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— Twisters' manager Rob Young... see below



First-place Rebels nipped by Huskies in semifinal

Georgetown running back Alex Leduc steamrolls over a would-be Frank Hayden Huskies' tackler during the third quarter of their HSSAA Tier II junior football semifinal matchup last Thursday at Kiwanis Field. Leduc, who had four touchdowns in the team's regular season finale, had to leave the game shortly after with an injury and the Rebels ended up losing 8-7 in the final moments of the contest. Georgetown's senior Rebels were eliminated following a 38-16 loss to the St. Thomas Aquinas Raiders in Oakville in the HSSAA Tier II semifinal.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Raiders edge past Red Wings

Forward Blake Jones netted his third game-winning goal of the season Monday night in the Georgetown Raiders' 3-2 victory in Hamilton over the Red Wings in an Ontario Junior Hockey League contest.

Captain Steve Hladin added a goal and an assist to take over top spot in the league scoring race with 21 goals and 26 assists in 22 games. Brendan Jacome also found the mark for the 15-3-3-3 Raiders, who outshot the 11-16 Red Wings 32-28.

Georgetown also downed the North York Rangers 3-1 Sunday afternoon on third-period goals by Francois Cote, Carmine Alberga and Scott Emerson.

Goaltender Jack LaFontaine recorded both wins and the 16-year-old

from Mississauga has a 9-2 record in his rookie campaign with the second-best GAA in the OJHL at 1.97.

Hladin and his linemate Anthony Marra played in the nine-team Central Canada Cup held at the MasterCard Centre in Toronto on the weekend for Team Oates and won the tournament with a 4-0 victory over Team Nieuwendyk on Sunday.

The Raiders play host to the Toronto Patriots Wednesday at the Alcott Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m. and the Lindsay Muskies come to town Saturday evening.

Those attending Saturday's game are asked to bring an unwrapped toy or gift to donate to the Raiders' Toys for Tots drive in partnership with the Halton Regional Police.

Chinese women's team visits for game vs. midget Twisters

International hockey is set to make its return to the Alcott Arena next week as the Chinese women's national team takes on the North Halton midget AA Twisters in a friendly matchup on Friday, Nov. 28.

Puck drop at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex rink will be at 7 p.m. and doors open at 6 p.m.

It's free admission and spectators have the opportunity to win door prizes, including Toronto Maple Leafs' tickets, and make bids in a silent auction on a variety of items.

"It's going to be an experience of a lifetime for a lot of these girls," said Twisters' manager Rob Young.

"We'll host a pre-game meal and opening ceremonies and then they'll sit down together and have a little social after the game."

The Twisters received an invitation from the Ontario Women's Hockey Association about a month ago to play an ex-

hibition tilt with the Chinese, who are in Vaughan for a three-month training stint as they build towards the PyeongChang Winter Olympics in 2018 in the Republic of Korea.

China is also bidding to host the 2022 Winter Games and appears to have a renewed interest in supporting its women's program after it placed fourth in the 1998 Olympics.

The midget Twisters, with several first-year players, are off to a slow start in Lower Lakes Female Hockey League play and looking to build on their confidence, as well as make some new friends from the other side of the world.

"Some of our girls have been trying to learn (Chinese), but also with all the technology now, they can use their iPhones to access an app where they can actually ask questions in English and it will translate over to Chinese and vice versa," Young added.



The North Halton midget AA Twisters are excited about their exhibition game against the Chinese women's national team next Friday. Team members, front, from left, are Megan Alberts, Lauren Virey, Kristy Kilburn, Nicolle Trivino. Middle row: Assistant coach Peter Trivino, Samantha Scott, Mercedes, Chircop, Lauren Young, Lexie Dub, Hunter Lee, Beth Barbosa, head coach Kevin Lee. Back row: Assistant coach/manager Rob Young, Anna Costanzo, Kylie Cameron, Megan Thring, Jodie Braga, Lisa Daugherty, Hayley Hanson, Victoria Montgomery. Absent: Assistant coach Mitch Lee. *Submitted photo*

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