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Raiders seek netminder

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Just one week into 2013, Georgetown Raiders' head coach and general manager Greg Walters has had to make a hasty revision to his list of New Year's Resolutions.

Walters's top priority with Thursday's final roster cutdown date looming is to acquire a number-one goalkeeper after the unexpected departure of veteran backstop Knick Dawe last week.

Dawe, a 19-year-old from Penetang, was signed by the Ontario Hockey League's Sarnia Sting this past Friday after posting a 5-0-1 record with the Raiders since being picked up by Georgetown in a major Ontario Junior Hockey League trade with the Stouffville Spirit early last month.

Having been the final cut at Sarnia's training camp in September, Dawe joined the Sting last week following an injury to its backup and went on to win all three games over the weekend after starter J.P. Anderson was hurt during the first period of the team's 8-5 victory over Windsor Friday night.

"Losing Knick is a tough one, but we're in this to develop kids and Knick really wanted to play in the OHL," said Walters, who was working on a number of scenarios to secure a netminder on Monday morning.

The Raiders, winners of seven of their last eight games, played in Mississauga against the 12-23-3 Chargers Monday night.

"We felt our roster was pretty much set after the moves we made (in December), but things have changed with Knick leaving. Right now we've got a couple of things on the go in trying to get a goalie and another player. At this point, we feel we have as good a chance as any other team in the

league at being successful and we're ready to make a big push."

In Dawe's absence Saturday against the West Division-leading Buffalo Jr. Sabres, backup Gabe Grunwald faced just 23 shots but made a few big saves in Georgetown's 4-2 home victory in front of about 400 spectators at the Alcott Arena.

A tight-checking contest that had a tinge of playoff intensity, the 27-11-3 Raiders broke a 1-1 draw late in the middle frame on goals by defender Tyler MacPherson and Nick Perruccio less than a minute apart.

Drake Hart and Jacob Bauchman also tallied for the Raiders, who moved to within two points of the Jr. Sabres with 14 regular-season games remaining.

Also this week, Georgetown is slated to face the Toronto Lakeshore Patriots Friday night at the MasterCard Centre, followed by a home date Saturday with the North York Rangers beginning at 7:30 p.m.

NOTES: Raider winger David Miller is set to rejoin the club this week after suiting up for five games with the OHL's Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds during the holiday break. The 16-year-old from Burlington had a pair of assists in his debut on Dec. 29, a 4-1 triumph over Niagara... Veteran defender Phil Kiss, acquired from the Newmarket Hurricanes last month, missed Saturday's tilt due to injury and Walters said he'll be medically evaluated this week... Georgetown's Jacob Harris was held pointless Sunday as his Sudbury Wolves edged the host Mississauga Steelheads 5-4, but the 17-year-old centre has been on a tear recently. The Halton Hurricanes' grad enjoyed a seven-game point-scoring streak in which he had eight goals and three assists during that span and now has 11 goals and six assists in 33 OHL games for the surging Wolves this season.



Georgetown Raiders' goalie Gabe Grunwald makes one of 21 saves on the evening in his team's 4-2 victory over the visiting Buffalo Jr. Sabres Saturday. With the win, the Raiders pulled to within two points of the division-leading Jr. Sabres and hold a game in hand.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Coaches Cup set for Friday at SportsPlex

The second-annual Coaches Cup will be contested this Friday at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex with a new twist to this year's fundraising event.

Some of the coaches for the Acton Minor Hockey Association's Tanners, who will soon amalgamate with the Georgetown Raiders' organization to become the Halton Hills Minor Hockey Association, are set to take on the GMHA coaches in game one of the Coaches Cup Friday at 8 p.m.

Raider coaches will then take on members of the North Halton Girls' Hockey Association's Twisters in game two of the evening's festivities.

Advance tickets are \$5 or admission will be \$7 at the door.

Kids wearing a Twisters, Tanners or Raiders jersey accompanied by an adult will be admitted free of charge.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the Halton Hills Arena User Group fund.



Life Skills program on a roll

Drake Slater of the Georgetown District High School Life Skills program showed off his bowling style at a recent tournament at Georgetown Bowl recently. The tourney featured Life Skills students from all across Halton Region taking part.

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