

OVERTIME WIN EXTENDS RAIDERS' PLAYOFF STREAK TO 21 YEARS

The Georgetown Raiders' leading goal-scorer delivered his biggest goal of the season - scoring the overtime winner that sent the Raiders into the playoffs.

Matt McJannet's second goal of the game gave the Raiders a 5-4 win over the Pickering Panthers in Sunday's one-game showdown, to determine the final post-season berth in the Ontario Junior Hockey League's North Division.

The Raiders failed to clinch the final spot in the West Division when they lost to Brantford Saturday. But, because Georgetown - fifth in the West - had more points than Pickering, the fourth-placed team in the North, they earned a one-game showdown for the fi-

nal playoff spot.

Georgetown made the most of it and extended their streak of qualifying for the playoffs to 21 years.

The Raiders will now face the Markham Royals in the opening round; Georgetown won both meetings between the teams this season, even though Markham finished first in the North Division with a 29-18-7 record, 12 points ahead of the Raiders.

Georgetown will host Game 2 of the series Saturday and Game 4 Wednesday - both games are 7:30 p.m. starts.

The Raiders trailed 3-2 in the third period Sunday, until McJannet and Mitchell Hewitson scored 1:19 apart to give Georgetown its first lead of the game.



Michelle Malvaso

Matt McJannet scored twice, including the overtime winner, in 4-3 win over the Pickering Panthers that clinched a playoff spot for the Georgetown Raiders for the 21st straight year. Georgetown will face the Markham Royals in the opening round.

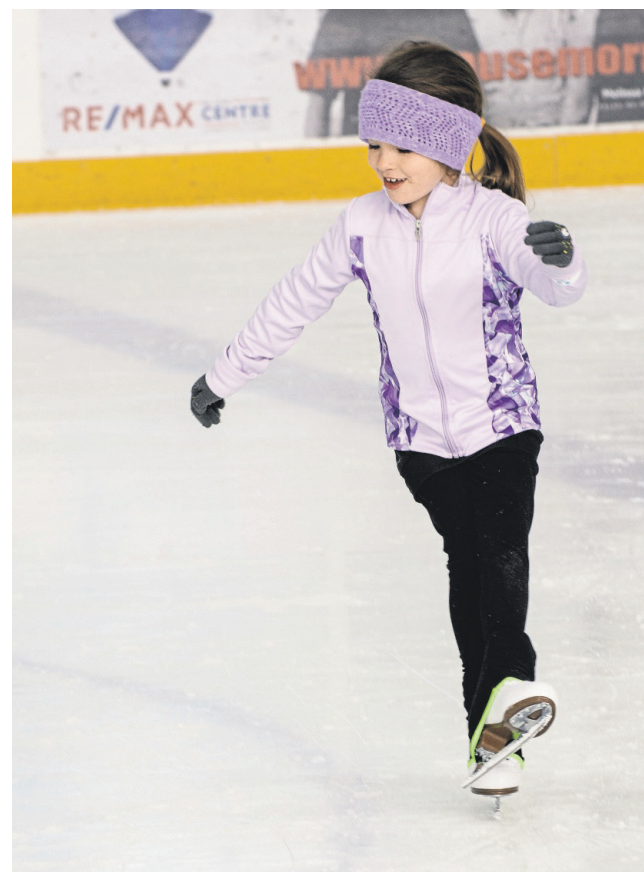
Pickering tied it up five minutes later, and it remained that way until McJannet's overtime winner.

Bailey Molella and Jordan Crocker also scored for the Raiders and Jake Payette had two assists; Nathan Torchia made 31 saves for the win.

With a goal and two as-

sists, Crocker moved into a tie with Mike Knoepfli for fourth on the Raiders' all-time scoring list, with 214 points. Crocker also moved past Rob Sgarbossa Saturday into fourth all-time in games played with 205. Payette finished second with 212 games, behind only Andrew Court (235).

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