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## Promising rookie defenceman joins Raiders

Promising rookie defenceman Ante Galic has become a Georgetown Chrysler Raider after all.

Last week the Raiders were informed the rights to Galic, who the team had signed during the summer, belonged to the Mississauga Derbys. That's

because the Derbys signed an affiliation agreement with the Mississauga Reps midgets, the team Galic played for last year and was eligible to return to this season.

Thus the Raiders couldn't talk with Galic and could re-sign him only if he was first released by the Derbys.

But Galic skated with the Raiders after the Central Ontario Junior A club got permission from the Reps. Galic also played in Saturday's 5-2 exhibition loss to Hamilton and Tuesday's 10-2 win over Guelph. Raider general manager Finn Poulstrup secured Galic's release Thursday.

"We're very happy we were able to arrange the release," Poulstrup said.

Ian Ellis had three goals in the win Tuesday. Todd McKee, Jim English and Steve Weishar all had two goals apiece. Trevor Brandt had the other goal as starting netminder Jason Sirota went all the way in goal.

On Saturday, Randy Bond and Brandt had the goals

The addition of Galic, who was signed by the Raiders earlier this summer, will be a definite boost to Georgetown's defence, where only Steve Weishar is the lone returning veteran.

"He (Galic) will definitely help, but you can't hang it all on him because he's just coming out of midget," Hanman said. "We need to strengthen our defence, we must get some Junior A experience somewhere down the line."

The return of Heinrick Wingenroth would also go a long way towards helping the Raiders' blueline concerns. But currently Wingenroth isn't sure whether he wants to play this season.

The defence is about the only concern Hanman has. He's quite happy in goal, where experienced netminders Sirota, who will start the season as No. 1, and Jamie Szyk man the fort, and Hanman figures the Raiders match up well up front. Sirota, the former Raider who re-signed with the club this summer after playing Tier II hockey in B.C. last year, will see his first action of the season this weekend.

The Raiders also bolstered their roster by two, signing forwards Dan Colacito and Johnathan Levack. Colacito played briefly last year with the Raiders before leaving just before the playoffs.

The two newest signees give Hanman 13 with the season set to start in two weeks. However the Raider coach isn't pressing the panic button.

"Last year we were scrambling for players and everything worked out," he said. "There's still a lot that can happen, especially with the Guelph Storm (Raiders OHL affiliate squad)."



Jason Sirota has played well between the pipes for the Raiders in their exhibition season. He will be getting some help from newly acquired defenceman Ante Galic as the Junior A squad gets ready for the season.

## NHL uses four Raiders for filming of rules video

Lights. Camera. Action.

Hardly the words one associates with hockey, but such was the case for Georgetown Chrysler Raiders Jim English, Ian Ellis, Jason Sirota and Trevor Elinesky earlier this week.

The four took part in the NHL's filming Sunday and Monday for a video outlining the interpretation of the league's new rules for the upcoming season. The video will be distributed to all NHL teams as well as league officials.

Georgetown resident Bryan Lewis, the NHL's director of officials, said when the need for junior players to help out with the filming became evident, his first thought was the Raiders.

He sent a message by fax to Raider president-general manager Finn Poulstrup asking if the Central Ontario Junior A Hockey League team would be interested, which Poulstrup quickly acknowledged.

"We got the opportunity and our guys seized it," Poulstrup said. "Not only is this good recognition for the players and the Raiders, but also for Georgetown, which is what this is all about."

Said Lewis: "This is a significant video because it's something has never been done before."

The foursome demonstrated new league rules involving high sticking, diving, coincidental minors, holding an opponent's stick and instigating a fight. According to Lewis, the producer with the Edmonton-based production crew Aquilla BKW was very pleased with the Raider players.

"He was so ecstatic with what these kids did and how they handled themselves," Lewis said. "They did everything that was asked of them."

"This guy went so far as to tell the kids that he is going to send their names to TSN and another television company for any possible upcoming film work."

That could include doing a segment next month for TSN on the ins and outs of Junior A hockey.

NHL president-elect Gil Stein, who delivers an introduction and closing comment on the video, was also on hand to watch the four players and Lewis said Stein was quite pleased with what he saw.

For their efforts, the players received authentic NHL officials attire as well as an autographed stick by Stein. The four will also get a copy of the NHL video, as well as a tape of the out takes.

"There were a couple of humorous instances where the cameraman kept the camera rolling," Lewis said with a chuckle.

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## Coaches have unique way to improve juvenile hockey

Terry Wees and Jay Anderson have come up with a unique idea to improve the tarnished reputation of juvenile hockey.

Wees will coach, with Anderson acting as an assistant, a AA Georgetown juvenile team that this season will play in a AAA league in addition to taking part in a number of tournaments based in the United States.

"The idea was Terry's," said Anderson, back in his native Georgetown after spending the past two seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Brandon.

"The idea is to give juvenile players exposure to possible hockey scholarships and try to see if we

can't change the reputation of juvenile hockey."

Juvenile players are the oldest in a minor hockey system (18-20). Games in the past have deteriorated to nothing less than a slugfest, with sometimes police having to be called in to restore order. Often that has proven to turn off a lot of players who have nowhere else to go after graduating from midget.

What Wees and Anderson, a former assistant coach with the Raiders who was interviewed for the vacant position with the Oakville Blades of the Central Ontario Junior A loop, are hoping to do is attract quality players who are interested in playing well

enough to catch the eye of an American college scout.

The Georgetown juveniles are slated to open their season next month, but will travel to New Hampshire late this month for a tournament there. In December, the team will be off to Philadelphia for an event there.

Juvenile hockey in Georgetown has been non-existent in recent years. The last local juvenile squad to fare well was Charlie Hanman's club that captured an Ontario Minor Hockey Association title in 1987. Hanman is currently entering his second season as the head coach of the Central League's Georgetown Chrysler Raiders.

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