

SPORTS & LEISURE

Nothing's easy for Raiders in home stretch

The Georgetown Raiders are finding that there aren't any pushover opponents during the final few games of the Ontario Junior Hockey League's regular season.

Yes, the 33-12-4 Raiders were able to take three of four weekend points heading into Monday night's key matchup in Buffalo against the Jr. Sabres after a 3-2 shootout loss to the Burlington Cougars Friday, followed by a 4-3 shootout victory against the visiting Orangeville Flyers Saturday evening at the Alcott Arena, but they needed some late-game dramatics on each occasion.

Against the 16-29-3 Flyers, the teams traded late third-period markers to force extra time before Raider veteran Nick Peruccio clinched the win with a goal in the shootout. David Miller, Robbie Morden and Steve Hladin supplied the other Georgetown goals.



JACOB BAUMAN

The struggling Cougars, who'd lost seven of their last eight starts and

are hanging on to the eighth and final playoff spot in the South/West Conference, defeated the second-seeded Raiders in a shootout for the second time in a month at the Wave Twin Rinks in Burlington in a rare Friday afternoon contest scheduled to draw youngsters enjoying a day off from school.

Burlington jumped out to a 2-0 lead late in the first period on goals 32 seconds apart that chased starter Keegan Wilson in favour of Gabe Grunwald. Raider forward Jacob Bauman scored in the second period and again on the power play with 49 seconds left in regulation time to force the extra period.

Cooper Richards scored in the sixth round of the shootout to clinch the Cougar victory in front of 400 spectators. The Raiders did win the season series with Burlington 3-0-2.

Georgetown had six games left on the schedule prior to Monday night's meeting in Buffalo and was tied with the Jr. Sabres for top spot in the conference with 70 points each.

Next up for the Raiders is a home date with the Toronto Jr. Canadiens Saturday at the Alcott Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m.



Senior Jaguars leave it too late

Joe Wallace of Christ the King's Jaguars cuts through King's Christian defenders and was able to complete the three-point play after getting fouled during a Halton high school senior boys' basketball contest Thursday in Georgetown. The host Jags rallied with 15 points in the fourth quarter but came up just short as King's Christian of Oakville prevailed 47-43. Wallace scored nine points in the game for CtK and Chris Buckley led the way with 18 points. With the loss, the senior Jaguars dropped to 1-5 on the season in the HSSAA's Volpe Division. King's Christian also won the junior boys' game over the Jaguars by a 57-30 count. In other high school hoops action, the Georgetown Rebels will honour their graduating players in a pre-game ceremony as they play host to Waterloo Collegiate Institute in an exhibition matchup tonight (Tuesday) in the GDHS gym beginning at 7 p.m.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

HHGC well represented at trampoline provincials



A couple of Halton Hills Gymnastics Centre athletes posted top-10 finishes at the recent First Ontario Cup meet held in Unionville in just their first year of provincial trampoline competition, while their coach bounced to gold in the Canadian senior men's category. Rachel McGeeer (left) placed seventh out of 27 entries in the Provincial I 13 & 14 girls' category, with teammate Laura Mazzuca also finishing seventh in a field of 15 for the Provincial I 15 & over division. Brampton's Greg Roe, the 22-year-old head coach of the HHGC's trampoline program, earned the gold medal in the Canadian senior men's competition, prevailing over two other athletes.

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