



Moira Ijzerman of the Georgetown Rebels was in a spirited mood cheering on a teammate during the open girls' medley relay event at last week's OFSAA Swim Championships in Etobicoke.
Photo by Devin Gray/OFSAA

Seventh heaven for Rebels

Without winning an individual gold medal, the Georgetown Rebels still managed to maintain their incredible streak of dominance in high school swimming in this province.

The Rebels won their seventh Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations overall title in a row earlier this week at the Etobicoke Olympium, tying a record for the number of consecutive OFSAA team championships in any sport.

GDHS won the junior girls, junior boys and senior girls' team points awards to boost their overall total. Veronica Fong was the lone individual medalist with a bronze in the junior

girls' 100m IM and there were a pair of relay golds by the junior girls' medley (Veronica Fong, Mackenzie Warnock, Krista Lochert, Emma Sparks) and the senior girls' freestyle (Saepom Cho, Laken Schmid, Alyson Kennedy, Arielle Mersiadis-Carrier), but a large part of the points accumulated came from Rebels who placed in the top eight or 16 of their respective events.

"This year was definitely more of a team effort," said Rebels' swim coach Krista Nicholls.

"We didn't have one big superstar to get us all our points. A bunch of kids worked hard all year and improved so much to qualify and do well at OFSAA."

Raiders set to battle Jr. Canadiens

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With a full week to rest after their thrilling opening-round series win over Buffalo, the top-seeded Georgetown Raiders now meet the fourth-place Toronto Jr. Canadiens in the first-ever playoff matchup between the Ontario Junior Hockey League clubs.

Game one of the best-of-7 series goes Saturday at the Alcott Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m., with the Jr. Canadiens hosting game two in Toronto on Monday.

The Raiders took both meetings during the regular season between the clubs by scores of 3-2 and 4-2.

Georgetown is coming off a tough South/West Conference quarterfinal series in which the stubborn Buffalo Jr. Sabres pushed the heavy favourites to a seventh-and-deciding game in front of the largest crowd of the season last Saturday at the Alcott Arena.

The Jr. Canadiens, meanwhile, defeated the fifth-seeded North York Rangers in six games and have

a dangerous trio of 20-year-olds up front in Anthony Repaci, Justin Maolino and Aaron Spivak, who combined for 170 points this year.



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MARRA**

"They have a couple of great players and we've got watch out for them," said 20-year-old Raiders' forward Anthony Marra of Guelph, who had a team-leading 10 points in the Buffalo series, including a pair of goals in each of the last two games.

"I think against Buffalo, we might have been a little too high on our horses and a seven-game series was probably good for us because we didn't face much adversity during the season."

Playing out of the new Buckingham Downsview Arena, the Jr. Canadiens are owned by former Raiders' owner Peter Friedmann, who was in command during Georgetown's Dudley Hewitt Cup championship season in 2005.

Friedmann's son David played briefly for the Raiders in 2011.

In the other South/West Conference semifinal, the second-ranked and defending OJHL-champion Toronto Patriots will face off against the third-place Oakville Blades, who eliminated the Orangeville Flyers Monday night with a 4-3 win in game seven on a goal with nine seconds left in the third period.

Marra, who won a Canadian peewee AAA baseball championship with the Georgetown Eagles in 2007, recently secured a scholarship to attend Geneseo College near Rochester, N.Y.

At 5-foot-9 and 170 pounds, Marra finished seventh in league scoring this season with 71 points playing alongside OJHL-scoring champion Steve Hladin. The Marra family has been a big part of the team this season, billeting four other Raiders in their Guelph home.

"My mom does all the cooking and they do the driving," said Marra.

"We've got a great group of guys here and we want to keep this going for a while."



SLAMMIN' ON THE SLOPES Audrey Shieh of Georgetown upgraded captured a gold medal at the recent Ontario Snowboard Cross Championship at the Beaver Valley Ski Club near Collingwood. Shieh, 15, was ranked second heading into the competition. A member of the Ontario Snowboard Club, the Circafit-sponsored Shieh also collected two gold medals and a bronze at the Snowboard Ontario SBX Championships at the Beaver Valley. The Grade 10 Georgetown District High School student competed in her first FIS Nor Am snowboard cross races in Mont Tremblant last month, placing 10th and 12th against adult women from the U.S. and Austria.

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