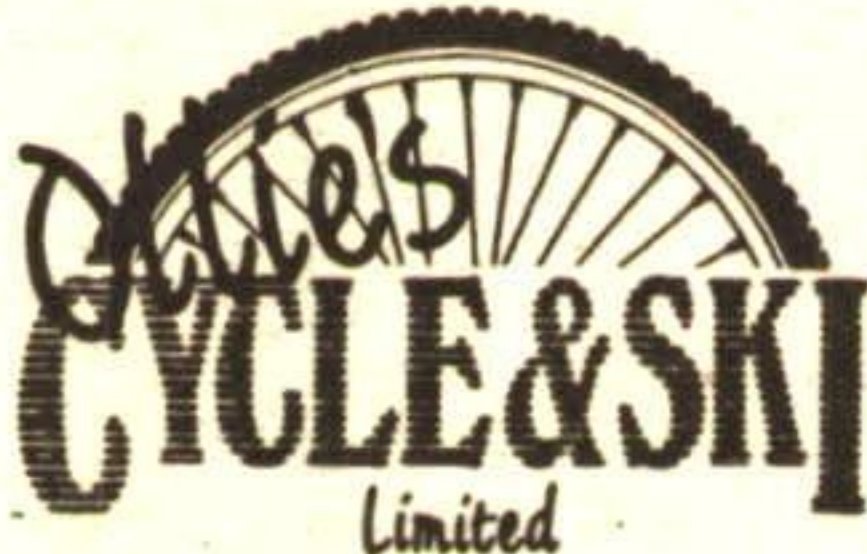
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