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— CtK goalie Devin Blanchard... see below



Bronze for Bears at Halton finals

Kayla Fillier (24) Michelle Luszewski (12) and Sophia Maiorano (11) of the St. Brigid Bears from apply pressure to Holy Rosary's Kaya Moore during the bronze medal match at the Halton Catholic District School Board elementary basketball championships last week in Oakville. Georgetown South's Bears prevailed 23-12 over the Burlington school to earn third-place honours. Photo by Graham Paine/Metroland Media Group

Raider Mascherin goes second overall in draft

Although no residents of Halton Hills were selected until the later stages of Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection, there were a couple of strong connections to Georgetown taken in the first round.

Fifteen-year-old high-scoring forward Adam Mascherin was a late-season call-up by the Georgetown Jr. A Raiders and by the time their season came to a close last week in the third round of playoffs, the Maple, Ont. native played a regular shift and contributed six goals and two assists in 11 post-season appearances.

The 5-foot-9, 195-pound Mascherin was taken second overall in Saturday's OHL draft by the Kitchener Rangers. Considered one of the best pure goal-scoring prospects in years, the Greater Toronto Hockey League's Player of the Year played for the Vaughan minor midget AAA Kings prior to joining the

Raiders for their playoff run before being eliminated by Toronto Lakeshore in four straight games.

After last year's bumper crop of a record seven players from Georgetown being drafted, just two were picked in 2014. Tyler Biles, a 5-foot-11, 163-pound left-winger with the Guelph minor midget AAAs, went to the Windsor Spitfires in the 12th round.

Sixteen-year-old Daniel Heelis of Georgetown, whose brother Liam starred for Owen Sound in its OHL championship victory in 2010-11, was selected by the Attack in the 14th round Saturday. The 6-foot-1, 170-pound defenceman played for the Toronto Young Nats this past winter and will represent Team Canada's under-16 squad at the World Junior Ball Hockey Championships in Bratislava, Slovakia June 24-29.

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Jags thrilled with Euro tour

Christ the King's varsity boys' hockey team didn't fare as well as usual in the top flight of Halton high school competition this past winter, but the Jaguars recently returned from a 10-day trip of Europe with long-lasting memories of the 2013-14 campaign.

The Jaguars visited Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic, winning their first game before being routed by a powerful EHC Red Bull junior team and losing the finale 3-1.

The trip, however, focused more on the cultural aspects of those countries and the team toured Munich, Salzburg and Prague extensively, visiting the former Nazi concentration camp Dachau and climbing a mountain in Austria.

The Jaguars also attended a German pro league matchup in Munich involving Milton native Darren Haydar, who met

with the players afterward and even came to CtK's game the next day, offering some pointers to his North Halton neighbours.

After winning the past two Halton Tier I boys' hockey titles, the Jaguars struggled in the league playoff tournament and were knocked out by Georgetown in the Rebels' first win in a few years over their cross-town rivals.

"Even though we probably should have gone a lot farther in the playoffs than we did, you can't complain," goalie Devin Blanchard said. "We went to Europe and that's better than winning any championship, in my view."

BADMINTON: The Georgetown Rebel duo of Robbie Abrams and Jake MacNeil were the most colourfully dressed doubles' team at a high school badminton tournament last week at Christ the King.

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A salt mine in Austria was one of the stops for Christ the King's Jaguars on a recent trip to Europe. Team members (front, from left) are: Michael Pierog, goalie Devin Blanchard, Dan Gouveia, Eric McCallum, Josh Kalbhenn, unidentified bus driver and tour guide. Middle row: Brad Ranson, Jamie Stoyles, Jon Kreis, Nic Corrado, Nick Molinaro, Jacob Harbinson, Jayden Melvin Wright, Nick Boshart, Teagan Gilian, Trevor Hennessey, Blair Davies, Christian Coleman. Back row: Ryan Bourgeois, Conor Mayner, Lucas Jenkins, Zach Vanderlee, coaches Greg Mayberry, Mike Silvello, Scott Van de Valk.

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