

John Vezina (left, obscured) and Ben Basilio of Christ the Kings Jaguars attempt to block a smash by a Garth Webb Charger on Monday in Halton high school Tier I senior boys playoff volleyball action in Georgetown. The unbeaten Jags hosted Milton District Wednesday afternoon in the semifinals. Photo by Eamonn Maher

High school report

## **Unbeaten Jaguars** hot on OFSAA trail

The last four Halton Secondary School Athletic Association senior boys Tier I volleyball titles have been won by either Christ the King or Georgetown District and those two teams could collide again in next week s regional final.

The 11-0 Jaguars took on Milton District in one semifinal on Wednesday afternoon, while the 9-2 Rebels visited Oakville to face the 9-2 St. Thomas Aguinas Raiders in the other final-four matchup.

Defending-champ CtK defeated Garth Webb 25-18, 25-19 and Georgetown's seniors downed Oakville's Loyola in Monday s quarterfinals.

Jaguars coach Meaghan O Brien said this years edition is likely the most talented in school history and two players, Mike Korzeniewski and Jayson Tate, have won a Halton title in all of their years at the school.

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## **Rebels face Lords** in Halton semifinal

This is uncharted territory for the Georgetown Rebels.

Not since the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association introduced a tiered format for their football playdowns have the Rebels reached the Tier I semifinals with the elite teams from Burlington and Oakville, yet the 2016 version of the squad knocked out the defending-champion Assumption Crusaders 33-26 on Friday in a quarterfinal matchup at Kiwanis Field that was decided in overtime.

Mitchel Spence caught his third TD pass of the afternoon from QB Connor Heggie in extra time for the winning points. Alex Leduc added a pair of majors in the rousing victory, played two weeks after the same teams played to a 28-28 tie in Georgetown in a regular-season contest.

With the win, the 5-1-1 Rebels earned a spot in the HSSAA Tier I semis against the undefeated Nelson Lords Friday in Burlington at 2 p.m., just a year after finishing with an 0-7 mark. Christ the King's seniors were eliminated from the postseason with a 15-7 loss to Burlington's Frank Hayden on Friday in the Tier II quarterfinals.

In Friday s other playoff game at Kiwanis Field, Jack Sam- Running back Duncan Scade of the Georgetown Rebels tries to elude a pano scored the clinching TD in OT as the junior Rebels prevailed 13-7 over their cross-town rival CtK Jaguars in a Tier II quarterfinal tilt between 1-5 teams.



Christ the King defender during an HSSAA junior football quarterfinal playoff encounter against Jaguars Friday afternoon at Kiwanis Field. The Rebels came away with a 13-7 OT win. Photo by Eamonn Maher

## Raiders take battle of OJHLs best

In a meeting of the top two teams in the Ontario Junior Hockey League Monday night in Cobourg, the Georgetown Raiders came away with an impressive 4-2 victory over the Cougars to keep their 16-game unbeaten streak intact.

Both clubs came into the contest with 17-2-1 records and in the Canadian Junior Hockey League Top 20 Weekly Rankings released earlier in the day, Cobourg was rated third and Georgetown fourth.

So it wasn t much of a surprise that the teams were scoreless through the first two periods Monday until the Raiders, who haven t lost since Sept. 22 in Whitby, jumped in front on goals by Jake Payette and Ryan Takamatsu.

With close to 600 spectators on hand at the Cobourg Community Centre, the 2017 RBC Cup-host Cougars rallied to even the

score with a little more than six minutes remaining, but Raider rookie Jonathan Hampton restored the visitors advantage just 24 seconds later for the game-winner.



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year player Matt Mc-Jannet of Courtice, Ont. provided the insurance marker. while Jack Jacome picked up two assists. Twenty-yearold netminder Josh Astorino improved his record to 13-1-1

Standout

with a 35-save performance.

Another tough test came Wednesday night at the Alcott Arena as the Raiders entertained the 14-5-0-2 Oakville Blades, who defeated Georgetown 5-2 on opening night.

The Raiders have a league-high nine players who were selected to compete in the 10team Eastern Canada Cup tournament Nov. 14-16 in Cornwall, Ont. and will be spread out over the four OJHL entries.

Georgetown players chosen are Jake Payette, Griffin James (OJHL Coffey); Zack Dybowski, Jack Jacome (OJHL Hawerchuk); Jordan Crocker, Josh Dickinson, Matt McJannet (OJHL Nieuwendyk); Austin Cho, Matthew Thom (OJHL Oates). Brampton native Crocker was named the OJHLs South-West Conference Player of the Month recipient for October with nine goals and nine assists.

Raider head coach/GM Greg Walters also acquired slick-skating 16-year-old defender Luke Beamish of Mississauga, a third-round draft pick of the OHLs Owen Sound Attack, who played with the Halton minor midget AAA Hurricanes last year.

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