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Raiders' back-to-back losses bring back bad memories

Forget the past. It's something Georgetown Raider fans would gladly do, but it's not easy to simply wipe the slate clean of years of futility.

Still, it's something Raider coach Jay Anderson wants to do.

"People keep comparing us to previous Raider teams," he said after the Raiders dropped back-to-back games on the weekend. "They say, 'You're doing great,' but the coaching staff only wants to compare this team to what it is capable of and so far we could be better."

A 4-1 loss to the Brampton Capitals on Friday and a 6-0 defeat against the Oakville Blades on Saturday dropped the Raiders to 5-9-1.

Saturday, the Raiders were shut out for the first time this season. For the second night in a row, the second period was the downfall as the Blades scored four times.

"We just allowed them to do what they wanted," Anderson said. "The veterans aren't pulling their weight. In the third period we put out the guys who want to do what they're told and they had a good period."

Friday night, the Raiders threatened the undefeated Capitals for the second time this season. Jeff Hladysh matched his Brampton counterpart save for save

through the scoreless first. The Capitals finally ended the Raiders' shutout streak at four periods when they took the lead with two goals in the second.

"We just stopped playing physically in the second," Anderson said.

Rob LaRose finally got the Raiders on the board early in the third when he converted Jason Reed's pass as he cruised into the slot. But any momentum was short-lived. The Capitals restored their two-goal advantage within a minute and quickly added another to put the game away.

After scoring just once in two games, Anderson will mix up the lines for Friday's game in Burlington. The changes include breaking up the top unit for the first time this season, replacing Gene Spadaro with LaRose, who has put up five points in his last five games while returning to the effective checking game he displayed last season.

The lines will undergo further changes when Mike Knoepfli rejoins the team for Saturday's game against Caledon. Knoepfli, who has missed 14 games since injuring his shoulder in the season opener, will likely team up with Curtis Carr and Peter Veltman and hopefully kick-start the line's offensive production.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



A Georgetown Raiders player tries to squeeze past a pair of Brampton Capitals opponents during Friday's Ontario Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game won by the Caps 4-1 at Alcott Arena. The Raiders followed up that game with a 6-0 loss to Oakville at home the next night to see their won-lost-tied record fall to 5-9-1.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Major Pee wee Raiders run unbeaten streak to six games

Gavin Aldridge and Brad Norton each had a goal and an assist and Ian Boileau turned aside a penalty shot as the Georgetown Charley FitzWhiskey's Major Pee wee Raiders extended their unbeaten streak to six games with a 3-1 win over Fergus.

Steve Kogon had the other Raider goal. Picking up assists were Jordan Cole, Nat Wicken, Sean Graham and Marcus Sargent.

The Raiders kept their streak alive with a 1-1 tie against Guelph. Though the Raiders outplayed their opponents, Norton was the only Raider to score. Aldridge and Kyle Termini assisted on the goal.

Kogon and Hilts each netted a pair as the Raiders doubled Oakville 4-2. Jordan Cole set up three of the goals.

Atom II Raiders

A three-goal first period powered the Georgetown BDO Capital Atom II Raiders to a 5-3 win over Orangeville Sunday in Tri-County Hockey League play.

Although Orangeville rallied to tie the game, the Raiders fired two goals to post



Georgetown Atom II Raiders players (from left) Michael Brown, Scott Buist and Dan Rankin surround an Orangeville opponent during Sunday's Tri-County hockey league contest at Memorial Arena. The Raiders won the match 5-3.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

the win. A.J. Syme, Jesse Swan, Alex Ingangaro, Mike Brown and Scott Buist scored for Georgetown with assists going to Syme, Joel Greaves, Matt Turner, Sean Logan, Ingangaro and Brett Maltby.

In another game the Raiders fell 7-2 to Milton as Ingangaro and Greaves found the

mark with assists going to Brown, Justin Bolton and Logan.

Earlier Milton scored three unanswered goals to double the Raiders 4-2.

Syme had the first Raider goal and Buist scored from Greaves and Bolton early in the second to put Georgetown

ahead 2-1. However, Milton fought back to take the lead with two goals in the second and an insurance marker in the third.

A bigger, physical Brampton team handed the Raiders a 7-0 loss in their previous game.

Halton Pee wee Hurricanes

The Halton Pee wee Hurricanes won two of three round-robin games but lost 7-1 to a strong Chicago team in the quarter-finals of the Hamilton Reps Tournament.

David Cianfrini had the lone Halton goal in the final game.

Todd Gilmore scored twice and Kyle Geertz was outstanding in net to help Halton advance to the playoff round with a 2-1 victory over Sault Ste. Marie in the final round-robin game.

Halton fell to Hamilton 7-1 in the opening game. Mark Lucas had the only goal. The Hurricanes rebounded with a 3-2 win over Munroe County. Marcus Goencz, with the winner, Brett Robinson and James McIntosh scored for Halton while Rory Johnston recorded the win.

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