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Raiders look to playoffs

By Colin Gibson

The 1992-93 Central Ontario Jr. A West Division hockey season comes to a close this weekend for the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders.

While the season, overall, might be considered a disappointment in some quarters (a seventh place finish in an eight-team division), Raiders' remarkable rally over the past two months to secure a playoff spot bodes well for the future prospects of this still-maturing team.

Raiders rampage to the playoffs - six wins in their past eight outings - was a combination of good coaching, hard work by the players and a

determination to close out the season on a high note with pride intact.

A playoff berth might not have been attained. But it should be noted that pride has always been an integral part of the Raider organization - from past through to the present - and for the most part, it has been the doubters who were left choking on the Zamboni fumes.

Regardless of how far down the playoff load the Raiders travel, the surge to the playoffs lays a good - and promising - foundation for future fortunes.

Raiders will play the West Division's regular season second-place finisher (still to be decided) in

a best-of-five series which, according to Raider sources, must be completed by March 8. The second game in the series would be played at Georgetown's Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

Last Thursday, Raiders journeyed to Caledon for a game with the hometown Canadiens. At press time, the result was not available.

Tonight, 7:30 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, Raiders tangle with Halton-rival Burlington Cougars.

The final chapter on the 1992-93 regular season will be closed Sunday, when the Raiders travel to Mississauga.

Chinguacousy has the blues

After closing out Brampton three straight in the opening round of OMHA playoffs, the JDP Computer Minor Bantam Hurricanes have won the opening two games in convincing fashion against Chinguacousy Blues. Ching had beaten Burlington after five games in their first round while the Hurricanes waited for a winner.

The first game last Saturday at Victoria Park was a barnburner and

in doubt until the third period, when Halton scored three unanswered goals. Peter Mashinter was in the perfect spot to slap in a pass from centre Justin Davis and Jamie Walker to open scoring. Halton took a two goal lead when Davis again passed from behind the net to Tom Baynton who pumped it home. A late power play goal by Ching ended the period.

Doug Janjevich at 12:20 of the

second set up Davis who did his standard wraparound behind the goalie for a 3-1 margin. At 11:46 Baynton broke up the right side, slipped it ahead to Jon Atley whose precision pass to Dan Haw was backhanded in for a 4-1 lead. Ching came back on two power play markers to pull within a goal. Curtis "Wheels" Carr, with help from Steven Roy and Stuart Colvin, feathered a screen shot by the goalie seconds before the period ended to give the Hurricanes a two goal cushion. In the third, Davis scored his second when he swooped in from the right side and tucked in an unassisted effort.

With 4:10 left, Janjevich pounded home a rebound from Mashinter and Roy, to cement the 7-3 score. Geoff "The Bandit" Beuparlant stopped 30 shots and was solid, particularly in the first as he held up a series of Ching players who thought they had scored. Colvin, Atley and "Big Train" Trotter had strong games on defence.

Sunday night's penalty-filled game at Thompson featured two rare occurrences. It also took over two hours before Halton players and their parents ventured into the blizzard, comforted by a brutal battle for a 6-3 win and a commanding lead in the series.

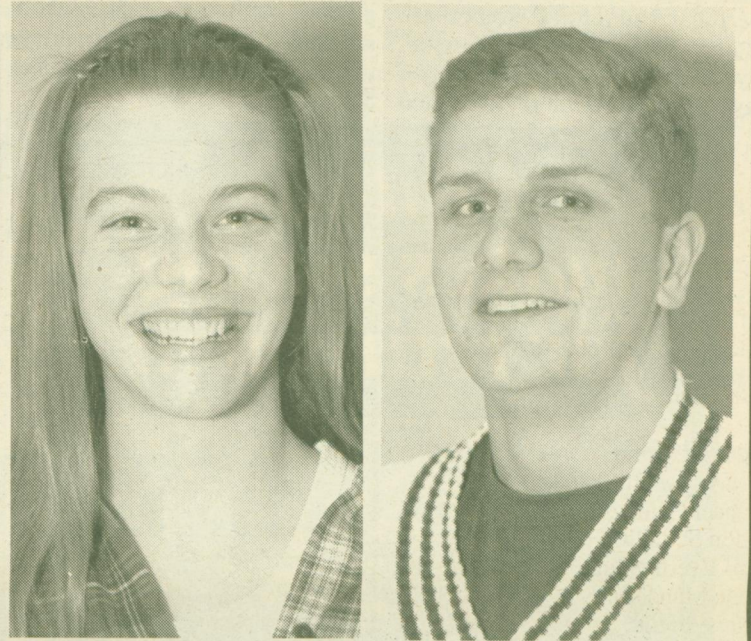
The JDP Commuter Hurricanes had to fight from behind as they incurred four consecutive penalties to open the game and got the Hurricanes hot.

