Raiders Cairns, Dicksinson make Central Scouting rankings

A pair of Georgetown Raiders made the National Hockey League Central Scouting Bureau mid-term rankings released on Tuesday for North American-based skaters.

Matthew Cairns, a 17-year-old defence-

man from Mississauga, is rated 93rd on the list of more than 200 players eligible for this summer's NHL Draft.

The 6-foot-2, 190-pounder recently committed to Cornell University for next season and has seven goals, 18 assists and 34 penalty minutes for the Ontario Junior Hockey League's Raiders after winning a league title last season with the Toronto Patriots.

Local resident Josh Dickinson, a centreman who just last week committed to Clarkson University, is ranked 193rd on the Central Scouting list.

At 6-foot-2 and 180 pounds, the 18-yearold Dickinson has scored 17 goals and 23 assists in 36 starts with 54 penalty minutes in his second season with his hometown Jr. A Raiders.

Dickinson graduated from the Halton Hurricanes' AAA minor hockey organiza-

tion and was taken in the eighth round of the 2013 OHL Priority Selection by the Sudbury Wolves.

Dickinson's older brother Jason was drafted by the Dallas Stars in the first round of the 2013 NHL Draft and in his first year with the team's American Hockey League affiliate in Texas, the 20-year-old centre has 10 goals and 18 assists in 40 starts.

Former Georgetown resident Taylor Raddysh, a forward with the OHL's Erie Otters, sits 34th in the NHL CSB mid-term rankings. Ex-Raider Adam Mascherin, now of the OHL's Kitchener Rangers, was ranked 57th amongst North American skaters.



DICKINSON

RAIDERS HOST JUMPSTART FUNDRAISER: Canadian Tire customer service manager Scott Galloway and his daughter Abbey drop the ceremonial first puck prior to last Saturday's Ontario Junior Hockey League matchup between the host Georgetown Raiders, represented at left by assistant captain Andrew Court, and the Burlington Cougars, with captain Willy Paul taking the draw. The Galloways are volunteers with Canadian Tire's Jumpstart program, which allows kids in financial need to participate in organized sports or physical activities. The Raiders contributed a dollar for each ticket sold for the game and \$300 was raised for Jumpstart.

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At a training camp in Chile last August with the Ontario Snowboard Club, local resident Audrey Shieh placed ninth in a series of races involving international snowboardcross competitiors. Shieh is ready to make her first trip to Europe in a couple of weeks for the World Youth Olympics.

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Snowboardcross rider Shieh set for World Youth Olympics

Georgetown's Audrey Shieh will represent her country for the first time in snowboardcross competition next month after recently being selected by Snowboard Canada to compete in the World Youth Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway.

The Grade 11 Georgetown District High School student had to do a bit of scrambling with her Blue Mountain-based Ontario Snowboard Club teammates to find snow to train on earlier this winter due to the warmer-than-normal weather, but feels she's ready to take on the best in the world in the women's 16-18 age group during the competition, which runs from Feb. 12-22.

"I have more FIS points than the girl who is representing the U.S. but the Europeans are going to be really tough. It's going to be exciting," the 16-year-old said.

"Sometimes in the provincial races there's not a lot of competition. You get used to racing the same people, so it's really nice to have the opportunity to do bigger things against the FIS racers from everywhere around the world with different skill levels and bigger courses."

This weekend, she's slated to be in Prince George, B.C. for a competition and Shieh has a busy schedule following the World Youth Olympics that has her traveling to Nor-Am races in Sugar Loaf in Maine and Squaw Valley in California, followed by the Canadian championships in Quebec at the end of March.

"I'm really looking forward to the spring nationals because that's a big event that a lot of people show up to," added Shieh, who as a 15-year-old last spring placed 11th running alongside adult national team members

Shieh is also gunning to attain Quest of Gold funding status with Snowboard Canada. She does receive provincial funding and sponsorship through Georgetown's CircaFit Training Centre and frequently visits with local personal trainer Body by Jane.



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