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Drop OMHA final series in four games

Collapse in second period proves costly for Bantam II Raiders



Newmarket's Patrick McLamon is right on the doorstep to redirect a pass by Georgetown Bantam II goalie Joe Garvey. Newmarket scored four times in the second period as it defeated the Raiders 6-2 to clinch the OMHA championship on Tuesday night at Alcott Arena.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

here were to be no more dramatic finishes for the Georgetown Dan Bodanis Bantam II Raiders.

After winning their last two Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) series on goals in the final 10 seconds, there wasn't much excitement surrounding the conclusion of the OMHA championship.

Newmarket scored four times in the second period of Tuesday's game to erase an early Raider lead on its way to a 6-2 win and a 3-1 series victory.

"We had a good season," said Raider coach Rick Becker. "The guys worked hard and they have nothing to be ashamed of."

Newmarket had put itself in position to take the series with a 2-1 win in game three, the second straight one-goal decision in the series.

Newmarket won the opener 3-1 before Georgetown won game two 6-5.

"We hit two posts and a crossbar," said Raider coach Rick Becker of the 2-1 loss. "We had a lot of chances they just wouldn't go in."

The posts were not kind to the Raiders again in the clinching match. After a scoreless first period, the Raiders took the lead on George

Raynard's goal nine seconds into the second.

Newmarket scored twice in three minutes to regain the lead. Georgetown almost answered quickly but rang a shot off the iron. The Redmen then came down the ice and scored to make it 3-1. The goal seemed to deflate the Raiders and Newmarket added another late in the period.

The Redmen would increase its lead to 6-1 in the third before Chad Mitchell's finally solved the Newmarket goaltender with a power-play goal late in the third.

"With a few breaks we might not have even been here for game four," Becker said. "We could have won it in three."

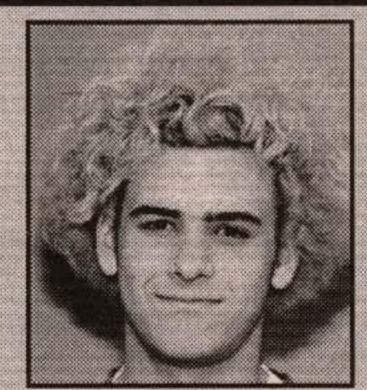
Members of the OMHA finalist team are Joe Garvey, Brendan Louth, Ryan Field, Mike Boyle, Al Harvey, Raynard, Chad Fleming, John Deamude, Byron Jacome, Jason Richardson, Dan Roffel, Brandon Pearce, Marc Monchamp, Mitchell, Martin Lefebvre, Andrew Sliasas, Dave Sproule, Kris Moore, Bill McDonald and coaching staff of Becker, Steve Misko, Noel Monchamp and Norm Raynard.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

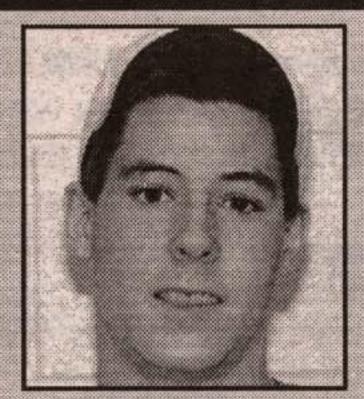
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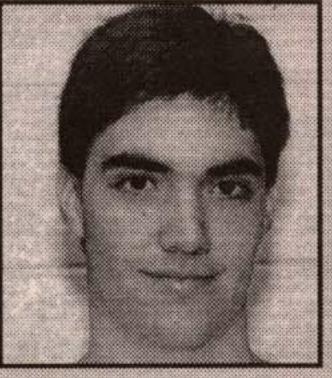
KENZIE HACKETT



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BRAD McKINLEY

The Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Kenzie Hackett and Alex Main.

Both members of the Rebels swim team, the pair were chosen for their outstanding performance at the Haltons and OFSAA meets.

Hackett won a gold in the

200 metre freestyle at Haltons, while Main captured gold in the 400 free and silver in both the 200 IM and 200 free at the Haltons.

Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Caley French and Brad McKinley.

French, a member of the

Redmen junior basketball team, was chosen for his outstanding leadership against T. A. Blakelock, March 26.

McKinley, a member of the Redmen senior basketball team, was selected for his hustle against T. A. Blakelock.

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Minor Bantam Raiders swept in series

Burlington swept the Georgetown Dan Bodanis Minor Bantam Raiders in the second round of the OMHA playoffs.

Burlington edged the Raiders 3-2 in the series opener. Thomas Stokes and Jason Richardson scored for the Raiders.

Georgetown then fell 8-2 and 7-4. Jesse Grin scored three times in the final two games with singles going to Bruce Milligan, Dan Walinga and Andrew McGourty.

Earlier, the Raiders eliminated St. Catharines with a 4-2 victory in the fifth and deciding game of their OMHA series. Kevin Bokowski was in net for the victory.

Thomas Stokes scored twice and Jesse Grin had a goal and an assist as the Raiders were edged 4-3 in the opening game of the series. Matt Clark had two assists. The Raiders

pulled out a 4-3 win in game two, led by Grin's four points. Grin had a pair of goals with singles going to Stokes and Brent Beaumont. Ryan Louth had two assists.

St. Catharines regained the edge in the series with a 5-4 win. Rusty Parsons had a goal and two assists and Stokes, Dan Walinga and Bruce Milligan had the other goals.

The Raiders evened the series by doubling St. Kitts 4-2. Beaumont and Milligan each had a goal and an assist and Clark also scored.

Champs day results

The results of the Georgetown, Acton and Halton Hills Girls Hockey League house league day of champions will be published in the Wednesday, April 7 edition of The Independent & Free Press.

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