In just over two minutes, they scored three shorthanded goals. Roy sparked the momentum shift at 2:10 by accepting a breakaway pass from Davis and deposited it neatly behind the Ching goalie who barley had caught his breath before Davis tied it up on another breakaway with assists from Roy and Trotter. Mashinter fired home the third at 0:48 with passes from Janjevich and Robert Haringa to a totally shaken Ching team who were down 3-2.

Janjevich started the second period by poking in a superb passing effort from Davis and Haringa again. During the middle of the period, Davis got another breakaway but was hurt when axed down by a Ching defenceman. He recovered to attempt a penalty shot but was unsuccessful.

Janjevich made up for it at 6:30 when he flipped in another excellent pass from Baynton and Colvin.

Athletes of the Week



Georgetown District High School athletes of the week, for last week, were fourteen-year-old Roanne Sones, a player on the high school's Halton Champion Midget Girl's Volleyball team, and eighteen-year-old Rich Cook, a member of the Senior Basketball team.

Hurricanes triumph

Hurricane Peewees topple Guelph 3-1

Ridley Windows and Doors' Peewee Hurricanes have advanced to the second round of central league playoffs.

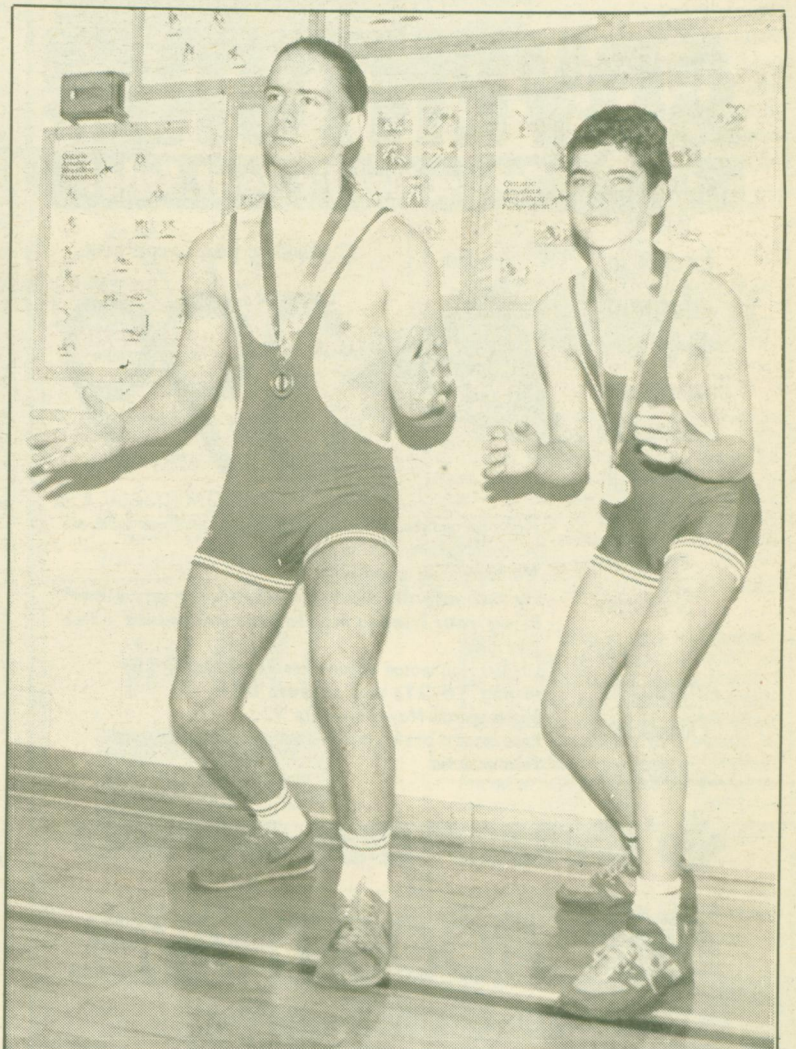
The Halton boys buckled down and captured the first round play by defeating Guelph last Sunday evening.

