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Raiders disarm Jr. Sabres to vault to #1 in CJHL rankings

Canada's number-one-ranked Jr. A hockey team traveled south of the border to pick up another victory Monday night, skating past the Buffalo Jr. Sabres 5-2.

The two points propelled the 34-4-1-0 Georgetown Raiders into a tie for the lead in the Ontario Junior Hockey League overall standings with the Trenton Golden

Hawks at 69 points apiece, just a few hours after learning they d jumped from sixth last week to first in the Canadian Junior Hockey League Top 20 Rankings.

Caledon's Arran MacDonald and Ryan Takamatsu each had a goal and an assist for the visitors, with Keegan Blasby, Matthew Thom and Andrew Court also scoring.

The Raiders, who ve won 13 of the last 14 games, fired 45 shots on the Buffalo net while Josh Astorino made 28 stops for the win.

At home on Saturday night, the Raiders trailed early on against an upstart Newmarket squad but settled down and cruised to a 6-2 win on a pair of goals each by Carson Pearce and Keegan Blasby to improve their Alcott Arena record to 20-0-1-0. Josh Dickinson and blueliner Jake Payette also found net for Georgetown and Nick Latinovitch made 36 saves for the win in goal.

The 17-year-old Pearce, another Clarkson University recruit from the Raiders who hails from the London area, was named

> first star of the contest in front of about 300 spectators at the Alcott Arena.

Georgetown will make up its two games in hand with seventh-ranked Trenton this week after hosting the Toronto Patriots Wednesday night.

Those two teams meet again in Etobicoke Thursday night before the Raiders host the North York Rangers Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Next week, the OJHL Winter Showcase event will take place in Trenton, with Georgetown facing off against the last-place Milton IceHawks Monday afternoon, followed by a clash with the Oakville Blades, who have beaten the Raiders twice this season, on Wednesday evening.



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