



Zhang Mengying (7) of China's women's national hockey team fires a shot wide of North Halton goalie Mercedes Chircop as the midget AA Twisters hosted an international exhibition contest last Friday at the Alcott Arena. The Chinese team, which has played a series of games across south-central Ontario as it conducts a training camp based out of Vaughan, scored twice early in the game and held on for a 2-1 victory.

Photo by Jon Borstrom

Midget AA Twisters edged by Chinese

Approximately 700 spectators took in some international women's hockey action Friday night in Georgetown as the North Halton midget AA Twisters hosted the Chinese national team in an exhibition matchup at the Alcott Arena.

Perhaps showing some nervousness in the early going, China scored twice in the opening period before the Twisters found their stride, with the visitors hanging on for a 2-1 victory. Sarah Fillier had the lone goal for the home side on assists from Hunter Barnett and Hunter Lee.

The midget AA Twisters greeted the Chinese players as they disembarked their bus prior to the contest and shared a meal with their new friends afterward.

Team China has been based out of Vaughan for the past couple of months in a training camp designed to prepare the players for the 2018 Winter Olympics and have played exhibition games against youth, adult and university teams around the GTA.

Twisters' assistant coach Peter Trivino said Chinese team officials expressed interest in a rematch next year.

Rebels runners-up at Tip-Off tourney

The Georgetown Rebels made it to the final of the Senior Boys' Tip-Off High School Basketball Tournament they hosted on the weekend before bowing out 56-54 in overtime to Mississauga's Clarkson Chargers.

Action began Friday with the Rebels taking in cross-town rival Christ the King, with GDHS prevailing 55-46.

Owen Martel had 29 points for the Rebels while Joe Wallace dropped in 18 for the Jaguars.

In game two, Martel and Scott Chapman each had a dozen points in a 38-30 victory over Brampton's St. Thomas Aquinas to advance to the championship game.

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Dickinson named to Canadian junior selection camp roster

After missing out on getting an invitation last year, Georgetown's Jason Dickinson is one of 29 players picked to participate in Hockey Canada's selection camp next week for the team that will play in the upcoming World Junior Hockey Championships in Toronto and Montreal later this month.

The 19-year-old Guelph Storm centre is among 17 forwards invited to the camp, which will be held at the MasterCard Centre in Toronto beginning Dec. 11. The camp hopefuls will also play a pair of exhibition games against a team made up of Canadian university all-stars at Toronto's Mattamy Athletic Centre Dec. 13-14.

The 6-foot-2, 190-pound Dickinson has represented Canada before, picking up a gold medal with the squad that won the 2013 World Under-18 Championship in Sochi, Russia, although the Christ the King Secondary School graduate suffered a high ankle sprain in an exhibition game and was unable to play in the tournament.

A product of the Halton Hurricanes' AAA minor hockey organization, Dickinson was taken in the first round of the 2013 National Hockey League Draft by the Dallas Stars, 29th overall. He has seven goals and 12 assists in 20 games as captain of the Storm in his fourth season in Guelph, which lost in the final of the 2014 Memorial Cup to the Edmonton Oil Kings.



JASON DICKINSON

Raiders, Tigers battle for top spot

Third-year forward Richard Court deposited a rebound off the boards into the Kingston net with 48 seconds left in the third period as the Georgetown Raiders edged past the visiting Voyageurs 4-3 Saturday night in an Ontario Junior Hockey League matchup at the Alcott Arena.

The win gave the Raiders three out of four points in their home-and-away series with Kingston as the Voyageurs stole a 4-3 overtime victory on Thursday evening.

Georgetown, now in second place overall in the OJHL with an 18-3-3-4 record, led 3-1 at one stage Saturday on goals by Francois Cote, Anthony Marra and Brendan Jacome, before the guests forced extra time.

Raider netminder Jack LaFontaine improved to 12-3-0 on the season by making

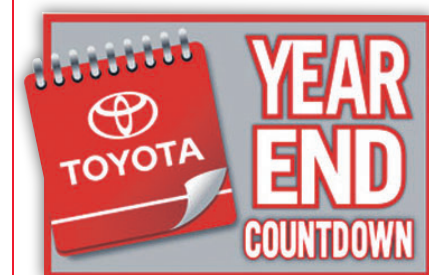
29 saves.

Up next for Georgetown is a stretch of three games in four nights, beginning Friday in Aurora against the Tigers in a clash of the league's top two clubs. The Raiders also host the Orangeville Flyers Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and travel to Hamilton to face the Red Wings Monday.

In their past six games, the Raiders have won five and lost the other in overtime.

OJHL teams were required to trim their rosters by Dec. 1 and the Raiders released former Ottawa 67's first-round pick David Perklin.

The 19-year-old from Mississauga, a 6-foot-3, 200-pound forward, had three goals and two assists in 16 games with Georgetown this season.



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