

Slumping Raiders fall to fourth place

The Georgetown Raiders find themselves in unfamiliar territory after a rough stretch of games over the past couple of weeks, with the latest loss coming against the Jr. Sabres in Buffalo by a 5-2 count Monday evening.

After a 2-0-0 start to the Ontario Junior Hockey League's regular season, the 4-6-1 Raiders have won just twice in the past nine games and are in fourth spot in the West Division behind former

cellar-dwellers such as Hamilton and Milton despite playing more games than anyone else in the 22-team league.

They've actually scored the first goal in eight of those contests and have outshot their opponents on most nights but that hasn't translated into many victories to this point.

Liam Board and Richard Court were the Georgetown goal scorers Monday.

On Sunday, captain Steve Hladin's goal with 44 seconds remaining in overtime gave the Raiders a 4-3 comeback victory over the Toronto Jr. Canadiens in one of the Ontario Junior Hockey League's Governors' Showcase games in Oakville.

Acton's Mike Courvoisier tallied with just less than three minutes left in the final frame to send the contest into extra time. Veterans Phil Kiss and Liam Board had the other Georgetown goals and Michael Stiliadis registered the W in goal for the Raiders, who outshot the Jr. Canadiens 47-26 in front of many scouts from the pro, post-secondary and junior ranks.

Against visiting Whitby Saturday, the Raiders again built an early 2-0 lead before the Fury capitalized on a couple of defensive zone gaffes by the home side and scored twice in the third period to earn the two points. Anthony Marra and John Adams had the Georgetown goals.

This weekend, the Raiders will host the Milton IceHawks Saturday at 7:30 p.m. followed by a trip to Stouffville Sunday afternoon.



The Halton Hills novice AE Thunder took top spot at an early bird tournament in Orangeville. Team members (front, from left) are: Cameron D'Amico, Ronan Harrison, Sydney Hood, Lucas Denning, Jaden DeZeeuw, Kyle Targett, Thomas Harney. Second row: Jackson Gognanvic, Chris Cuthbertson, Riley Targett, Krozly Vassos, Deacon King, Jack Monday, Josh Cheeseman, Evan Wright, Victoria Price, Zach Van Damme. Back row: Assistant coach Brian Krafzcek, head coach Dan King, assistant coach Johnny Bulhouse, trainer Dave Hood. Absent: Manager Valerie Petryniak.

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Team of the Week: Novice AE Thunder

The first-ever tournament win for the new Halton Hills Thunder Minor Hockey Association was achieved by the novice additional entry rep squad at the recent Orangeville Early Bird event with a 2-1 victory over the Vaughan Rangers in the final.

This is the first season for the Thunder following the amalgamation of the George-

town and Acton minor hockey associations took effect last month.

Preliminary round— Halton Hills 4, Wellington 2; Halton Hills 6, Willowdale 4; Halton Hills 7, Centre-Wellington 0

Semifinal— Halton Hills 10, Willowdale 3

Championship—Halton Hills 2, Vaughan 1

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