

D-men dynamite for Raiders in post-season run

Zac Elson notched his fifth goal of the playoffs and fellow blueliner Jacob Payette added two assists in the Georgetown Raiders' 4-2 win over the host Toronto Patriots Monday night in Etobicoke.

The Raiders lead the Ontario Junior Hockey League South/West Conference best-of-7 series 2-1 heading into Wednesday's game four in Georgetown beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Getting offence at key times from the defence has again been a big reason why Greg Walters' squad has advanced to at least the conference final stage for the third year in a row, with Elson and Payette tied for the team lead in scoring.

Certainly, Georgetown has received contributions from throughout the lineup to get this far, but the defence corps has accounted for a healthy one third (45 of 134) of the club's playoff points in 14 games.

Elson, a 21-year-old from Courtice acquired from the rival Burlington Cougars in October, put the visitors into a brief 2-1 advantage late in the second period Monday for his fifth tally of the post-season - matching his regular-season output.

Rookie Justin Paul, scorer of the series-clinching goal in overtime in the previous series against North York, potted another winner in game 3 early in the final frame.

Vet Matt McJannet added an insurance marker and netminder Troy Timpano was again outstanding as his side was outshot 37-24.

Game 5 will be played at Westwood Arenas on Saturday at 7:45 p.m., with game 6, if necessary, back at the Alcott Arena Sunday at 6 p.m.



Atom AAA Hurricanes photo

Team members (front, from left) are: Blake Sloan, Robyn McGill, Noah Biesenthal, Ryan Aversa, Nolan Keeler, Lochlan Tetarenko, Tanner Lawson, Mason Janicki. Back row: Ryder Graves, Cristian Giancola, Tyler Hopkins, Kyle Henneberry, Alex Hendry, Nikola Krmptotic, Colton Palmer, Jake O'Donnell, Lucas Lagoutte.

Atom AAA Hurricanes make long-awaited return to OHF's

For the first time in 14 years, the Halton Hurricanes will have a representative at the Ontario Hockey Federation AAA championship tournament following the successful run of the atom AAA team this season.

The Hurricanes qualified for the five-team OHF atom

AAA championships in Hamilton April 13-15 after finishing runner-up at the Ontario Minor Hockey Association playdowns at St. Michael's College in Aurora last month.

The other teams in the tournament are the host Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs, the GTHL at AAA, Waterloo Wolves and London

Jr. Knights.

At the OMHA atom tournament in Aurora, the Hurricanes went 3-1 in the preliminary round to place first but lost 2-0 to Hamilton in the gold medal game.

Their overall record this season is 53-16-15 with 264 goals for and 115 against and the Hur-

ricanes have earned back-to-back South Central Triple-A (SCTA) league titles.

The volunteer-coached team is led by bench boss Darryl Giancola and assistants Joey Tetarenko, Patrick Henneberry, Paul O'Donnell and John Hendry, with several Halton Hills players in the lineup.

Halton Hurricanes earn OMHA silver medals

A 3-1 loss to the Whitby Wildcats in the gold-medal game ended an excellent season for the Halton Hurricanes at the Ontario Minor Hockey Association bantam AAA playdowns this past weekend at the University of Guelph.

The Hurricanes finished the regular season with a 15-13-8 record and played their best hockey in the playoffs, going 2-1-1 at the playdowns before bowing out to Whitby.

OMHA Playdowns
 Preliminary round - Halton 6, Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs 1; Halton 3, Guelph Gryphons 2; Whitby Wildcats 5, Halton 2; Halton 2, North Central Predators 2
 Gold medal - Whitby Wildcats 3, Halton 1



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Team members (front, from left) are: Braedyn McIntosh, Luke Doney, Noah Faulkner, Brennan Kennedy, Nolan Milne, Leighton Cooke, Joseph Meleca, Ethan Burroughs. Middle: Gavin Munro. Back row: Assistant coach/trainer Phil Southgate, assistant coach Todd Bannerman, Jordan Drake, Jordan Adams, Lawson Sherk, Connor Hay, Joshua Vagenas, Thomas Viveiros, Nathan Wilson, Jackson Robinson, Jacob Craft, Kyle Schoeffner, Andrew MacNeil, assistant coach Chris Taylor, head coach Rick Chisholme.

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