

## Jr. A hockey playoffs begin this week

### Raiders to joust with Jr. Sabres

For the second year in a row, the Georgetown Raiders are set to meet up with the Buffalo Jr. Sabres in the playoffs and their best-of-7 Ontario Junior Hockey League first-round series got underway at the Alcott Arena Wednesday night.

Visit The Independent & Free Press website at [www.theifp.ca](http://www.theifp.ca) after the game for a report.

The Raiders, who completed their regular season with an 8-1 home victory over the Milton IceHawks last Saturday night, are the first seed in the OJHL's South/West Conference with a 37-9-3-5 record.

Eighth-place Buffalo nosed its way into the post-season this past week, although the Raiders dropped four of their past six games, including a 6-4 decision to the St. Michael's Buzzers Friday in Toronto, after having clinched the conference title weeks ago.

Game two of the series will be played in Buffalo Friday evening, with game three at the Alcott Arena Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Georgetown won all four meetings between the two West Division clubs during the regular season and eliminated the Jr. Sabres in last year's conference semifinals in five games.

In the season finale against Milton, captain Steve Hladin had five assists to finish up the campaign with the league scoring title at 104 points on 41 goals and 63 helpers. Linemates John Adams and Anthony Marra each had a pair of goals, with singles added by Richard Court, Nick Iafraite, Brendan Jacome and Scott Emerson.

Hladin, a 20-year-old from Mississauga in his third full season with Georgetown, joins Stace Page as the only Raiders in franchise history to hit the century mark in points.



Georgetown's Elizabeth Skuriat was recently presented with the Atlantic University Sports female student-athlete community service award for her many contributions inside and outside the school community. Presenting the award is AUS executive director Phillip Currie. Submitted photo

## Skuriat shines in & out of water

Local native Elizabeth Skuriat closed out her competitive swimming career with a big splash last weekend and it would seem the Acadia University student has left quite an impression on her Nova Scotia community after four years there.

Earlier this month, the 21-year-old was named the 2014-15 recipient of the Atlantic University Sports female student-athlete community service award and is the first swimmer from Acadia to ever receive the honour.

Skuriat is a fourth-year kinesiology student and a co-captain of the Axewomen's swim team. This season, she qualified for the CIS swimming championships for the first time at the meet held last weekend in Victoria, B.C. and competed in three events, setting personal bests in the 200m and 800m freestyle, while also swimming in three relay races with her teammates.

She holds the Acadia school record in the 400m freestyle event.

The Georgetown District High School grad is a three-time CIS academic all-Canadian

with a cumulative GPA of 3.78. She is currently completing an honours thesis at Acadia and working in the kinesiology department as a teaching assistant.

Skuriat, who was a member of the Halton Hills Blue Fins' club program for 10 years prior to attending Acadia, is heavily involved in the community, participating in an array of volunteer programs.

She has logged nearly 200 hours of volunteer time with the Annapolis Valley Cardiac Rehab Program, helping patients with exercise programs.

Also active with the Acadia S.M.I.L.E. (Sensory Motor Instructional Learning Experience) program in Wolfville, Skuriat volunteers each week with children with cognitive and/or physical disabilities.

As well, she is a volunteer with Kinder-skills Acadia, a group that works with children between the ages of 0-4 to promote and develop gross and fine movement skills. For an hour each week, Skuriat volunteers as a swim coach for Annapolis Valley Special Olympics.

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**REBELS READY FOR OFSAA** The Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference high school swim championships were held at McMaster University recently, with participants competing for a chance to advance to the OFSAA swim championships. Pictured above is Ashton Sicard, 14, part of the Georgetown District High School boys' 15 & over 200m freestyle relay team. The Rebels are poised to acquire their seventh consecutive Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations team swimming championship at the Etobicoke Olympium on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. For results from the GHAC championship meet, visit the website [www.theifp.ca](http://www.theifp.ca)  
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**RAIDERS**  
NEXT HOME GAME

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