

Minor bantam Raiders earn draw with Chinguacousy

Georgetown Minor Bantams Raiders are starting a new season in "AA", with five new faces in the line up and a whole new coaching staff working hard to get the team ready.

Coach Charlie Hanman took his team to Chinguacousy for the season opener on Sunday, Oct. 1 with only 10 players dressed, he knew the team had a

challenge on their hands.

The Raiders pumped and ready took to the ice and fired the first goal past Chinguacousy in just 40 seconds to lead 1-0. Rod Heinz scored with Derek Mitchell and Sean Muscat assisting on the play.

Ching tied the game with 30 seconds left in the first period before the Raiders

began to dominate the play, going ahead 2-1 on a short handed goal by Trevor Cash, unassisted.

Steady, hard work put Georgetown ahead 3-1 with a goal by Chris Martyniuk assisted by Derek Mitchell and Kevin Flaxbard Tyler Pearce played a good steady game with Ryan Carter taking over midway through the second period,

also doing a good job.

Chinguacousy took advantage of Georgetown's short bench notching two more goals tying it 3-3 before Rod Heinz picked up his third goal of the game with strong effort putting the Raiders up 4-3.

Ching came back with another goal to tie the game 4-4. A great effort for the first game.

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Talsma nets three

Eagles defeated Caledon in the Inter County play-offs semi-final by 4-2, in an always exciting contest last week, with Terry Talsma contributing with a hat trick to lead the way. In the other semi-final Forest self destructed their way to a 0-2 loss to Winchester Arms (Streetsville). The Forest made all the plays in the first half and forced the Arms goalie to several fine saves, with one in particular at the foot of the goalpost. Forest could not capitalize on their sound short passing game, which collapsed upon arrival at the Arms defensive 18 yard line.

A more interesting final could not have been envisaged as matters turned out. Eagles were overwhelming favourites - second in the league playing against the second bottom of the league Winchester Arms. Eagles raced to a three goal lead in the opening five minutes and threatened to run away with the game as a spectacle. However, Arms stuck to their task. Aided by a controversial decision or two, the referee awarded two penalty kicks to Arms and they were converted. With 30 minutes played a new game was in action and when Arms equalized there was indeed a new game. Eagles restored their lead which was followed by another equalizer before two late, late goals settled the result for Eagles first play off win. This was a long time coming for the present Eagles squad. Particularly ass the team played for 75 minutes with a player short, a defender being ejected for a deliberate hand ball in the penalty area, when perhaps, he could have chested the ball down to clear the danger. (It is always easier from the sidelines). That settled the first division.

The second division semi-finals were played in Meadowvale with firstly, Lions defeating Harps 3-2 on penalty kicks after normal and extra time ties. (Streetsville defeated Brampton in that one). Then local United, Meteor's second team, dropped 0-3 to Britannia, after losing a couple of key players to injury. This set up a first place versus second place, in the league, final. This game was different to the first division contest. Britannia kept Lions off balance throughout with strong running close man to man passing and marking. The older, experienced Lions could not provide sustained pressure although they were dangerous when breaking out. In the end Britannia managed to do just enough to pull out the victory over the higher placed league champions. The score was 3-1 to Britannia, the sealing goal coming with a few minutes left for play.

There is still the knock out Challenge cup to be completed. Eagles, PRPA, Caledon and Meteor are the semi-finalists. The venue for the semis is likely to be Caledon.