SPORTS

Raiders main training camp underway

The Georgetown Raiders began their main training camp at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex recently and the Ontario Junior Hockey League club has two exhibition games scheduled, both at home.

The defending South/West Conference champions host the Orangeville Flyers on Friday, Sept. 2 at 4 p.m. at the Transcanada Pad along with a visit from the Burlington Cougars on Sunday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Georgetown begins the regular season in Oakville Friday, Sept. 9 against the Blades, followed by away games against St. Michael's in Toronto on Sept. 11 and the Mississauga Chargers in Port Credit on Sept. 12.

Georgetown s home opener is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17 against the Buffalo Jr. Sabres.

Head coach and GM Greg Walters has already locked up two veteran goalies to playing cards for the upcoming season, including 19-year-old Josh Astorino of Niagara Falls, who has spent the past two years with the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League's Thorold Blackhawks.

Also signed is 19-year-old Marcus Paulino of Toronto, acquired from the Central Canadian Hockey League's Ottawa Jr. Senators, for whom he played 21 games last season.

Skaters signed so far include 6-foot-2, 170-pound forward Matt McJannet of Courtice, an 18-year-old who racked up 69 points in 50 games with the St. Thomas Jr. B Stars in 2015-16.

Forward Ross Krieger, 19, a 5-foot-9, 150-pound forward, was picked up from the Chatham Jr. B Maroons after netting 51 points last year, earning conference all-rookie team honours.

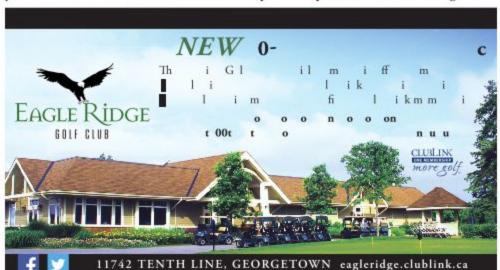
Walters also recently made a deal with division-rival Burlington, sending veteran defender Wyatt Hicken and 17-year-old forward Michael Boushy to the Cougars in exchange for 6-foot-4, 205-pound defenceman James Griffin, a 19-year-old who had a goal and five assists in 18 games for head coach Mark Jooris in the post-season.

Rock signs local power

Two Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldogs graduates and local residents have signed multi-year contracts with the National Lacrosse League s Toronto Rock. Acton s Brad Kri re-signed with the Rock on a two-year deal, while Mike Mac-Donald of Georgetown inked a three-year pact. A faceoff specialist and dependable defender, the 24-year-old Kri played in 16 games for Toronto this past season after a couple of years with the Vancouver Stealth.

I think Brad is starting to come into his own in this league, said Rock owner, president and GM Jamie Dawick.

MacDonald, a Princeton University field star who was the Ivy League co-Player of the Year, was a third-round draft pick of the New England Black Wolves in 2015 but played just two games last season, finishing the year on the practice roster, which allowed the Rock to pick him up as an unrestricted free agent.



ON THE BALL: The Georgetown Impact duo of Trevor Wyeld and Steven Abrams pulled off a 15-13 win in the tie-breaking set of the Beach Volleyball bronze medal match at the Ontario Summer Games recently in Mississauga. Wyeld, 16, and Abrams, 15, represented Region 3 at the tournament, which took place at the new Lakeside Promenade Park. Fifteen of the top under-16 boys in the province took part. Wyeld and Abrams played 10 matches over three days in extreme heat and humidity to emerge with medals.

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