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Raiders blow two-goal leads in loss to Pats

Unable to hold on to a pair of two-goal third-period leads, the Georgetown Raiders dropped a 6-5 overtime decision to the host Toronto Lakeshore Patriots Tuesday night in their first-round playoff series at the MasterCard Centre in Etobicoke.

The best-of-7 Ontario Junior Hockey League South West Conference quarterfinal series was tied 2-2 heading into Wednesday's game five at the Alcott Arena.

The third-seeded Raiders jumped out to a 2-0 start in the first period Tuesday, only to give up a goal to the Patriots with 1.5 seconds left in the frame.

Sixth-placed Toronto Lakeshore never held the lead in regulation, but managed to overcome 4-2 and 5-3 deficits in the third period and then Tyler Currie blasted a shot through Raider netminder Keegan Wilson four minutes into extra time while Georgetown's Nick Perruccio was serving a penalty for a dubious goaltender-interference call.

Alex Botten, Jacob Bauchman, Perruccio, Anthony Marra and Tyler McCarthy tallied for the Raiders, who were outshot 40-36.

Game six of the series is set for the MasterCard Centre Friday at 8 p.m., with game seven, if necessary, to be played Saturday at the Alcott Arena facing off at 7:30 p.m.

Jaguars headed to OFSAA tourney

By **EAMONN MAHER**
Staff Writer

Christ the King's Jaguars are set to make their third appearance in the provincial boys' high school hockey championships in the past four years later this month in Brampton after defeating the Bishop Ryan Celtics of Hamilton 5-2 Tuesday in the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference final at Alcott Arena.

Scoring for the Jags were Connor Mortimer, Mike Nicolucci, Mike Wallace, Adam Charalambides and captain Josh Kalbhenn, while netminder Mitch Christopher fended off a spirited Bishop Ryan squad that brought about 300 supporters wearing green and white with them.

The Hamilton-Wentworth-champion Celtics took six straight minor penalties in the first period after opening the scoring with the man advantage four minutes into the contest, allowing Jags to take a 2-1 lead into the first intermission on a pair of power-play markers.

"We really fed the puck to the net and took a lot of shots that forced a few rebounds and we were able to capitalize on those," said Kahlbenn, who had to leave the game in the second period with a sprained wrist, but came back to score into an empty net with a couple of minutes left in regulation.

"(The Celtics) were really chippy and when we found that out, we just didn't do anything when they retaliated and we got chances to score from that."

Kalbhenn, a Grade 11 student who likes to park himself in front of the opposition's net and cause havoc, started wearing the C for the Jaguars in the fall following a season-ending injury in the first game by



Christ the King forward Adam Charalambides screens the Bishop Ryan goaltender on a shot by Jaguars' teammate Brad Ranson (57) that just missed going in during the Golden Horseshoe final Tuesday, won by Ctk 5-2.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

initial captain Teagan Gilian.

Coach Scott Van de Valk's side qualified for the OFSAA tourney in 2010 and 2011, making the quarterfinals in their first trip.

This year's 16-team AAA/AAAA event runs from March 19-22 at the Powerade

Centre in Brampton.

"We've been there before, and when you get to OFSAA it seems like every team is a powerhouse," said Van de Valk.

"The nice part is that it's pretty much a tournament at home for us. We won't have to stay in a hotel like the other teams."

Hill to start WBC opener for Canada

No stranger to international baseball, Georgetown's Shawn Hill will be in the spotlight Friday as he is slated for start for Team Canada's opening game of the World Baseball Classic in Arizona against Italy.

The 31-year-old right-handed pitcher, who won a gold medal with Canada at the 2011 Pan Am Games in Mexico and started the semifinal for his country ver-

sus Cuba at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Greece, has thrown six innings so far in spring training for his new Major League team, the Detroit Tigers.

Hill also threw one inning Tuesday for Team Canada in an exhibition game with the Milwaukee Brewers, giving up one run on two walks. Game time is 2:30 p.m. on Rogers Sportsnet.

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