

A first for Jags

Yes, Georgetown's Christ the King has captured a pair of Tier II senior football titles in its decade-old history in the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association, but Thursday's comeback 28-21 victory against Burlington's mighty Nelson Lords will go down as one of the Jaguars' most-memorable wins for many years to come.

Trailing 21-7 early in the second half to the 3-1 Lords, the Jags' dynamic quarterback Tanner Gaskill-Cadwallader took charge of the contest, and along with a stout defence, shocked first-place Nelson with 21 unanswered points, including the go-ahead major with less than two minutes remaining.

It was the first-ever CtK football triumph over Nelson's seniors.

The path to the playoffs won't be easy, however, as the 2-3 Jags host 4-1 Holy Trinity today (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m., then finish against winless Notre Dame next week.

In junior action, Nelson downed CtK 37-0.



Christ the King QB Tanner Gaskill-Cadwallader looked like Texas A&M star Johnny Manziel at times Thursday, leaving Nelson tacklers grasping at air. The Lords were expected by many to emerge as the Halton Tier I senior league champs this year, but the Jaguars delivered the biggest upset of the HSSAA Tier I season so far, prevailing 28-21 on a late TD.
Photo by Eamonn Maher

Grace reaches podium— twice

It's been an eventful season for local endurance athlete John Grace as he reached the podium at two major events held in Canada recently.

The 61-year-old mechanic placed third at both the Toronto Triathlon Festival, which served as the Canadian championships, and the ITU World Duathlon Championships in Ottawa in the men's 60-64 age group.

Grace competed in the sprint triathlon in Toronto (750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run), earning a bronze medal with a time of one hour, 14 minutes and 39 seconds, recording a faster run time than race winner Bruce MacRae of Calgary.

He was also third in the world duathlon championships held in

the nation's capital, finishing in 1:07:05 over the 5km run, 20km bike and 2.5km run course.

Just a week after that event, Grace suffered a broken shoulder blade, three broken ribs and a collapsed lung while kayaking on the Ottawa River, but is recovering well and is almost ready to get back to training.



JOHN GRACE

Another Georgetown resident, 75-year-old Duncan Mounsey, also collected a bronze medal in the men's 75-79 age group at the worlds in Ottawa, completing the

international duathlon distance of a 10km run, 40km bike and 5km run in 3:06:57, seven minutes back of the winner. Mounsey posted the fastest times in both run segments of the three entrants in the race.

Raiders give thanks for taking two of three on holiday weekend

With road games on Saturday, Sunday and Monday on the Thanksgiving weekend, the Georgetown Raiders didn't have much time to indulge in some turkey and spend time with family.

But they're certainly thankful to have earned four out of six points in what's been a mediocre start to their Ontario Junior Hockey League season.

At 7-8-1, the Raiders are just two points behind Buffalo for first place in the OJHL's West Division, although the Jr. Sabres hold five games in hand.

Georgetown rallied to beat Mississauga in Port Credit 6-4 Saturday and Hamilton 5-4 on Monday, with a 5-2 loss to the host Whitby Fury Sunday afternoon.

Raiders' coach & GM Greg Walters had hoped his squad would have rounded into form by now, but has been frustrated by a lack of consistency.

"We're just not clicking. Besides maybe two games, we still haven't had 20 guys on the same page," said the fourth-year bench boss.

"We have guys who try to go outside the system and the puck ends up in the back of our net. It's going to come though. I think it's a confidence thing with this team, not a personnel issue, just a matter of executing. We looked like the old Edmonton Oilers last week against Milton (an 8-1 victory) and then the next day (a 4-3 loss to Stouffville), we're back to square one. It's almost like we get too confident and try to do too much. You've just got to keep a level head."

The Raiders now boast more players from Halton Hills than they've had in several years after goaltender Michael McNiven became the fourth local lad on the roster.

Last week, veteran netminder Michael Stiliadis was dealt for cash to the BCHL's Vernon Vipers, who will play host to the RBC Cup national Jr. A championship tournament in May.

Stiliadis, a 19-year-old from Woodbridge, played in the BCHL last season with Victoria. His return to Georgetown after an excellent showing as a rookie here three years ago didn't go as well with a squad that has struggled out of the gate. Stiliadis had a 5-6-0 record with the Raiders and a save percentage just below .900.

"Michael's a very good goalie and I think our expectations and his expectations were higher than how he was performing," added Walters.

"He had a great opportunity to go to the RBC Cup team in Vernon and we wish him all the best."

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound McNiven, 16,

began the season as the backup with Owen Sound of the OHL after being drafted by the Attack in the third round of this year's Priority Selection. He won his first two starts with the Raiders on the weekend.

Against 5-7-0 Mississauga, the Raiders trailed 2-1 after the first period, then scored four times in 10 minutes in the middle frame, only to have to hang on for the win. Anthony Marra (2), Liam Board (2), John Adams and Steve Hladin were the goal scorers.

Adam Nanji had both goals in the loss to Whitby and potted the winner with less than five minutes remaining in regulation Monday against his former 'mates in Hamilton. Hladin had a goal and three assists, with Ryan Smith, Marra and Board rounding out the scoring.

The Raiders travel to Burlington Saturday to take on the 2-9-2 Cougars.

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