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The North Halton midget AA Twisters have hosted the Chinese national women's hockey team the past three years and this coming Friday will face off against a club side from China.



Jon Borgstrom photo

## Midget AA Twisters host Chinese team Friday

International women's hockey returns to the Mold-Masters Sportsplex in Georgetown this Friday as a club team from China takes on the North Halton midget girls' AA Twisters beginning at 7 p.m.

It's the fourth year in a row that the midget Twisters will have entertained a team from China as the Qiqihar Randy Club side visits for the first time.

The Twisters had a 1-2 record since 2014 against the women's national team of China, which is preparing to host the 2022 Winter Olympics by sending players to North America to train and earn experience with a series of games against midget AA girls' centres in south-central Ontario.

Nine national team members are on the roster of Qiqihar Randy.

Halton Hills is playing host to the Wenjiang Festival later this month with its Chinese sister city, but Friday's game is not associated with those cultural celebrations, which includes a full day of hockey at the Mold-Masters Sportsplex on Oct. 28.

The Twisters and Qiqihar Randy have a rematch set for Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Chinese team's home base in Vaughan.

Players from Halton Hills on the midget Twisters, who begin their Lower Lakes Female Hockey League regular season in St. Catharines on Saturday, include forwards Sarah Thomson, Grace Lounsbury, Samantha Moss and Rachel Smith, along with defenders Elena Stone, Katie McInall, Sarah Doherty and Logyn Nytra. The team is coached by Tracey Cameron.

## Georgetown seniors ground Abbey Park Eagles

Receiver Lucas Fritz caught a pair of long touchdown passes from quarterback Mitchel Spence as Georgetown District High School's senior football team defeated Oakville's Abbey Park 31-15 Thursday afternoon at Kiwanis Field in front of a large Pink Day crowd.

Georgetown is now 2-0 in the Halton Secondary School Athletics Association's Tier I division and will square off with the defending-champion Nelson Lords in Burlington Oct. 13 in a Friday Night Lights broadcast on Cogeco TV at 7 p.m. Spence scored on his own 65-yard scamper in the game's final minute, while fullback Elrick Harty added the other major on a one-yard score.

"We've got a veteran team with tons of talent but we have to have better practices,"

said second year GDHS head coach John Leckie.

"There have been some attitude issues that are getting better and with lots of Grade 12s and 13s, so if we can focus at practices and work hard we should be able to beat anyone.

Our depth has been good and we haven't had to run anybody ragged because here's a lot of guys who can do the job."

In the junior game Thursday, GDHS downed Abbey Park 34-7.

Meanwhile, Christ the King's senior Jaguars, who are now playing in the Hamilton Catholic Athletic Association, are 1-2 so far despite having to play their first four games on the road. The Jags will host Corpus Christi of Burlington on Oct. 13 at 4 p.m.

## Patriots put an end to Raiders' eight-game win streak

The Georgetown Raiders suddenly have lots of company atop the Ontario Junior Hockey League standings after their eight-game win streak came to a close Saturday night with a 3-1 loss to the host Toronto Patriots.

A third-period marker by fifth-year forward An-

drew Court was all the scoring for the 9-2-1-0 Raiders, who outshot 9-2-0-0 Toronto 29-28 but fell behind 2-0 after the first period.

The 8-1-1-3 Wellington Dukes have surpassed Georgetown for first place in the OJHL overall standings and the Patriots are just a point

back.

But the Raiders will have plenty of practice time to work with as they don't play again until the Kingston Voyageurs come to the Alcott Arena on Wednesday, Oct. 18, the first in a stretch of seven home dates in 10 games for the defending league champs.

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