

Another game 7 win and Buckland Cup appearance for Raiders

For a team that looked down and out nearly three weeks ago, the Georgetown Raiders are again playing their best hockey when it matters most, knocking out the Ontario Junior Hockey League's best regular-season team in their home rink Tuesday night.

Andrew Cordssen-David and Bailey Molella put the second-seeded Raiders up 2-0 after the opening period of game 7 against the Toronto Patriots and the defending-league-champions held on for a 3-2 triumph for their third straight South/West Conference title.

Georgetown moves on to face the North/East Conference-winning Wellington Dukes in the Buckland Cup best-of-7 final, with the series dates yet to be announced.

The Raiders, who are 4-0

in elimination games in these playoffs, will have home-ice advantage against the Dukes after finishing the regular schedule with four more points.

Pulling off their second consecutive game 7 series win after an improbable comeback against North York, head coach Greg Walters' side earned its third road win of the series over the Patriots at the Westwood Arena in front of close to 700 spectators.

Fifth-year forward Andrew Court potted an empty-netter with less than two minutes left in regulation to give the visitors a two-goal lead, but in such a tightly contested series, it wasn't surprising that the Patriots battled back with 29 seconds remaining to keep the result in doubt.

Raiders' goalie Troy Timpano, who started the

Memorial Cup final last spring for the OHL's Erie Otters, made 27 saves for the victory in goal and had an assist on Molella's marker.

Without veteran forwards Jonathan Hampton and Brendan D'Agostino in the lineup, Georgetown was able to shake off a painful game 6 loss Sunday at the Alcott Arena after giving up four first-period goals and having a rally spoiled by a Patriots' short-handed goal in a 6-4 defeat.

The winner of the Georgetown-Wellington series moves on to the Dudley Hewitt Cup in Dryden, Ont. May 1-5 in a four-team round-robin tournament to determine the Central Canadian representative for the Royal Bank Cup national championship in Chilliwack, B.C. May 12-21.

FINLAYSON'S ACE MAKES IT A DOZEN



Bill Johnston photo

Not even when he's on vacation is a golf course safe from the clubs of local resident Reg Finlayson. The 77-year-old struck for his 12th hole in one recently while spending time on the U.S. Atlantic coast, sinking his tee shot on the 140-yard 17th hole with a 7-iron at the Brunswick Country Club in Georgia. The Club at North Halton member has won several Golf Association of Ontario titles in his career and his 11th ace happened on the same course in Georgia on the same hole four years ago. The shot was witnessed by playing partners George Costaris, Bill Prince and Bill Johnston.

GEORGETOWN LADIES' TEAM 3RD IN TORONTO 'A' LOOP PLAYOFFS



Bernie Gavadza photo

A team from the Georgetown Racquet Club recently reached the semifinals of the Toronto & District Women's Squash Association's top flight before bowing out to the second-place entry. From left, Samantha Thomas, Anita Debruyn, Kathy Cowper, Betty D'Oliveira and Dianne Jackson finished the winter season in third place before entering the A league playoffs. Bernie Gavadza photo For the top left corner, a Georgetown Raiders game story will be forthcoming Wednesday morning as they're playing a game Tuesday night.

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