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Georgetown five points out of playoff spot with decisive victory Raiders snap winless ways

The streak is over. The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders halted their dubious 35-game winless streak with a bang Wednesday night, hammering the Royal York Rangers 7-2. The victory is the first for the Raiders since opening the season with three straight wins. Georgetown was awarded another victory after an earlier loss to Caledon when the Ontario Hockey Association

reversed the outcome when the Canadiens used an illegal player. The win still leaves Georgetown in the Central Ontario Junior Hockey League basement with 12 points and a 5-33-1 record (the extra point came the result of an overtime loss last week to Caledon), but there is light at the end of the tunnel in the Raiders' drive to climb out of the cellar and into the playoffs. Seventh-place Royal York is only four points ahead of Georgetown.

The top seven teams in the division advance to post-season play, with the first-place finisher getting a first-round bye. The opening playoff round (which will have second meeting seventh, third taking on sixth and fourth playing fifth) will be a best-of-five affair.

However to advance to the playoffs the Raiders must finish ahead of Royal York. Should the two teams finish tied, the Rangers get the nod based on having a better head-to-head record. Georgetown and Royal York will meet one more time this season.

The contest was a physical one, with referee Peter Falston blowing the whistle on 45 penalties.

"I can't tell you how proud I was

of the guys," said Raider general manager Finn Poulstrup. "Royal York saw that we only had 17 guys on the bench and figured they were going to play it tough."

"Well, our guys played it tough and smart."

Ironically, the win didn't halt coach Gary Ford's personal 14-game winless streak (0-13-1). Ford, who took over the Raiders after coach Charlie Hanman and assistant coach Bert Osborne felt the club needed a coaching change and both stepped down, was away on a business convention. Assistant coach Jay Anderson was behind the

bench for the long-awaited victory. Ford is expected to be back guiding the Raiders' troops this weekend.

As impressive as the victory was, the manner in which the Raiders took the two points was more the story. Georgetown took a 4-2 advantage into the third period and outscored the home side 3-0 for the final goal tally. Throughout the season, the Raiders' Achilles Heel has been the one bad period, with the letdowns resulting in opponents recording four-, five-, sometimes six-goal frames en route to seemingly one-sided decisions.

"In the third period our guys

went out and wanted to push hard because we have to face them once more and we wanted to send them a message," Poulstrup said. "If the players can continue to play like this, there isn't a team in the league they can't beat."

Once again goaltender Jason Sirota was tested and once again he met the challenge, turning aside 48 shots. However this time his teammates gave Sirota some offensive support, with game statistics showing the Raiders peppered the Rangers' net with 60 shots of their own.

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Mother Nature isn't hampering local soccer-playing enthusiasts

Ruth D. Taylor

Athletes who love to run in a soccer game are not thwarted by the snow of Canadian winters. They adapt the game to indoor house rules and play soccer in a gym. The indoor soccer season for Girls under 13 started with several exhibition games this past Saturday, January 23, 1993. Playing in the Acton high school gym which has

bleachers for supporters, the first game saw the Gold and the Red teams well matched for a final 0-0 score. The sounds were thud, thud, thud as the softer indoor soccer ball bounced off the walls and basketball nets. This led to several good headers by both teams and a few "line drives" the length of the gym by Jaimie Ellis and Branwyn Williams with well placed kicks

from out of bounds. The balls have to be well controlled because of the gym size.

The Blue and Purple teams faced off and Angie van Egmond scored for the Purples with a fast goal from around a corner in the first few minutes. The Blue team played hard and fast and scored three more goals kicked in by Carolyn MacNeal, Katie Morris and Becky Leferink. Carolyn had a potential goal spinning and bouncing in front of the Purple goalie as the whistle blew to end the game with a score of 3-1 for the Blue team. Indoor

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Where, during a hockey game, do you tend to find the most action. An obvious answer is wherever the puck happens to be, which is the case here as a bunch of players try to control the piece of rubber last week during a pee wee house league hockey game at the Alcott Arena between Carpet Barn and Chicken Villa. Carpet Barn emerged with the 6-1 victory.
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GRIPS - Part I
 What is usually the last thing you think about in regards to your golf game, yet possibly the most important and least expensive component of your golf clubs? **Your Grips.**
 Often ignored, frequently worn, seldom replaced, many golf instructors feel the grips may be the single, most important element of your golf club. After all, the grip is the only physical connection between the person and the club itself. Good grips allow you to position the club accurately, and maintain proper alignment and trajectory for effective flight of the ball. Worn or ill-fitting grips can seriously alter contact with the ball.
 To fully understand how proper grips can effectively help to improve your game, you must understand the differences between the countless numbers of grips available today.
 In future articles, I will bring you up to date on materials used in today's grips, different styles, grip sizes and information regarding wear and care of your grips.
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