

Leading series 3-1 with berth in Dudley Hewitt Cup within grasp

## Raiders can finish off Blades tonight

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A trip to the Dudley Hewitt Cup is just one win away for the Georgetown Raiders, who have the Oakville Blades on the brink of elimination after a 5-3 road victory Tuesday night.

The Ontario Junior Hockey League's top regular season team leads the second-seeded Blades 3-1 in their best-of-7 South/West Conference final series with the opportunity to knock out their friendly Alcott Arena ice Thursday beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Georgetown struck for four power-play markers Tuesday and outshot the hosts 47-30 while holding intermission leads of 2-1 and 4-1.

But the Blades scored twice early in the final period and were pressing for the equalizer before taking another penalty that resulted in Raider Andrew Court

putting in a rebound that served as enough insurance in front of a sparse gathering at the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex.

Last-year forward Keegan Blasby led the offensive charge with a goal and two assists, with Jack Jacome collecting three helpers to jump into the league playoff point lead at 19.



KEEGAN  
BLASBY

Griffin James opened the scoring for the Raiders and fellow blueliner Austin Cho tallied with 13 seconds left in the second stanza to give his side a three-goal advantage.

Netminder Nicholas Latnovich improved to 5-0 in the post-season as head coach Greg Walters hasn't hesitated to use a platoon system alongside league

goalie-of-the-year Josh Astorino.

In the final seconds Tuesday, Raiders leading playoff goal scorer Jordan Crocker was knocked woozy on a hit from behind by Oakville's Jackson Bales, meaning that the Blades captain will be suspended for Thursday's contest.

In the North/West Conference final the Trenton Golden Hawks defeated Cobourg 3-2 in OT again on Tuesday to take a 3-0 lead over the Cougars.

Should the Golden Hawks and Raiders win their respective series, Georgetown would automatically advance to the Dudley Hewitt Cup championship tournament May 2-6 as Trenton is the host club.

If the Blades extend the series, a sixth game would be played at Oakville's SMSC Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Georgetown has yet to lose at the Alcott Arena this season at 33-0-1-0, including 7-0 in the post-season.



**SYDNEY SHINES:** Setting a national record along the way, Je Land Sydney raced to two gold medals and a bronze at the 2017 Canadian Track Cycling Championships in the familiar velodrome of the Mattamy National Cycling Centre in Milton over the weekend. Competing in the junior mens division, the Grade 12 Georgetown District High School student was in dominant form to score gold in the sprint final and the team sprint category alongside mates Nick Wammes and Justin Correa, in which they broke previous Canadian bests in the qualifier and the final. Eighteen-year-old Sydney also collected a bronze in the Kilo final and a fourth in the Keirin event. The native of Trinidad & Tobago and London-based Kallisto Cycling Club member hopes to ride in some international races this summer.

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## Monarchs host playoff game Friday

The Arena Lacrosse League's inaugural regular season wrapped up Sunday with the Toronto Monarchs beating the Paris River-Wolves 15-9 at the Toronto Rock Athletic Centre in Oakville.

Georgetown's Jordan Dance led the Monarchs with a SockTrick (six

goals) and three assists.

Matt Lyons had a goal and five assists, Luke Laidlaw picked up two goals and three assists, with Tyler Ferreira (2), Jordan Critch, Dustin Caravello, Reed Board and Mike Teeter also scoring.

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