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Ninety-eight swimmers from four clubs took part in the Halton Hills Blue Fins "C" Invitational Swim Meet Sunday. The meet was sponsored by the Georgetown Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and was open to children ranging in age from under eight to 14 years. Here a member of a Blue Fins Relay team takes to the air at the start of his leg of the race cheered on by teammates. Photo by Scott Kline

## Sirota shines in Raiders' defeat

Felix Potvin wasn't the only goaltender standing on his head Saturday night.

Potvin, the rookie goaltender with the Toronto Maple Leafs, was simply outstanding in leading his club to a 4-0 win over the visiting Montreal Canadiens at Maple Leaf Gardens on Saturday. Some 60 kilometres to the west, goalie Jason Sirota of the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders was also kicking out pucks left, right and centre, but the end result was a 35th straight game without a victory.

Sirota turned aside 55 shots at the Alcott Arena, but it was the Oakville Blades who emerged with a 5-1 victory. On Friday night, Jody Spagnol's overtime goal gave the visiting Caledon Canadiens a 5-4 win over the Raiders.

The two losses drop Georgetown's record to 4-33-1, last overall in the eight-team Central Ontario Junior Hockey League's West Division. One of those wins was the reversal of an earlier loss to Caledon after Spagnol played in a game against Georgetown without first having been officially released by Mississauga.

The Raiders haven't chalked one up in the win column since starting the regular season with three straight victories.

On Friday night, it was the Ian Ellis and Trevor Brandt show. Ellis lead the way with a three-goal performance, and Brandt chipped in with a goal and three assists. But Spagnol's winning goal put a damper on the night.

Ellis had Georgetown's lone goal of the first as the Raiders trailed 2-

1. But Brandt and Ellis scored second-period goals to give the home team a one-goal lead heading into the third before the two sides finished regulation tied 4-4.

Jonathan McKee's first-period goal put Georgetown ahead of the Blades on Saturday, but it was Oakville that dominated the contest, firing 17, 16 and 20 shots at Sirota after the first, second and third periods respectively.

For their part, Georgetown had 25 shots on Oakville's Martin Ethier but 14 of those came in the second.

The Raiders have a busy week, with three games. Tonight the club is in Toronto to take on the Royal York Rangers before playing a home-and-home set with Burlington, starting with a road game in Burlington before the two teams return to the Alcott Arena.

But the weekend will also feature an extra game for Brandt. The Raiders' leading scorer (27 goals and 59 points excluding last weekend's game, putting him tied with Milton's Mike Murray for 10th overall) will be Georgetown's lone representative in the annual Central League all-star game. Brandt will play on the West Division squad in Burlington on Saturday afternoon.

NOTES - According to league stats, Raider Ian Ellis is among the West Division's top 30 leading scorers. Heading into last weekend's games Ellis had 21 goals and 43 points, leaving him tied for 18th spot with Brampton's R.J. Ellis. Caledon's Ben Davis is the West's leading scorer with 26 goals and 96

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## Bantam Hurricanes finish first

In the last of four games of league play, the JDP Minor Bantam Hurricanes produced three wins and a tie to finish first, four points in front of Burlington. They had to earn it, however, except for the two games against expansion team, Streetsville.

The two games, January 13 and 16, against Streetsville resulted in lopsided victories of 16-0 and 15-0 by Halton.

Thirteen different players shared goals in both games; Justin Davis (six), Tom Baynton (five), Danny Haw (four), Jon Atley (three), doubles went to Matt Vervoorn, Robert Haringa and Darryl Vanloosen, singles to Doug Janjevich, Curtis Carr, Steven Roy, Richard Trotter, Peter Mashinter and Darin Finlayson.

On January 19 in a cold Hillsburgh arena the Hurricanes

took on a fired up Ching team who were fighting for second place. Derek Richel, a player who was brought up for this game, scored at 7:11 unassisted to start the evening.

Haw popped in a rebound from Roy with help from Trotter to give them a 2-0 lead. In the second, Ching clawed back with an early goal before Haw, with his second, assisted by Roy again and Vervoorn gave Halton a two-goal cushion.

In the third, Ching came out flying with three unanswered goals to take a 5-4 lead. Janjevich, however, with deft passing from Mashinter and Vervoorn, backhanded in the tying goal with four minutes left.

Jon Atley saved a Ching break-away goal with seconds left as he dove to deflect the puck. Shots on

goal were 26 Halton, 24 Ching with Geoff Beuparlant performing well in the net.

The Burlington game, January 20th in Tonelli, was a superb display of end-to-end clean hockey. Halton found themselves down 2-0 early on some poor clearing efforts until Vervoorn put in a powerplay marker with 1:00 left.

Trotter flipped in a rebound on another powerplay effort from Roy and Janjevich.

But Ching put on more pressure and tied it up soon after. Haw stole the puck seconds later to put Halton ahead assisted by Janjevich and Vervoorn. Baynton, on a rebound from Haringa, did the same with less than a minute left to put Halton into the driver's seat.

Burlington pulled their goalie and a frenzied attack resulted in a goal at the buzzer.

Geoff Beuparlant was great in goal as he turned away shot after shot to help hold Halton's first place position which consisted of 21 wins, five ties and only four losses. The Halton team will take on fourth-place Brampton in the opening round of the playoffs.



Members of the Georgetown Figure Skating Club travelled to London last weekend to represent the club at the Great Lakes Invitational and returned with many medals for their efforts. Medal winners included: (front row, from left) Jessica McDonald, Ann Grant, Cindy Benner, (middle row) Mark Fedyshyn, Brook Remenda, Janice Somers, (rear) Danielle Demble, Lesley Watson, Katie Hart, Mike Fedyshyn, Tara Hart.

## Glen Minor Ball Euchre

Do you play euchre?

Come out and join us for an evening of euchre at St. Alban's Hall this Saturday night, at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30.

We have already had two euchres and the winners have been M. Davison, M. Inglis, J. Hancock, P. Taillefer, C. Davison, M. Norton, G. Leslie and S. Inglis. The evening ends with lunch and coffee.