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## Raiders score 5-4 OT victory to jump back into series

Winger Ryan Takamatsu picked the perfect time to haunt the team that cut him loose earlier in this Ontario Junior Hockey League season as the Georgetown Raiders rallied back to defeat the host North York Rangers 5-4 Sunday afternoon.

After dropping the first two games of the best-of-7 South/West Conference semifinal series on home ice, Sunday's win rescued the first-place Raiders from an unexpected nosedive against the fifth-seeded Rangers.

Takamatsu converted a pass from Daniel Hardie for the clincher just over seven minutes into extra time.

Game four took place Wednesday night at the Herb Carnegie Centennial Centre and game five of the series is set for the Alcott Arena on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The 10-point difference in the regular-season standings hasn't translated to Georgetown dominance in the tightly contested matchup, as the Raiders took a 2-0 lead early in the second period Sunday, only to have the Rangers score four straight markers to hold an apparently comfortable advantage head-

**Kyle Clarke of the North York Rangers and defender Austin Cho of the Georgetown Raiders battle for the puck in the crease in front of netminder Andrew Masters during the second period of Sunday's game three in North York in which the visiting Raiders pulled off a 5-4 OT victory to cut the Rangers series lead to 2-1.**

Photo by Tim Bates  
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ing into the third stanza.

But linemates Jordan Crocker and Brendan Jacome netted their second goals of the game in the final frame to force overtime and goalie Andrew Masters responded well after being replaced by backup Billy Day for a few minutes to preserve the victory.

Georgetown was outshot 36-33.

**NOTES:** Someone familiar with the cramped confines of the Alcott Arena is Rangers head coach **Brent Hughes**, a Raider for his last year of junior eligibility in 2002-03 who put up 35 goals and 77 points before moving on to the minor pro ranks. Raiders head coach & GM **Greg Walters** finished as runner-up in the voting for the OJHL's Coach of the Year, with Burlington's

**Mark Jooris** earning the award for helping resuscitate the Cougars franchise this season. Third-year Raider forward and assistant captain **Andrew Court** was named the league's Scholastic Player-of-the-Year recipient, carrying an 89 per cent average at Appleby College this season while also involved in many school and charitable activities.



**RYAN TAKAMATSU**



**Georgetown's Je Land Sydney is in top form heading into the upcoming Canadian Track Championships in Milton, picking up gold and silver medals at last week's provincial meet while also missing out on a second silver.**

Photo by Iuan Rupes

## Sydney tracking down gold

Gearing up to race against the best velodrome cyclists in Canada early next month, local resident Je Land Sydney earned gold and silver medals at the Ontario Track Provincial Championships held recently at the Mattamy National Cycling Centre in Milton.

The Grade 11 Georgetown District High School student placed first in the Jr. Men Match Sprint and second in his first attempt at competing in the Jr. Men one-kilo event out of a field of 14 riders.

Representing London's Team Kallisto Forest City Velodrome under coach Rob

Good, the 17-year-old Sydney thought he had won silver in the Jr. Men Keirin at the provincials as well, but was disqualified for what a judge ruled to be dangerous riding.

Another Georgetown resident, Eric Bartolomeo, placed fourth in the Jr. Men Keirin 7-12 final and was second as part of the National Cycling Centre Hamilton entry in the Jr. Men Team Pursuit final.

The Canadian Track Championships for the junior and under-17 categories will also take place at the Mattamy National Cycling Centre April 1-3.

## Bases loaded for minor baseball

It would seem that the Halton Hills Minor Baseball Association's ranks are growing thanks in part to some blue fine-feathered friends.

Registration numbers for the 2016 season have already surpassed those for last year and the executive reminds eligible returning players waiting until the last minute to sign

up may be left on base without a team. In 2015, the newly amalgamated Georgetown and Acton minor organizations boasted about 500 house league players and it's projected that number is expected to grow by at least 200 for the new campaign, which is set to begin at the end of April.

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