

Lapointe top Canadian at World Amateur Championship

Mary Ann Lapointe fired a 71 in the final round of the Women's World Amateur Golf Championships to help Canada salvage a 13th-place finish.

Lapointe's one-under-par round on Sunday was the best by a Canadian at the world amateur championships in Santiago, Chile. The Canadian team finished with a four-round total of 599, just three strokes out of the top-10.

The United States, with a total of 558, ran away with the victory, winning

by a record 21 shots over Italy and Germany.

"We're all disappointed," said team captain Marlene Streit. "The girls were very well prepared. We were hoping for a better result. I'm not pleased. I'm sure the girls aren't pleased either."

Lapointe was the top Canadian finisher with a four-round total of 298. Teammate Isabelle Blais finished at 303



MARY ANN LAPOINTE

while Karen Qually shot 306 over the four rounds.

Lapointe opened the tournament with a round of 75 and followed it up with a 76.

"I had four birdies, four bogies and two doubles," she said via e-mail following the second round.

"I am hitting the ball well but I ran into trouble on the 14th and 15th holes. Two double-bogeys crept up on me. I

finished strong going one under for the last three holes. We're playing well and the jitters are gone for everyone."

Lapointe continued to hit the ball well in the third round but her putter failed her again.

"I hit 15 greens today and shot 76. I hit the ball great all day and couldn't sink a putt."

Lapointe had five birdies in the final round, including one on the final hole to come in under par.

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Confident Raiders overcome adversity to post 8-6 victory

By **HERB GARBUTT**
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There is something in the Georgetown Raider dressing room that has been missing for far too long—confidence.

Saturday's storyline was just one dash of hope away from being a perfect recipe for disaster but the Raiders showed remarkable for a poise for a young team. Georgetown surrendered two power-play goals to the Burlington Cougars in the final two minutes, the last with just 43 seconds remaining to tie the game.

But, before the ghosts of Raider failures past had a chance to stir, Stace Page dropped the puck back to Mike L'Heureux, whose shot beat Burlington goalie Jeff Van der Spyker to the stick side with 33 seconds to play. Scott MacDonald then deposited the puck into the empty net to complete his first career hat-trick and an 8-6 victory that in past years would not have likely gone in the Raiders' favor.

"This year's a lot different," said L'Heureux. "We had the talent (last year) but this year everyone is working hard and wants to win."

"I just had that feeling that we were going to win even after they tied it," said Page, who racked up nine points in the two weekend games. "Everyone just felt that was our game."

However, confidence can be fragile. And a loss to Burlington could have had disastrous results, especially coming on the heels of a 6-5 loss to Hamilton on Friday, a game the Raiders should have won.

"We were so close (Friday)," said defenceman Ryan Fairbairn, who had five points in the two games. "It would have just killed us to lose tonight."

If it hadn't killed them, it certainly would have wounded their playoff hopes. The win, their fourth in their last five games, improved the Raiders to 9-11-1 and helped them keep pace in a tight race for fifth through ninth in the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League's West Conference.

The weekend included many highlights for the Raiders. Peter Veltman recorded his third straight two-goal game on Friday and then added his seventh goal in four games on Saturday. Gene Spadaro, reunited with Mac-

