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## Georgetown lifeguard Jordan Stott takes her skills overseas

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When the Halton Hills Life-saving Club started up in 2011, local resident Jordan Stott was a self-admitted pool rat who never seemed far from the water.

Also a competitive swimmer, the now 18-year-old Stott's training and development in the town's life-saving sport program has led her to qualifying for two major competitions in Europe as a member of Team Canada this past fall and perhaps a trip to Australia later this year.

The Grade 12 Georgetown District High School student didn't have much time to adjust from the trans-Atlantic plane trip before competing in the German Cup in late November, but felt much more comfortable after a week of training before taking part in the Orange Cup in the Netherlands.

She earned a pair of top-20 finishes in the obstacle-course-like 200 metre Super Lifesaver event and as well as learning skills that may help her save a life one day, Stott earned invaluable experience from her senior Canadian teammates and from some new friends Down Under.

"(The Australian team) coach came over a few times and gave us lots of tips on how to use the different equipment and he had a few of their world-record holders do some demonstrations for us and that was really cool because Canada hasn't progressed as far in the sport

technique-wise as Australia has," she said.

Stott, who will attend George Brown College in the fall in its sign language interpreting program, earned a spot on the Canadian team after winning her age group at the Canadian Pool Lifesaving Championships in Markham last June.

She has yet to encounter a real-life emergency situation in her eight years of lifeguarding, only having to respond to minor pool injuries.

But she feels she'll be ready when called upon and did get to see how others reacted when in that situation while in the Netherlands.

"During training, we witnessed someone who had an apparent heart attack in the water," she explained.

"It was unfortunate for that person, but it was interesting to see what their protocol was, even though they had us keep swimming."

Stott hopes to qualify for the 2018 Lifesaving World Championships in Adelaide, Australia in November based on her performance at the upcoming Canadian championships in Markham in May.

She has swum competitively for the Mighty Tritons of Milton the past two years after getting her start with the Halton Hills Blue Fins, and was also a member of GDHS's provincial championship team victory at the recent OFSAA meet in Windsor, making the finals in three events.



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**Jordan Stott of the Halton Hills Lifeguard Club has spent countless hours in the pool and on deck at the Gellert Recreation Centre and Georgetown Indoor Pool honing her lifesaving skills and those were put to the test at two recent competitions in Europe, in which she twice placed in the top 20 against international competitors.**

## Rangers have 3-1 stranglehold on Raiders

A rare Friday night home date could be the last game played by the Georgetown Raiders this season after another playoff loss to the North York Rangers Tuesday evening.

The host Rangers took a 2-1 lead to the first intermission and gained control of the contest with three goals in the middle stanza for a 6-3 triumph to grab a 3-1 series lead in the Ontario Junior Hockey League best-of-7 South/West Conference semifinal.

Second-seeded Georgetown will need a win Friday at the Alcott Arena starting at 7:30 p.m. to force Game 6 Sunday afternoon at the Herb Carnegie Centre.

Raider starting netminder Troy Timpano was pulled for the second straight outing after the first period against a well-balanced Ranger attack. Nicholas Prestia (2) and Jonathan Hampton tallied for the visitors, who outshot the Raiders 32-31 overall.

A disastrous start Sunday afternoon in North York saw Georgetown down 4-1 midway through the game, with Timpano relieved after allowing four goals on 13 shots.

The visitors responded with Bailey Molella scoring twice and defender Zac Elson adding another to force OT. Nathan Torchia went on to make 25 saves in relief as the teams, separated by just two points in the final regular season standings, tied in the shots department at 39.

On Saturday night in Georgetown, Ranger all-star netminder Colby Muise stopped 37 of 38 shots as Derek McVey's second-period marker was all for the Raiders in a 3-1 loss.

If Game 7 is required it would be played this Monday at 2 p.m. at the Alcott Arena.

In the other South/West Conference semifinal, the top-ranked Toronto Patriots and fourth-place Oakville Blades are tied 2-2 with Game 5 at the Westwood Arenas Thursday night.

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**Fri. Mar. 23rd, 2018 - 7:30pm**  
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