



The Halton Hills Minor Baseball Association unveiled its new uniforms for this season and will host the Baseball Ontario minor peewee boys championships on the Labour Day weekend for the first time in the organization's history. Pictured above (front, from left) are players Ian Baker, Liam Ellis and Josh Ryder. Back row: Minor peewee B head coach Ross Baker, Nathan Currah, minor peewee AA coach Kevin Ryder. Menchie's is the sponsor for the AA team. Photo by Eamonn Maher

HHMBA to host provincials

For the first time since anyone within the Halton Hills Minor Baseball Association can remember, the municipality and the Eagles will play host to provincial championships on the Labour Day weekend.

Baseball Ontario has sanctioned Halton Hills to host the minor peewee AA and B tournaments Sept. 1-3, with a dozen teams in each division.

Eight diamonds are required to accommodate all 46 games, with Georgetown Fairgrounds serving as tourney headquarters. The Gellert Community Centre, Glen Williams and possibly Prospect Park in Acton will also serve as venues.

Our teams have been traveling away every Labour Day weekend to all parts of the province so we're happy to keep a couple here and let local fans come and see what is some really good baseball, said tournament convenor Bob Dezeew, who added that the HHMBA will host the championships again in 2018.

The minor peewee kids can throw in the mid- to high-50s at this point and they're good technical players at the AA level. The B level usually has a lot of smaller centres and we should compete well in that division.

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Raiders drop Dudley Hewitt opener in OT

An upset loss to start the Dudley Hewitt Cup Tuesday afternoon has already put the Georgetown Raiders in a difficult spot in their quest to capture the Central Canadian Jr. A hockey championship.

The country's second-ranked club lost 5-4 in overtime to the Dryden Ice Dogs in the four-team tourney opener in Trenton and a pivotal contest Wednesday night against the host Golden Hawks could determine whether Georgetown will make it to Saturday's final.

At the very least, the OJHL-champion Raiders will likely have to play five games in as many days to earn their second Dudley Hewitt Cup victory in franchise history, having won the event on home ice in 2005.

But failing to hold three leads and a 1-for-7 success rate on the power play against Dryden could come back to haunt Georgetown, which outshot the Superior International league-winning Ice Dogs 49-29.

The defending Dudley-champ G-Hawks cruised to a 5-1 triumph Tuesday night over the Northern Ontario-representative Powassan VooDoos.

The Raiders will face Powassan Thursday in their final round-robin contest. The semifinal is set for Friday evening at the Duncan Memorial Arena.

It looked to be an ideal start for Georgetown Tuesday as leading-scorer Jack Jacome tallied twice in the first period after getting knocked out of last Wednesday's game seven



Seven-year-old Georgetown Raiders fan Emma Davies got some help from the team's assistant captain and local native Josh Dickinson in hoisting the Buckland Cup last week after the home team beat the Trenton Golden Hawks 1-0 in the seventh-and-deciding game at the Alcott Arena. Photo by Tim Bates/OJHL Images

of the Buckland Cup, a 1-0 win over Trenton on the Alcott Arena ice.

However, two flukey second-period goals by the Ice Dogs, who did carry a 20-game unbeaten streak into the Dudley Hewitt Cup, appeared to give the underdogs a lifeline and they erased two George-

town leads in the final frame to force OT.

A rebound goal at the 15:50 mark of the extra period for Dryden handed Raider netminder Nick Latinovich his first loss in the post-season in eight starts.

It was expected that Georgetown head coach & GM would go back to Josh Astorino between the pipes for the tilt with Trenton.

Matt McJannet and Ryan Takamatsu had the other Raider markers versus Dryden.

You can listen to Wednesday night's game at www.cjbq.com or streamed live online and on demand at HockeyTV.com

The Raiders captured their first Buckland Cup in franchise history at the Alcott Arena last week, capping off a series comeback from 3-2 down to post consecutive shutouts 5-0 in game six at Trenton and 1-0 in game seven.

Latinovich had the shutout in both wins.

NOTES: One of Powassan's leading scorers, **Tyson Gilmour**, is the son of Hockey Hall of Famer **Doug**. The VooDoos have just one 20-year-old in their lineup...Raider forward **Jonathan Hampton's** parents are former long-serving MPPs in Ontario. Dad **Howard Hampton** was the provincial NDP leader from 1996-2009 and mother **Shelley Martel** served as an MPP in the Sudbury area for 20 years...For Raider game reports during the Dudley Hewitt Cup visit www.theifp.ca



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