

Best-of-7 South-West Conference series to begin next week

Raiders face Flyers in playoffs

With first place in their conference all wrapped up, the Georgetown Raiders skated to a 4-1 victory over the host Toronto Patriots Saturday night in their penultimate game of the Ontario Junior Hockey League's regular season.

Michael Boushy and Anthony Mota scored for the first-place Raiders before the first period was half over, then blueliners Zack Dybowski and Matt Mercer, with his first of the season, scored within a 44-second span in the second stanza for all the offence the visitors would need.

Rookie Billy Day earned the win in goal, making 31 saves.

Georgetown, with a 36-13-3-1 record, finishes out the regular schedule with a trip to Orangeville for a game Saturday evening

against its certain first-round playoff opponent, the eighth-seeded Flyers, who have a 23-24-2-4 mark.

It's a tough game to play because we can't go down in the standings and they can't move up so you just don't want to get any injuries or suspensions, said Raiders head coach & GM Greg Walters.

The best-of-7 opening-round playoff series could begin as early as next Wednesday and Walters said his relatively young squad is itching to start the post-season after winning 17 of their past 20 starts.

The kids are a little antsy and excited because the expectation level has been raised for them and that's all due to their work ethic, compete level and just wanting to win. It's been awesome to watch.



BEARCATS BUMP ALDERSHOT FROM PLAYOFFS: Acton Bearcats Miranda Timmerman (22) and Ally Zomer (29) were relieved to watch this kill attempt by an Aldershot Lion sail out of bounds during their Halton Tier II semifinal match Monday afternoon. The Bearcats dropped the first set of the best-of-3 match 25-22 and trailed 8-3 in game two before a rally sparked the boisterous home supporters and sent the team on its way to win 25-18 and 15-12 in the tiebreaker, setting up a best-of-5 clash with undefeated Bishop Reding of Milton for the HSSAA Tier II title Thursday at 11 a.m. at Sheridan College in Oakville. Acton's only loss of the season came against Bishop Reding in December. Regardless of Thursday's outcome, the Bearcats have qualified to host the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference single-A championship match on Monday against Hamilton's Académie catholique M^Àre-Terese beginning at 3 p.m. A win there would send Acton through to the OFSAA A championships in Kitchener March 6-9.

Photo by Eamonn Maher



Western University's Sophie Cieplucha picked up gold and bronze medals from the OUA Swim Championships in London earlier this month. She's pictured above during her race win in the 200m breaststroke. The Mustangs placed second in the team standings behind the University of Toronto Blues.

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Haas, Cieplucha earn gold at OUA swim championships

Georgetown's Kyle Haas raced to three gold medals at last week's Ontario University Athletics swim championships in London and a couple of his former teammates with the Halton Hills Blue Fins also reached the podium.

Haas, a second-year economics major at the University of Toronto, finished first in the 100m backstroke in 54.23 seconds and was on the Blues 200m freestyle relay team that broke an OUA record in a time of 1:30.29.

The Georgetown District High School grad was on the gold-medal-winning U of T 200m medley relay team and picked up a silver medal in the 50m backstroke.

Western University's Sophie Cieplucha collected two medals at the provincial meet,

a gold in the 200m breaststroke and a bronze in the 50m breast.

Another former Blue Fin, Matt Fox, had two bronze medals for U of T, in the 400m freestyle relay and in the 200m medley relay.

The Canadian Interuniversity Sport Championships will take place in Quebec later this month.



KYLE HAAS

TESSA TOPS FIELD: Sophie Cieplucha's younger sister Tessa, a Grade 12 Georgetown District High School student, earned a gold medal in the women's 17-and-older 400m individual medley and a silver in the 200m IM at the Speedo Eastern Canadian Championships this past weekend in Montreal.

The Oakville Aquatics Club member is preparing for the Canadian Olympic Trials in Toronto April 5-10.

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