The Peewees had allowed the Guelph team to take the series to a final fifth game, and taking control on home ice in Hillsburgh, was a must for the local boys.

The Hurricanes were well aware of the style of play that the Guelph team had displayed throughout the entire season. Halton was up

against a rough and often penalty-riddled squad and the Halton team knew that if they played smart hockey, stayed out of the box themselves, and capitalized on Guelph's short handed situations, the game would be theirs.

Guelph played right into the hands of the local Hurricanes as, true to form, they spent many minutes without a full complement on the ice. Often it appeared that they were going out of their way to gain an opportunity to warm the pine in the penalty box. Halton kept their cool, stayed on top of their Guelph opponents throughout the game and took a 3-1 victory.



Seventeen-year-old Colin Kay, left, and fourteen-year-old Jason Meyers showed off their winning wrestling stance last week at the high school. Kay won the Halton title for his weight class of 149 lbs. and Meyers in his class of 90.5 lbs. on at the Halton Wrestling Championships on Feb. 18.

Darts Standings

Halton League									
Team	Matches	W	L	T	Games	W	L	P	
Legion 4	20	18	0	2	280	213	67	213	
McGibbon	20	16	1	3	280	202	78	199	
George 2	20	16	1	3	279	191	88	191	
O'Tooles	20	13	6	1	279	178	101	178	
Timeout 1	20	10	6	4	280	137	143	137	
Legion 1	20	8	8	4	279	133	146	133	
Copper K 1	20	7	10	3	279	129	150	129	
George 1	20	6	13	1	277	129	148	129	
Legion 2	20	7	13	0	279	121	158	118	
Legion 3	20	6	12	2	279	117	162	114	
Copper K 2	20	5	10	5	280	107	173	107	
George 4	20	4	14	2	280	110	170	101	
Timeout 2	20	4	14	2	280	98	182	98	
George 3	20	1	16	3	278	90	188	90	

Results									
McGibbon	9	George 1	5						
George 4	6	Copper K 2	8						
George 2	7	Legion 4	7						
Legion 3	10	George 3	4						
Legion 1	9	Timeout 2	5						
Timeout 1	9	Legion 2	5						
Copper K 1	4	O'Tooles	10						

Industrial League									
First Division									
Team	Matches	W	L	T	Games	W	L	P	
Hustlers	22	19	3	-	184	132	52	132	
Westenders	22	16	6	-	184	118	66	118	
Steeptock	22	15	7	-	184	112	72	112	
Gasketman C.	22	15	7	-	184	109	75	109	
High Rollers	22	7	15	-	184	78	106	78	
Panthers	22	7	15	-	184	70	114	70	
Acadian Pools	22	6	16	-	184	62	122	62	
Interc'y Sports	22	3	19	-	184	56	128	56	

Results									
Hustlers	5	Westenders	4						
Acadian	3	High Rollers	6						
Steeptock	3	Gasketman	6						
Panthers	6	InterCounty	3						

Second Division									
Team	Matches	W	L	T	Games	W	L	P	
Dream Team	22	21	1	-	170	145	25	145	
Ensigns	22	14	8	-	170	101	69	101	
Hotshots	22	13	9	-	170	101	69	101	
Independents	22	11	11	-	170	88	82	88	
Taxmen	21	10	11	-	161	76	85	76	
Aces	22	10	12	-	170	72	98	72	
Firemen	21	6	15	-	161	58	103	58	
Bandits	20	0	20	-	156	27	129	27	

Results									
Hotshots	7	Bandits	2						
Taxmen	5	Ensigns	4						
Firemen	2	Independent	7						
Dream Team	8	Aces	1						

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