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Georgetown brothers face off in AHL encounters

The Dickinson brothers of Georgetown met on the ice twice this past weekend for the first time as professionals deep in the heart of Texas.

Just before Georgetown Jr. A Raiders' graduate Josh signed a three-year contract with the National Hockey League's Colorado Avalanche a couple of weeks ago, his 22-year-old brother Jason was reassigned by the NHL's Dallas Stars to their American Hockey League (AHL) farm club, the Texas Stars.

Making the rare jump from the Ontario Junior Hockey League to the AHL (with an excellent freshman campaign in between) in just one season, 20-year-old Josh was sent to Colorado's affiliate, the San Antonio Rampage, for the final five games of the regular season.

And it so happened that the two centres would face off against each other to start both ends of the home-and-away series. Josh had an assist, his second point as a pro, in a 4-2 Texas victory on Friday, while both were held off the score sheet Saturday in a 4-3 overtime road win for San Antonio Saturday.

Jason, who had 18 goals and 10 assists in 43 AHL starts this season along with 27 NHL games for Dallas, is moving on to the playoffs with Texas, while

the Rampage didn't qualify for the post-season.

NCAA TITLE FOR HECTOR: Blue liner Meaghan Hector of Georgetown earned a national championship in her freshman year with Clarkson University as the Golden Knights recently won their second straight NCAA Division I crown and third in the past five years at the Frozen Four event in Minnesota.

Hector, a 19-year-old business major, had a goal and three assists this season and stepped right into the Golden Knights' lineup after three seasons with the Oakville Hornets' of the Provincial Women's Hockey League.

Clarkson defeated rival Colgate 2-1 in OT in the Frozen Four championship game.

A Christ the King Secondary School grad, Hector also received the Ilse J. Shaw School of Business Freshman Award, given to a first-year Clarkson student who demonstrates outstanding scholastic ability and leadership. **COUSENS HOISTS ALLAN CUP:** A local resident was on the Stoney Creek Generals' squad that won one of Canada's oldest national championships on Saturday night in Rose-town, Sask. Defenceman Deron Cousens, a 31-year-old defenceman, was a

regular in his second year with the Generals, who breezed through the Ontario league playoffs before pulling off a bit of an upset 7-4 triumph in Saturday's Allan Cup final over the perennial powerhouse Lacombe Generals from Alberta.

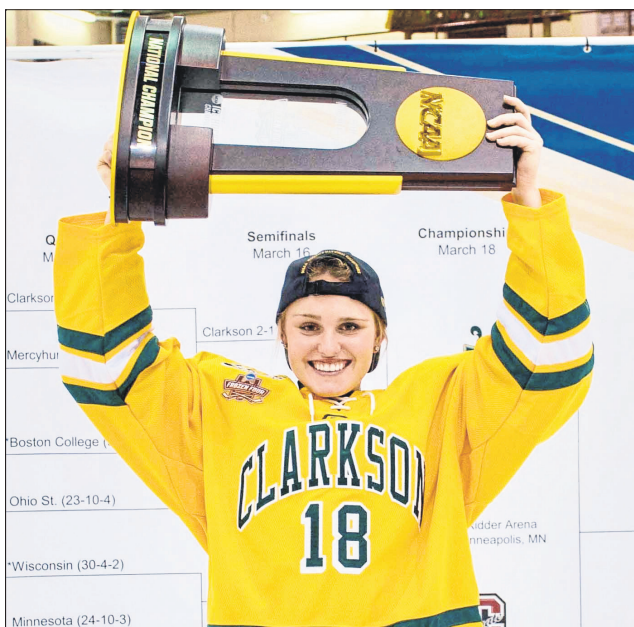
Six teams competed for the winners' trophy, which has been contested since 1909 and is emblematic of the national senior men's championship.

Cousens played NCAA Division I hockey at Michigan Tech before spending a couple of years with some ECHL clubs. He had one assist in five Allan Cup tournament games and a goal and five assists in Stoney Creek's league playoffs.

HARDIE SHINES: Another former Raider, forward Daniel Hardie, is having an excellent playoff for the Quebec Major Junior Hockey (QMJHL) League's Charlottetown Islanders with three goals and 10 assists in 11 games.

The 19-year-old Georgetown native was dealt from Saint John to the Islanders mid-season and has helped the ninth-seeded team reach the conference finals after upsetting Quebec and Halifax in the first two rounds.

Charlottetown now faces No. 1-ranked Blainville-Boisbriand in the QMJHL semifinals.



Jim Meagher photo

Above, Local resident Meaghan Hector lifts the NCAA Division I women's hockey championship trophy after her Clarkson University Golden Knights edged Colgate 2-1 in overtime in the final held at Ridder Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota. Clarkson finished the season with a 36-4-1 record. Below, Brothers Jason (left) and Josh Dickinson of Georgetown chatted in the pre-game warm-ups prior to playing against each other for the first time as professionals over the weekend in Texas. Jason's Texas Stars and Josh's San Antonio Rampage split their American Hockey League home-and-away series, with Josh earning an assist in as many games in a whirlwind week after recently signing with the Colorado Avalanche.



Rebecca Dickinson photo

Blowout victory for Raiders

After playing mostly tight contests for the past month or so in a pair of series that went seven games, a breakout 8-0 win by the Georgetown Raiders Tuesday night over the visiting Wellington Dukes was a bit of a welcome change of pace for the club's supporters.

The Raiders bounced back from a 6-1 loss in Wellington the night before to strike for four goals in the second period in the rout, although the North/East Conference-champion Dukes are still ahead 2-1 in the best-of-7 Ontario Junior Hockey League Buckland Cup final series.

South/West Conference rep Georgetown can even the series in game 4 Thursday in Wellington, followed by game 5 Saturday at the Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m.

Nick Prestia (2), Austin Cho, Zac Elson, Jason Smith, Andrew Court, Jordan Crocker and Matt McJannet tallying for the home side, with Troy Timpano making 36 saves for the shutout.

The difference in the game was the Raiders' power play, which went 6 for 9 and accounted for a good part of the team's 47 shots on the Wellington net.

The winner of the matchup moves on to the Dudley Hewitt Cup four-team Central Canadian championship tournament to be held May 1-5 in Dryden, Ont.

COUNTDOWN TO THE RAIDERS NEXT HOME GAME

SAT NIGHT
Sat Apr 21st, 2018 - 7:30pm
Georgetown Raiders vs. Wellington Dukes
 Games at Mold-Masters SportsPlex

IF REQUIRED
Tues Apr 24th, 2018 - 7:30pm
Georgetown Raiders vs. Wellington Dukes

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