Midget Hurricanes win division before falling at Sudbury tourney

The Halton Hurricanes AAA Midgets have served notice that they will be __ a force to be reckoned with.

The Hurricanes blew into Sudbury on the weekend to compete in the Big Nickel Classic, earning top spot in their division before bowing out to the eventual finalist Toronto Young Nats 4-0.

The Hurricanes opened the tourney with a 2-2 draw against the North Central Predators before bouncing the Barrie Icemen 8-1.

They needed a win in their final round-

robin game against the tourney host, and previously unbeaten, Sudbury Cara Capitals to claim the division— and got it with a 1-0 win.

Matt Hotham's third period goal from Sean Hamilton and Derrick Inscoe stood up as the winner in the Sudbury match as netminder Nick Pliotas held off a late attack by the home side to preserve the win.

The Hurricanes couldn't find the offence in their opening game, despite having several good scoring opportunities. Jacob Vanderbreggen and Sandy Chapman

scored for the Hurricanes with Scott Chambers, Andrew Black and Kaegen Sherriff drawing assists.

The 'Canes got their attack going early and often against Barrie, claiming a 3-0 lead in the opening five minutes and rolling to an 8-1 triumph. Joel Petkoff held the hot hand for Halton earning a pair of goals and four assists. Sherriff chipped in with two goals while Inscoe, Jason Christopher and Daryn McIntyre notched singles. Hamilton added four assists while Jarrett Konkle assisted on two. Hotham, Dave Gibbons

and Derek DaSilva picked up solo helpers. Andrew Coe picked up the win between the pipes.

In league action last week the Hurricanes improved to 3-2 on the season with a 4-3

win over St. Catharines.

Petkoff scored from Inscoe and Christopher with less than one minute remaining to give the 'Canes the victory. Hotham netted two for Halton with Chapman adding the other. Chapman also counted two assists while Hamilton, Sherriff and Black picked up solo helpers.



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Scott MacDonald of the Georgetown Raiders gets a face full of snow as he's held down by Angelo Conte of the Caledon Canadians. It was the Raiders who came out on top,

though, as they used three shorthanded goals to hand Caledon a 6-3 loss in Saturday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Stewarttown runs to title... again

tewarttown Middle School continued its cross-country dominance as it won its fourth straight Halton senior elementary title at Sherwood Forest Park in Burlington.

Stewarttown won two of the six divisions. Devon MacLean finished third to lead the way to the intermediate girls title while teammate Katie Campbell also cracked the top-10, finishing eighth. Alicia Roza was 12th and Sarah Black was 24th.

Stewarttown also took the intermediate boys title, placing two runners in the top-10. Richard Boyce was third while Kyle Scola placed seventh. Kevin Gorski was 19th and A.J. Dugas finished 24th.

The school just missed out on a third title, placing second in the junior girls division. Cristy Nurse was the top Stewarttown runner

in seventh, followed by teammate Corinne Woods in eighth. Also placing in the top-30 were Krista Blundell (21st), Andrea Willson (23rd), Adrienne Thompson (25th) and Rena Chadwick (30th).

Andrew Kerr's third-place finish helped lift the junior boys to fourth overall. Corey Carlton finished 25th in that race and Anthony Carlo was 30th.

Adam Kemp finished 12th in the senior boys race while Danny Robertson was 22nd and David Hyde was 24th. Stewarttown finished fourth as a team.

In the senior girls race, Shannon Whitteker was 20th and the team placed seventh.

Each division had a field of 100 or-more runners and Stewarttown had 85 students, nearly a quarter of the school population, participating in the event.

Raiders' Hladysh provides devilish Halloween effort

The Caledon Canadians figured there had to be a reason for their inability to score.

Knowing it would be difficult to prove that Georgetown Raider goalie Jeff Hladysh had made a Halloween pact to sell his soul to the devil, the Canadians opted for the just slightly less common tactic of measuring the netminder's pads. Trailing 5-3 at the time and having only been able to beat Hladysh three times on 51 shots, Caledon grasped for one last straw.

"I didn't have a clue what was going on," said Hladysh, following Saturday's 6-3 victory. "When they told me it was about my pads, I looked down and thought, 'They look fine to me,"

After retreating to the dressing room and returning with a measuring tape, referee Dave Shaw agreed, finding they were within the 12inch wide limit. Having been thwarted in their attempt to rid themselves of Hladysh, the Canadians took the direct approach, crashing the Raider net and touching off a melee that landed 11 players in the penalty box or the dressing room, among them Hladysh, who was ejected and curiously given an instigator penalty.

Just to rub a little salt in the wound, the Raiders scored their third shorthanded goal of the game to finish off Caledon. The Raiders' sixth win of the season matched a four-year high with 34 games yet to be played. It also moved the Raiders into a tie for fifth in the Western Conference, although three teams are just one point back.

"We're gunning for a playoff

spot and to come up short would be a disappointment no matter how many games we win," said Raider coach Jay Anderson. "We might be happy (with an improved record) a couple months after the season but right now the focus is on the play-

Anderson said if the team is to meet that goal it will have to start beating some of the teams above them in the standings.

Caledon has struggled this year but a recent victory over the previously undefeated Milton Merchants had them looking more like the team that once dominated the Metro Junior Hockey League.

"We really didn't know what to expect from (Caledon)," Hladysh said. "Their record isn't very good (4-10-0) but they've beaten some good teams."

Paul Dunning scored twice and Labelle added another to stake the Raiders to a 3-0 lead in the first, in which they were outshot 21-9. Andrew Sandziuk's shorthanded goal sent the Raiders into the third up 4-1 and Stace Page scored twice while the Raiders were a man down to seal the win. Curtis Carr had a pair of assists.

Sandziuk and Scott MacDonald scored for the Raiders, now 6-10-2, in a 6-2 loss to Burlington on Friday.

RAIDER RAP: Mike Knoepfli returned from a shoulder injury that had sidelined him since the season opener....The Raiders don't play at home this week because they are practising at a university in Michigan and will take in a NCAA game. They play in Bramalea on Friday.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



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