

Raiders' Merceyhurst trip a huge success

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"I've got nothing to gain by going to another team," a disappointed Gendron said. "From a hockey stand point you can't beat the OHL, but it's time for me to get

my life in order. All I want to do is help Georgetown. Right now all I can do is wait."

The Gendron news severely dampened the news that, technically, the Raiders' nine-game losing streak had been halted. The

Ontario Hockey Association awarded Georgetown a win over Caledon after the Canadiens used an illegal player in their 7-3 victory over Georgetown on Oct. 15.

The Canadiens used forward Jody Spagnol in that contest even

though he had not yet been released by the Mississauga Derbys, the team he joined late last year after spending much of the campaign in the Metro Junior loop.

So, not only does the OHA's decision improve Georgetown's record to 4-8, but it technically reduces the Raiders' losing streak to six games, the number of contests played since the Caledon matchup.

But you'd have a hard time convincing Poulstrup of that fact.

"It doesn't in my opinion," he said. "The players have won three games and I've won one."

Raiders' officials contacted the Canadiens prior to the Oct. 15 game and informed the Caledon brass that if Spagnol played a protest would be filed to the OHA. The shifty forward did play, prompting the Raiders to send in the protest.

Georgetown wasn't alone in filing its protest. Both Royal York and Burlington did so prior, and were presented wins as well.

The trio of losses drops Caledon from the ranks of the unbeaten. The Canadiens, who were 8-0-1 and second behind Brampton in the East Division standings, are now 5-3-1 and in the middle of the pack.

The sixth-place Raiders, who are only two points ahead of last-place Royal York in the standings, are now only two points behind both Oakville and Mississauga.

OHA president Brent Ladds said there wasn't much difficulty in reaching the decision. Ladds added he feels the miscue came the result of inexperience on Caledon's part. The Canadiens entered the Central League this season after ceasing operations a couple of years back as a Junior C franchise.

"Maybe they figured that because he (Spagnol) played only one game with the Derbys last year that his rights belonged to the Metro League," Ladds said.

However, Poulstrup didn't echo Ladds's sentiments.

"We talked to them before going up there and told them if they played (Spagnol) we would protest, and they went ahead and played him," Poulstrup said. "Maybe the protest could've been overturned had it (playing illegal player) had been done unwillingly, but you can't flauntingly break the rules."

On Wednesday the Raiders returned from a successful trip to Erie Penn., to visit the campus of Merceyhurst College. There, the Georgetown team took on the school's junior varsity hockey team, coming away with a 9-8 victory.

After, the Raiders took in the season-opening contest for the Merceyhurst varsity squad, which claimed a 4-2 victory. Defenceman Tom Viola, who patrolled the blue-line last year for the Raiders, played for the Merceyhurst club.



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Georgetown's Mike McHale (left) gets a chance to meet hockey great Bobby Hill recently. McHale, of Haltalarm Systems Inc., in Georgetown, caught up with Hill after the former Chicago Blackhawks-Winnipeg Jet was introduced recently as the spokesperson for Alliance Security Systems.

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