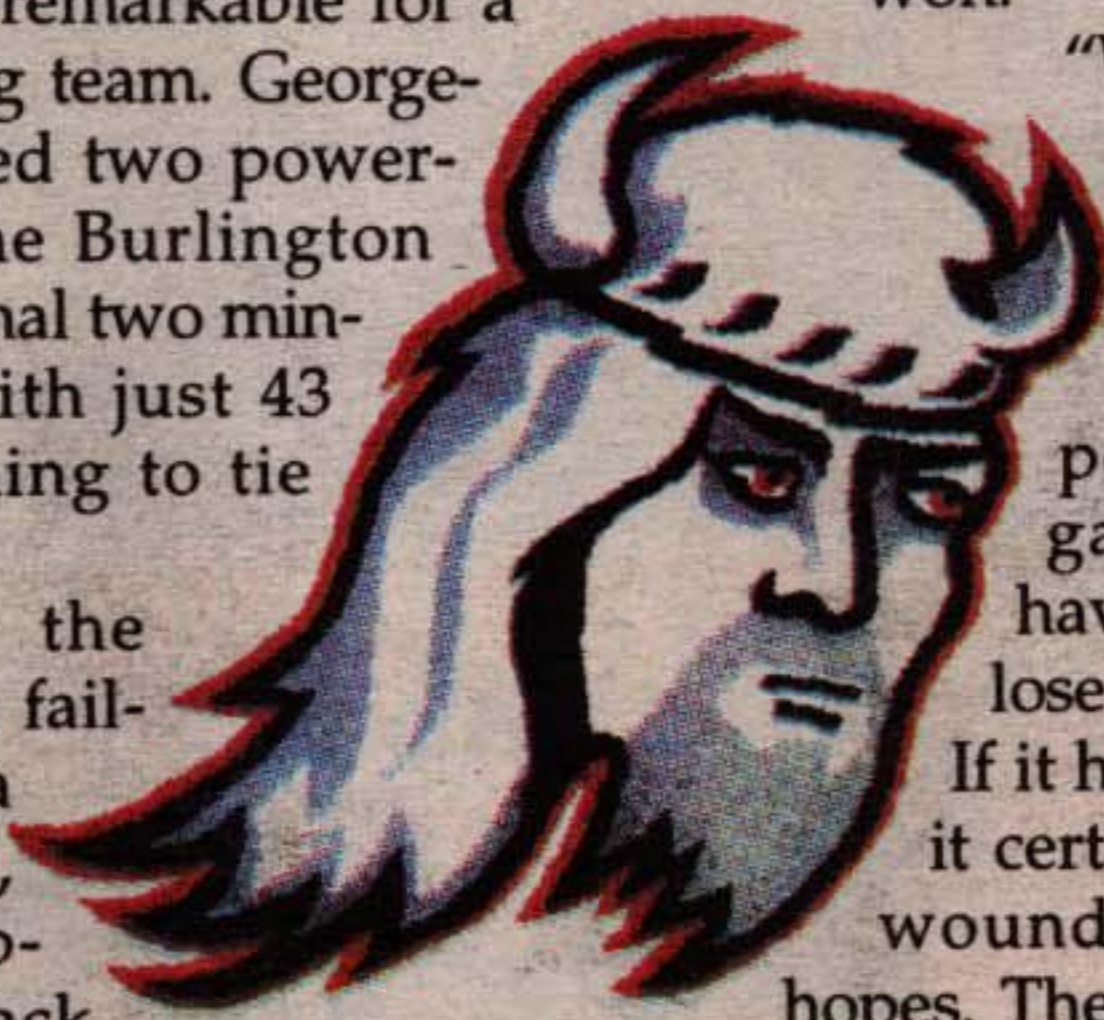


Scott MacDonald of the Georgetown Raiders breaks in alone on Burlington Cougar goalie Jeff Van der Spyker. Although MacDonald was stopped on this attempt he did score three times as the Raiders won 8-6 after a wild finish to Saturday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Donald and Page, scored twice Friday and added a pair of assists against Burlington. The line combined for 19 points two games.

RAIDER RAP: Rob LaRose scored against Hamilton while Page, Fairbairn and Corey Brossard netted goals on Saturday....Jeff Hladysh was pulled after allowing three goals on five shots Saturday. Dave Digironimo came in to stop 31 of 34 shots....Curtis Carr missed Saturday's game after a Hamilton player knocked his feet out from under him. He suffered a concussion and was taken to hospital but was at the rink Saturday...The Raiders traded Shayne Kanyo and Jeff Read to Stouffville for cash. Read, like Cerrone Natale who was traded to Aurora, wanted to

play closer to home....With nine wins, the Raiders have now won as many games as in the past two years combined.



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Oakville	20	9	8	2	83	76	21
Streetsville	20	8	9	2	100	112	19
Georgetown	21	9	11	1	93	112	19
Burlington	19	9	10	0	88	84	18
Vaughan	18	6	10	1	93	98	14
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