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## Raiders find winning is no cause for panic

You can tell things are changing when the Georgetown Raiders are disappointed with a split of their weekend games.

Despite a 3-2-1 start for a team that has averaged only six wins a season over the last six years, Georgetown Raider coach Jay Anderson isn't about to proclaim the season a success after two weeks.

"It's still way too early," he said following Sunday's 8-5 win over the Niagara Scenic. "A few injuries and a season can turn around very quickly. If we have 15 wins at Christmas, at least then we'll have answered some of the critics."

However, the team's strong start has afforded the Raiders a rare luxury.

"At this point last year we were 0-6 and everyone was reaching for the panic button," Anderson said. "There isn't any

kind of panic this year."

There was no panic as the Raiders headed into the final period tied 3-3 with the winless Scenics. They came out and scored four times in the first four minutes of the period, including a pair in the first 46 seconds.

Stace Page, Cerrone Natale and Shayne Kanyo, who was returned to the Raiders from the OHL's Kingston Frontenacs in time for Saturday's game, each scored twice. Curtis Carr and Scott MacDonald, who scored his team-leading seventh goal, also scored. Jason Read had three assists, giving him eight points in the last four games.

Saturday at home against Streetsville, the Raiders battled back to tie the game at six only to lose 7-6 on a goal with two minutes to play.

"We had two glaring defensive errors and two stupid penalties," Anderson said. "We gave



Shayne Kanyo (19) of the Georgetown Raiders tries to deflect a shot by Streetsville Derbys goalie Terry Lenyk during Saturday's 7-6 loss to the Derbys at Gordon Alcott Arena. The Raiders rebounded Sunday with an 8-5 win in Niagara to up their season won-lost-tied record to 3-2-1. Photo by Ted Brown

them four goals."

For now, Anderson may be willing to live with the mistakes of his young defence, but he won't tolerate the penalties. Rob LaRose didn't dress for Sunday's game after he punched a Streetsville player from the Raider bench, wiping out a Raider power play.

The Raiders got a pair of goals from Scott MacDonald and one each from Curtis Carr, Andrew Sandziuk, Jason Read and Ryan Fairbairn.

**RAIDER RAP:** Two years ago it took the Raiders 51 games to record three wins and a tie...The Raiders are 3-0-1 on the road but 0-2 at home...Page and Mac-

Donald extended their point streaks to six games with MacDonald scoring for the fourth straight game...The Raiders play in Oakville Friday then host the defending league champion Milton Merchants on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Alcott Arena. Georgetown plays in Streetsville Tuesday.

## Week of bad luck not enough to deter Rowland

BY HERB GARBUTT  
 Staff Writer

After a week in which bad luck greeted Katie Rowland at every turn, she turned her fortunes around by helping Canada win the bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games.

Rowland, the reigning Canadian women's gymnastics champion, had to seriously be wondering if she would ever get to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Rowland's week began with all her money being stolen from the team's training facility in Montreal. Then, four days before the competition, she sprained her ankle while practising a vault.

To top things off, the Canadian team was scheduled to fly Air Canada to the Games but a pilots' strike forced some last-minute shuffling to other airlines.

Finally settled in Malaysia, Rowland

was able to concentrate on the task at hand. Though she hadn't practised her final tumbling run since injuring her ankle, she scored a 9.10 on her floor routine and then scored an 8.975 on the vault to help the Canada place third behind Australia and England.

The 17-year-old gymnast then went on to make two event finals in the individual competition, finishing fifth on the floor and eighth on the vault. Rowland said the second-degree sprain, the first injury of her career, didn't impact her performance.

"I don't think it really affected me," she said. "I had it taped and



Katie Rowland displays the bronze medal she won in gymnastics at the recently-completed Commonwealth Games in Malaysia. Photo by Herb Garbutt

I performed to the highest level I could have done."

Rowland said in addition to the competition itself, the opening ceremonies were the highlight of her two weeks in Malaysia.

"Walking in there with all the Canadian team and Marianne Limpert waving the flag, it was great," she said.

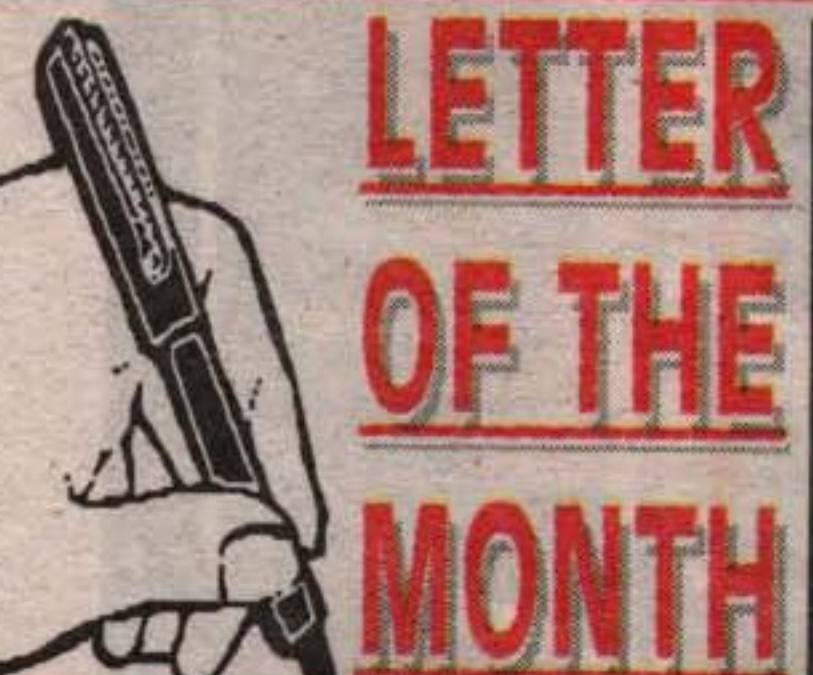
"We all signed these frisbees and we were throwing them in the crowd and there were so many people cheering."

Rowland said the Commonwealth Games "were like a mini-Olympics." And although the

Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia are only two years away, she is currently focusing on her education. The Grade 12 student at Georgetown District High School is considering university instead of returning for her OAC year after drawing the attention of the University of Michigan and the University of Utah.

Ensuring that she doesn't neglect either training or her studies requires more of a balancing act than doing flips on a four-inch wide beam. Rowland leaves school at 12:45 p.m. each day to train with the Winstonettes in Markham and doesn't return home until 8:30 p.m. It has been extra challenging this year because she missed the first two weeks because of the Commonwealth Games.

"When training's done, it's a matter of deciding what's the highest priority," she said. "I try to get things the day before if I'm going to miss the class. My teachers are really good about helping me out."



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