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Raiders bench boss selected for Canada-wide Jr. A award

Walters named CJHLs Coach of the Year

The Canadian Junior Hockey League announced Monday that Greg Walters of the Georgetown Raiders has been named its Coach of the Year Award recipient for the 2016-17 campaign, in voting determined through each of the 10 leagues that comprise the 132-team CJHL.

Having completed his seventh season behind the Georgetown bench, Walters led the Raiders to the best record in the 22-team Ontario Junior Hockey League with an impressive 45-5-2-2 mark.

A lot of credit goes to the kids. It's amazing to see the character and the will to win these guys had inside the room, Walters said following the team's season-ending 2-1 loss to host Trenton in the Dudley Hewitt Cup final on May 6.

People hear me yelling on the bench and I am loud, but I treat those kids like they're my own. They all have bright futures and I'm proud of every one of them.

His efforts aided his club in claiming their first-ever league regular season crown with

Georgetown's .870 winning percentage and 94 points both being new franchise records.

The Raiders also won their first-ever OJHL playoff title and came within a goal of advancing to the RBC Cup national championship in Cobourg this past week, which was won in an upset by the host Cougars 3-2 in overtime Sunday over the top-ranked Brooks Bandits of Alberta.

Walters has also served as general manager for the Raiders during his stay here and the club was



GREG WALTERS

ranked second in the CJHL through much of the season.

The 46-year-old Calgary native was selected in the fourth round of the 1990 NHL Draft by the Toronto Maple Leafs and played several seasons of minor pro hockey before joining the OHL's Sarnia Sting as an assistant coach for eight years.

The Raiders were the most dominant team in the OJHL as the home side in 2016-17, losing only once in regulation as they went 26-1-1-0.

Rebel sweep in Halton junior soccer

Georgetown District High School had never won the Halton junior soccer championship in either of the girls or boys divisions until earning both this past week.

Devin Guest scored midway through the first half and hit the post on two other occasions as GDHS's junior boys defeated Abbey Park of Oakville 1-0 Tuesday in the HSSAA Tier II junior final at North Park in Oakville.

The victory concluded a perfect season for the Rebels, who finished the campaign with a 9-0-0 record.

Meanwhile, trailing 3-1 Burlington's Frank Hayden Huskies with 20 minutes left in the match, the Georgetown Rebels scored twice to force extra time and then won in a shootout last Thursday in the Halton high school junior girls soccer championship in Oakville.

It completed an undefeated season for the Rebels at 8-0-2 in league and playoff games. Cassidy Brooks scored twice in regular time and her identical twin sister Sam also found the net.



TUNE-UP TOURNEY AT TSP: Trafalgar Sports Park played host to the Ontario Women's Field Lacrosse Association Warm-Up Tournament this past weekend, drawing 70 teams from around the province. The host Halton Hills Bulldogs had five teams entered in divisions ranging from age 11-19 in the festival-style format in which no medals were awarded. Pictured above (from left, in red) are members of the Bulldogs U-15 team in action in a 12-4 win over Owen Sound on Saturday: Victoria Nascimento, Morgan Randell, Taylor Cadeau, Tienneke Gedje, Syndey Bumstead. The regular season for most teams is slated to begin this weekend in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Photo by Kendra Nascimento

Kearney keys Bulldogs comeback

It would appear the Halton Hills Bulldogs have a strong candidate for the Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League's Rookie-of-the-Year award, judging by the outcome of Tuesday night's tilt in Georgetown.

The 7-2-1 Bulldogs rallied late in the third period to beat the Mississauga Tomahawks 14-13 at the Alcott Arena, with 17-year-old local resident Zack Kearney racking up four goals and seven assists.

At 5-foot-11 and 170 pounds, Kearney jumped into 15th place in league scoring after that sparkling performance with 19 goals and 22 assists in nine games, a much-needed offensive boost for a team looking to replace the output of Jr. A departees Cory

Highfield (Six Nations), Campbell Parker (Minto Cup-host Brampton) and Chris Boushy (Burlington).

Leading-scorer John Vezina had six assists in the contest but it was his lone goal of the evening with 42 seconds remaining in regulation that sewed up the two points for Halton Hills.

Cody Menzies had a six-point night, including four goals, with singles added by Adam Elinesky, Mason Wright, Derek Jensen, Stephen Portelli and Cam Downey.

Next up for the Dogs is a trip to Orillia Friday to take on the 3-5 Kings, followed by a home date Saturday against the 4-4 Oakville Buzz at 7:30 p.m.

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