



TEAM OF THE WEEK: Captain Cameron Waite potted the overtime winner as the Halton Hills atom select Thunder defeated the previously undefeated Erindale Spitfires 1-0 in the championship game of the 37th-annual Humber Valley Sharks Minor Hockey Tournament this past weekend. The Thunder beat the Oakville Venom and the host Sharks before dropping a decision to the Burlington Bulldogs in the preliminary round. Halton Hills then beat the Guelph Gryphons 2-0 to earn a spot in the final. Members of the Halton Hills atom select Thunder (front, from left) are: Matthew Coughlin, Keaton Gilbert, Keaton Whalen, John Patterson. Second row: David Piacente, Cameron Waite, Harrison Kligman, Cameron Jackman, Cody Pitre. Third row: Matthew Moir, Caeden Langdon, Alex Snell, Kyle Weatherhead, Jackson Romard, John Sargeant, Jack Murray, James Centrone. Back row: Head coach Blair Boudreau, assistant coach James Snell, manager/trainer Kirk Batten, trainer Kyle Wheeler. Absent: Assistant coach Sandy Kligman.

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Nominations taken for Hall of Fame

The Halton Hills Sports Museum is looking for athletes, teams or builders worthy of Sports Museum Hall of Fame in 2016.

The museum, located in the Mold-Masters SportsPlex, is seeking nominees for the gala induction ceremony on Thursday, June 16 at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown.

The evening begins with a reception at 6 p.m. and the formal awards ceremony begins at 7 p.m.

Deadline for nominations is Feb. 28.

Full nomination criteria and forms are available on the museum's blogspot, haltonhillssportsmuseum.blogspot.com

Drop off, mail or email nomination forms, with supporting documentation, to:

The HHSM Selection Committee, Chairman John Boyce, 8 Hillside Dr., Georgetown, ON L7G 4W3, email: jboyce3@cogeco.ca or call 905-877-8911.

Raiders closing in on first place

Despite a home loss to the Burlington Cougars, the Georgetown Raiders earned five of a possible six points in Ontario Junior Hockey League action on the weekend.

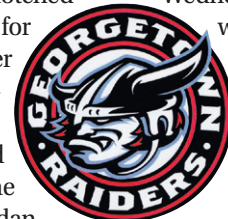
Leading scorer Jack Jacome's goal in 3-on-3 overtime gave the 27-11-3-1 Raiders a 4-3 victory over the host Toronto Jr. Canadiens Sunday evening to cap off the frantic weekend of play.

Newcomer Ryan Takamatsu notched a pair of power-play markers for Georgetown and Jordan Crocker had the other in the win, with Andrew Masters making 44 saves.

The Raiders began the weekend Friday with a 5-1 trouncing over the Royals in Markham, led by Brendan Jacome's two-goal effort.

Matthew Thom, Anthony Mota and Arran MacDonald rounded out the scoring and defender Zack Dybowski added three assists. Billy Day collected the W in goal with 36 stops.

The 18-year-old Takamatsu, picked up in a trade with North York just prior to last week's



roster-cutdown date, and Mota tallied in the 3-2 overtime loss Saturday against guest Burlington.

Georgetown is one point behind the Buffalo Jr. Sabres for top spot in the league's Southwest Conference with two games in hand and a dozen dates remaining in the regular-season schedule.

The Raiders hosted to the Toronto Patriots Wednesday night and will play twice this weekend at the OJHL College Showcase event at the Scotiabank Pond in Toronto, Saturday against the Mississauga Chargers at 3:30 p.m. and on Sunday versus the Patriots at 2:30 p.m.

Also picked up for the playoff push by Raiders' head coach & GM Greg Walters is 20-year-old Bennett Altman, a 5-foot-10, 165-pound forward from Coral Springs, Fla., who spent time with Kanata of the Central Canada league and Swan Valley of the Manitoba Jr. A loop this season before making his Georgetown debut Sunday.

Naming contest for Acton Arena

The Town of Halton Hills will be enlisting the help of the public in coming up with names for each of the ice pads at the Acton Arena & Community Centre.

Details about the Ice Pad Naming Contest will be announced at the official unveiling of the Acton Arena & Community Centre expansion on Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Churchill Rd. facility.

An ad-hoc committee comprised of community volunteers, Town staff and representatives of CRH Canada Group (formerly Dufferin Aggregates) will evaluate and select recommended names from the contest submissions. The official opening of the expanded Acton Arena & Community Centre will run from 1-5 p.m. on Jan. 30 featuring outdoor skating, weather permitting.

CORRECTION: In last week's Independent & Free Press, it was stated that the last time a locally based team won an International Silver Stick championship was in 2009, according to information supplied by the Halton Hills Minor Hockey Association. In fact, the Georgetown atom AE Raiders defeated a team from Ohio 2-1 in the final to capture the International Silver Stick title in 2011.



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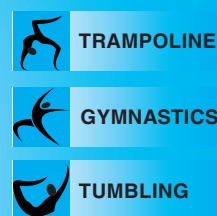
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