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Raiders not looking past Royal York

On paper it may appear to be a mismatch, but general manager Finn Poulstrup of the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders isn't about to look past his club's game with Royal York tonight.
Royal York comes to the Alcott

Arena having lost all three of its regular-season contests to day, allowing a resounding 32 goals against in those defeats. The Raiders are in stark contrast, having won both of their opening games and giving up eight goals against.

Yet, for all of their differences, Poulstrup is confident coach Charlie Hanman won't allow the Raiders to take Saturday's encounter lightly.
"I'm not concerned about our players taking it too lightly because

if they do I'm confident our coaches will whip them into shape in the first period," Poulstrup said. "In junior hockey anything can happen and our guys will have to remain poised.
"I expect we will win the game, but then again I expect we'll win every game."

The Raiders enter the contest somewhat healthier than they were last week. Injured defenceman Ante Galic (thigh bruise) is expected back, as are blueliner Jason Parks and forward Todd McKee, both of whom served suspensions last weekend.

Britton Taylor (hip pointer) could be ready to go tonight, but the Raiders won't rush him back.

Forward Dean Roberts, who joined the Raiders after being released by the Guelph Storm, Georgetown's Ontario Hockey League affiliate, is still out with a cracked elbow. He's expected to be out of the lineup anywhere from 10 days to four weeks, depending on what his doctor says.

The Raiders won't have a new defenceman in the lineup for the weekend contest. The Central Ontario Junior Hockey League team found itself with three quality goaltenders last week when Carmello Giurello, Georgetown's starting netminder last season who backstopped the local side to its fourth-place regular-season finish

and a berth in the second round of the playoffs, returned being released by the OHL's Sudbury Wolves.

With Jason Sirota and Jamie Szyk, both experienced goaltenders, already on the roster, the Raiders found themselves with a surplus of quality netminders, giving them ammunition to possibly make a deal for an experienced defenceman or two.

Georgetown's blueline is quite inexperienced, with only Steve Weishar the lone returnee on the blueline.

But Poulstrup said he hasn't talked with any team about making a deal for a goaltender.

NOTES - With the resignation of assistant coach Keith Bennett last week, the Raiders will go with head coach Charlie Hanman and assistant Bert Osborne on the bench for now, Poulstrup said. "Keith will be missed and for now both Charlie and Bert will be on the bench. If they think they need help, they'll choose someone." Bennett stepped down because he felt he couldn't devote the time required for the post with travelling to watch son Adam play professionally. Adam Bennett, a former Raider who was the Chicago Blackhawks' first-round pick in 1989, was sent to Chicago's International Hockey League affiliate in Indianapolis last week.



It's official. The Canadian Professional Golfers' Association has moved into its new home at Acton's Blue Springs Golf Course, with Dave Colling, the CPGA's executive director (centre) cutting the ribbon. On hand for the ceremony were (from left): Paul Sherratt, Jim Connolly and Harry Brotchie, all executive members for the CPGA's Board of Directors, Graham Coulter, president of the CPGA's Board of Directors, Colling, Rick Glugosh, president of Blue Springs Golf Course, and Don Dawkins, chairman of Blue Springs Golf Course.
Photo by Kathy Toth

Breeders Crown races set for Mohawk track

Thirty-four horses have entered the four divisional championships of The Breeders Crown for aged horses to be contested at Mohawk Raceway on October 9.

Seven aged trotting horses, seven aged pacing horses and eight aged pacing mares will go postward in their respective Breeders Crown finals on October 9.

Entries from twelve aged trotting mares have necessitated two \$30,675 elimination events on Saturday, October 3. The top four finishers from each elimination will advance to the \$323,928 final on October 9.

Headlining the aged trotting mares division is defending Breeders Crown champion, Me Maggie and three-time Crown victor Peace Corps a winner of almost \$2 million. Both horses are flying over from Europe to contest the Crown.

