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Poulstrup calls OHA move "travesty of justice."

Suspension angers Raiders' GM

Mention Trevor Brandt and all Finn Poulstrup can do is shake his head.

The diminutive centre with the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders hasn't done anything to upset general manager Poulstrup. On the contrary. The five-foot-seven player has emerged as Georgetown's leading scorer in what has become a season to forget.

But in a crucial four-game set, the Raiders had to do without their top gun.

Turns out that Brandt was handed a four-game suspension for biting during a fight with a Mississauga Derbys player back in

November. The decision was handed down after an Ontario Hockey Association board meeting that the Raiders weren't invited to.

Currently the Raiders are on a 31-game winless streak and are struggling in last place in the Central Ontario Junior Hockey League East Division standings with a dubious 4-29-1 record. But in their last four games, the Raiders have dropped decisions of 4-2, 4-2, 2-1 and 5-4. The last decision was to Milton on Tuesday night.

On Tuesday, the home team outscored Georgetown 3-2 in the third to earn the victory. Second-period goals by Randy Bond and

Ian Ellis, which was shorthanded, pulled the Raiders even heading into the third. But three goals before the third was five minutes old put the Merchants ahead 5-2 before Ellis and Jeff Chroney, on the power play, pulled the Raiders to within one.

The playoffs are definitely a long shot for the Raiders, who trail six-place Mississauga 19 points with 15 games remaining. But a win, for a team which hasn't won a game since the third game of the season (the other victory was a reversal of a loss after Caledon used an illegal player), would be nice.

And Poulstrup makes no bones

about his disappointment with the OHA and its suspension of Brandt.

"It's a travesty of justice," he said. "It's unbelievable."

During the November contest, Brandt went 1-on-1 with Mississauga's Chris Kotsopoulos, who stands about six-foot-three and weighs more than 200 pounds. The two squared off, with Kotsopoulos's hand somehow making its way into Brandt's facemask. That's when the Derbys' player said he was bitten.

Shortly after the incident, Kotsopoulos had to go to hospital for treatment of the finger, and was reported to have spent some time there recovering. He was reported to have missed six games as a result.

No biting penalty was called by the referee.

The OHA met with Brandt and the Derbys some time after. However, Poulstrup and the Raiders weren't informed, despite many inquiries to the OHA, of any further developments until last week when news of Brandt's suspension came down.

Poulstrup, who did consult with the Raiders' team lawyer about a possible appeal, tried to launch one, but it was squashed by the OHA before it could even get started.

The Brandt suspension is the sec-

ond questionable sitdown handed to a Raider player this season. Forward Bryan Gendron was handed an 11-game suspension for head butting and abuse of an official in an incident against Caledon.

The suspension was knocked down to 10 games and included three tournament games the Raiders played over the Christmas holiday after the OHA interviewed the official involved and examined a video of the incident, which didn't conclusively show a head-butting incident.

But the adversity hasn't hurt the Raiders play of late, although you wouldn't know that looking at the standings. However, Poulstrup said the statistics are definitely deceptive.

"The team we have now can play with any team in our division," Poulstrup said. "The guys are more fiesty are taking the attitude of a junk-yard dog based on the adversity we've faced this year."

"I don't know if we're going to make the playoffs, but if we don't I certainly feel we'll have a good, tough team for next year. Once this teams gets a taste of winning, look out because this team is really playing exciting, inspiring hockey."

Georgetown is at home tonight against Milton. On Friday the Raiders were in Oakville.



Paul Stover, superintendent of facilities for the town, and Tom Shepard, director of Recreation and Parks, took their turn manning the "Recreation Awareness Month" table in Georgetown's Marketplace Mall on the weekend. The display was to generate public awareness of a study, presently being undertaken in Halton Hills, to determine our recreation needs for the next 10-20 years. Public input is wanted and welcome. Photo by Wendy Long.

Acton bowlers off to the Provincials

By Dave Manes
Acton Lanes

The past weekend was a busy time at Acton Lanes where the Championship Five-Pin Bowling

Golden Age bowling results

Team Standings:			
Happy Gang	68	Braves	50
Go Getters	58	Acey Deuceys	48
Blue Jays	55	The Cubs	39
Jet Set	54	Orioles	37
Good Guys	52	No Name	35
Snowbirds	51	Harvey's Girls	34
		Hopefuls	32
		Fiesty Five	21

CBC Series and Hi - Low Doubles Zone Finals were being held.

On Saturday night, the CBC Series was held in a ten-game roll-off, with John Wagg coming in first and Bryan Creasey second.

They now advance to the Provincials in February. Also travelling with another local bowler is Bob Turkoz, who won bowling out of Georgetown.

Good luck at the provincials!

Sunday afternoon saw the team of Blake Smith and Fran Burton come out on top in the Hi-Low Doubles with a +220 pins over their average.

They now go on to Hamilton on February 27, where there will be bowling for a chance to represent Ontario at the National Finals in Ottawa in the Spring.

Minor Raiders reach tournament semifinals

Last weekend saw the minor novice Raiders travel to the Newmarket area for a tournament. The Raiders put on a good showing, reaching the semifinal of the A-rated event.

Georgetown opened against rival Flamborough, a team the Raiders have lost to twice this season.

However, in this contest Georgetown dominated Flamborough with strong forechecking and backchecking. Andrew McGourty opened the scoring with a nice individual goal, his eighth of the year, and that proved to be the winner. Raiders' goalie Allen Humberstone made it stand up, making several fine saves in recording his first shutout.

Next up were the Oshawa Red Wings. Georgetown jumped out to the lead in the first period on Russell (Rusty) Parsons' goal, his first of the season. Oshawa replied

to tie the score 1-1.

The Raiders' Adam Kemp put Georgetown ahead with his first of three on the game. On his first, Kemp cashed in on Brett Velten's pass, sliding in a shot under the Oshawa goalie. Kemp's second goal gave the Raiders a two-goal lead before Oshawa came back to take a one-goal lead of its own.

However, Kemp won a faceoff, blew past two Oshawa defenders before drifting a shot past a surprised Red Wings goalie for his third straight goal as the contest finished in a 4-4 tie.

On the final day of the tournament, Georgetown's playoff game was against the Oshawa Bruins. Velten got things going for the Raiders, putting Georgetown ahead 1-0.

While Georgetown had plenty of chances to score, strong Oshawa goaltending kept the Raiders at bay as the Bruins went on to take a 3-1 win.

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