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Classic battle



Tom Richards (left) of Guildford, England, the 13th-ranked squash player in the world, took on four-time world champion Amr Chabana of Egypt, the planet's eighth-ranked player, at a Cambridge Cup quarterfinal match held at the Georgetown Racquet Club Tuesday night. The fourth-annual Cambridge Cup featured eight of the best players in the world rankings vying for \$60,000 in prize money and this is the second straight year that the Georgetown club has hosted a match. The GRC's viewing area was jammed with about 150 spectators who saw Chabana, who won the tourney two years ago, prevail in a fifth-and-deciding set. The first point alone required 89 shots before Richards won it. Trailing 2-1 in sets, Chabana dazzled the crowd with shots that showed why he was the world's best on four occasions. The Cambridge Cup final will take place Friday at 7 p.m. at the Cambridge Club in Toronto.

Photo by Eamonn Maher



Acton tourney action

Jack Timmerman (right) of the Acton Chargers battles for the puck with a Centre Wellington Fusion player during the opening game of the annual Acton House League Peeewe Tournament held last weekend. The Chargers led this contest 2-0 on goals by Brady Borges and Kyle Spence, but the Fusion rallied for a 4-2 victory. In game two, Acton's peewees lost 3-1 to the Burlington Bulldogs, but the Chargers finished with a 2-1 overtime triumph over the Oakville Panthers on a goal by Lucas Scully after both teams were reduced to one player per side.

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Raiders grab first in division with 3-2 win

Local resident Robbie Murden potted his sixth game-winning goal of the season Monday night in overtime as the Georgetown Raiders took possession of first place in the Ontario Junior Hockey League's South/West Conference after a 3-2 triumph over the host Buffalo Jr. Sabres.

In a matchup of the West Division's top two clubs, the Raiders scored just over a minute into the contest as veteran Jacob Bauchman connected in what would be his second-straight two-goal outing. Netminder Gabe Grunwald made 19 saves in the win to improve his record this year to 13-6-2 for the Raiders, who directed 36 shots

at the Jr. Sabres' goal and took just three minor penalties on the night.

With just five games remaining in the regular season, Georgetown holds a 72-71 advantage in the points standings over Buffalo, which owns a game in hand. Four teams in the South Division— St. Michael's, North York, Toronto Lakeshore and Oakville— all remain within striking distance of the conference lead with two weeks left on the schedule.

The 34-12-4 Raiders will play host to the Toronto Jr. Canadiens Saturday at the Alcott Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Longtime Acton referee hangs up whistle

After nearly four decades of service on the ice as a youth hockey referee, Acton's Clint Peacock is hanging up his white-and-black-striped jersey, although he'd like to remain involved on the administrative side of the sport. The 63-year-old began his officiating career in Georgetown and about 20 years ago, moved on to become referee-in-chief in Acton, sometimes working as many as 350 games in a season. From house league to the AAA Halton Hurricanes, Peacock was chosen to officiate many OMHA final games, as well as three contests in Brampton involving a youngster named Wayne Gretzky starring for teams from Brantford. "I won't miss the hockey all that much, but I'll miss being in the room with my colleagues, laughing and carrying on with the guys," said Peacock, who will mark his 40th year as an employee at CPI Canada in Georgetown. Pictured above (from left) are: Acton Minor Hockey president Bill Curry, Acton Referees' Association referee-in-chief Paul McLeod, Peacock, and Acton House League Hockey Association vice president Russell Lee.

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