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Gaskill-Cadwallader latest to sign

WLU keen on local talent

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They haven't quite installed a pipeline for football players along Hwy. 401 just yet, but Wilfrid Laurier University's Golden Hawks like what they see in the talent coming from Halton Hills.

For the second time in a month, a Christ the King Secondary School standout signed on to play varsity football for the "re-loading" Golden Hawks next season after running back/linebacker Haydn Gaskill-Cadwallader committed to study communications at Laurier last week.

Star CtK receiver Tudor Bertiean chose the Hawks as his destination in December and new Laurier head coach Michael Faulds said there are a couple of other local residents on his recruiting radar.

"There's good football here in Georgetown and with no local university that plays football, it's kind of up in the air for kids to go anywhere, so we want to concentrate a lot of our recruiting in Halton Region," said Faulds, the all-time CIS passing-yards leader as quarterback for the Western Mustangs from 2005-09 before joining the York Lions as their offensive co-ordinator for the past three seasons.

"Haydn's one of those versatile players and you can tell by the way he's built that he spends lots of time in the weight room. He's keen and he's good

Christ the King's Haydn Gaskill-Cadwallader has chosen to play football and take communications at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo starting in September. The running back/linebacker is flanked by Golden Hawks' recruiting coordinator and defensive backs coach Dwayne Cameron (left) and newly named Laurier head coach Mike Faulds at the official signing last week in Georgetown.



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in the academics, which is also a big part of it. Because he plays running back and linebacker, we know right off the bat he's going to be a great special teams player for us. He's got the speed and size and strength to run down the field and make tackles. I think it's up to him where he wants to start out in training camp."

Gaskill-Cadwallader said he'd like to add about 10 pounds to his 5-foot-11, 217-pound frame over the summer while playing out his final year for the North Halton Crimson Tide. The 17-year-old rushed for 59 yards and made several key tackles for CtK's seniors in their 17-14 victory over Oakville's T.A. Blakelock for the Halton Tier II title in November.

His younger brother Tanner, a Grade 10 quarterback, was another important cog in CtK's championship run and older sibling Rory starred for the Jags during his high school days.

"My dad (Mike) grew up in England and when he moved over here 20 years ago, football was the very first sport he saw on the TV in the airport. He fell in love with it so he got us involved right away," laughed Gaskill-Cadwallader, who calls Toronto Argonauts' running back Chad Kackert his favourite player.

"Laurier was the perfect fit for me. Tudor and I are extremely excited about getting a chance to play right away, especially with a new head coach."



Georgetown Raiders' forward Steve Hladin tries to shake free from a Matt Buckles' check during the third period of their Ontario Junior Hockey League contest Saturday at the Alcott Arena. Hladin was named the game's first star with a two-goal performance in a 4-2 Georgetown win over the St. Michael's Buzzers. Photo by Eamonn Maher

Quick start sparks Raiders in battle of league powers

Steve Hladin scored two first-period goals to pace the Georgetown Raiders to a 4-2 victory over the visiting St. Michael's Buzzers Saturday evening in a battle between a couple of the top Ontario Junior Hockey League teams.

Jacob Bauchman and Alex Botten also tallied for the Raiders, who out-shot the Buzzers 48-37. Keegan Wilson earned the win in goal for Georgetown, which held intermission leads of 2-1 and 3-2.

The 32-12-3 Raiders are one point behind the Buffalo Jr. Sabres for first place in the South/West Conference standings with eight games remaining in the regular season for both clubs.

Their final meeting prior to the playoffs takes place Feb. 4 in Buffalo.

Georgetown welcomed back veteran defenceman Phil Kiss to the lineup Saturday due to an injury, but fellow blueliner Alex Adams could be out of the lineup for a while after hurting his shoulder during the third period. Gritty forward Drake Hart did not play, while rearguard Tyler McCarthy soundly defeated C.J. Shugart of St. Mike's in a third-period scrap.

Coming up this week, the Raiders visit Burlington to take on the Cougars Friday at 1 p.m. (not a typo), followed by a home date with the Orangeville Flyers Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

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