Ontario Jockey Club free-for-all

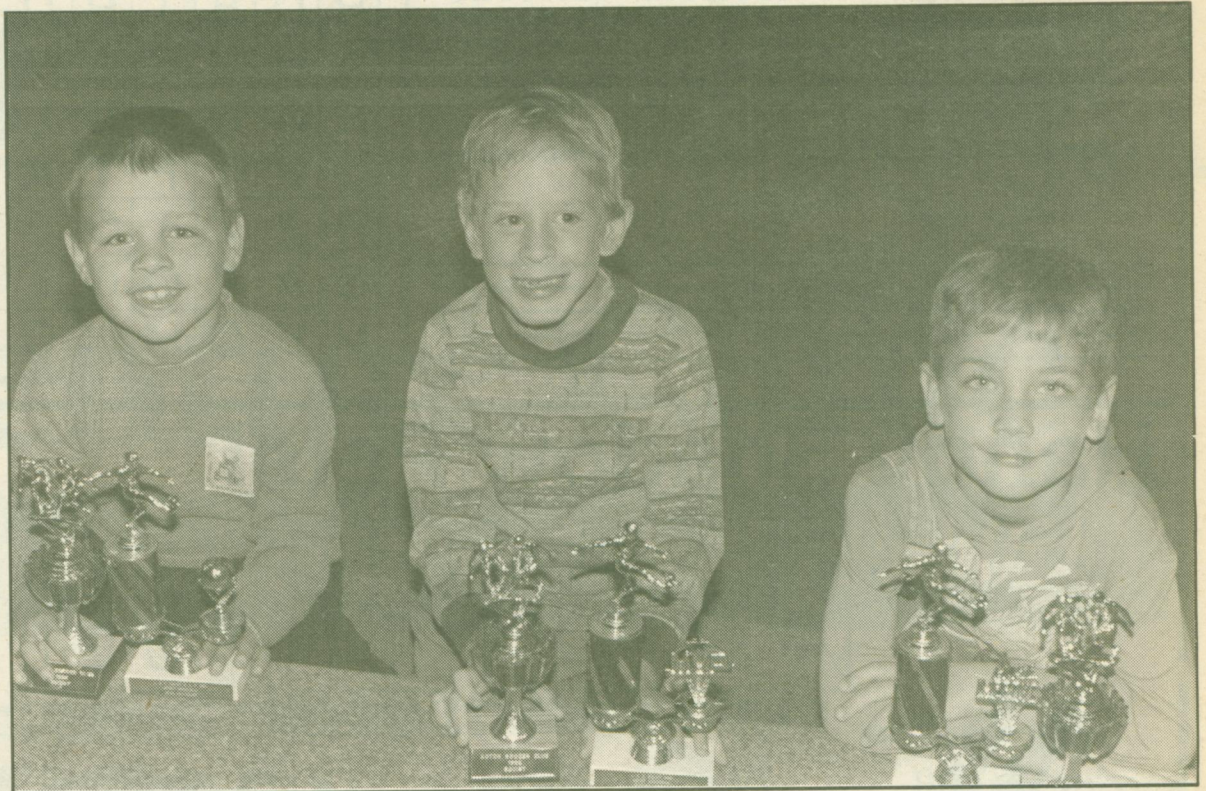
star Ramerizi was a supplemental entry, with her owners paying \$41,718 to give her the opportunity to compete against the world's best trotting mares.

The incomparable Artsplace leads trainer Bob McIntosh's "Dream Team" in the aged pacing horses division which also includes stablemates Odds Against and Camlick, winner of the '91 Breeders Crown for aged pacers.

Artsplace is undefeated in 14 starts this year and has over \$2.8 million in career earnings. This four year old son of Abercrombie, who is the fastest race horse in harness racing history, can wrap up 1992 Horse Of the Year Honors with a victory in the \$368,100 Breeders Crown for aged pacing horses.

Billyjojimbob has regained his winning form in the racing wars after a spill in the International Trot and will defend his crown in the

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Among top team members honored during last week's year-end awards banquet organized by the Acton Soccer Club were three members of the Merritt Industrial Products' squirts team; Adam Brouillard, most sportsmanlike player; Gregory Corman, most valuable player and Taylor Seeds, most improved player. Trophies were presented to several young Acton and area soccer players during the ceremonies at Acton High School.

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