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Raiders easily dump Merchants

That the Georgetown Raiders beat the Milton Merchants is not surprising. But few could have predicted the ease the Raiders would dispatch the perennial powerhouse on Saturday.

Georgetown built a 5-0 lead on their way to a 6-2 victory that didn't even reflect how convincingly they toppled their north Halton neighbors.

"Any time you play a tough team you have to rise to the occasion," said Jeff Seeds, who continued to be a thorn in the side of his former team with two goals and two assists.

With the memory of last week's 7-3 loss in Milton still fresh in their minds, the Raiders went about proving they are serious challengers to Milton's throne.

"If we didn't win tonight, finishing first would have been tough," said goalie Jeff Hladys. "I think tonight showed how important that extra home game could be all the way through the playoffs."

The win moved the Raiders within two points of the conference-leading Merchants, and just as important kept them ahead of the pack of four teams

challenging for second place. Only seven points separate the top six teams.

The Raiders jumped in front early when Adam Bertoli and Tristan Fairbarn capitalized on a checking from behind major to Milton's Ryan Eby. Meanwhile, the Merchants' shotgun offence was reduced to a pop gun. Georgetown allowed only 17 shots in the first two periods with at least four of those coming in the final two minutes of the second, when Milton finally beat Hladys.

"They were keeping the shots to the outside and it's really easy to stop them when you can see them coming from the blueline," the third-year netminder said.

Though it didn't dominate the third, Georgetown did limit Milton to one power-play goal.

"In the past we've had some lapses in the third," said defenceman Billy Fetherston, who had two assists. "In the dressing room (before the third period) we just tried to stay pumped up. We wanted to keep up the strong defensive zone coverage."

The win was not so much as a surprise to Raider coach Jay Anderson, but more of his team



Ryan Fairbarn (left) of the Georgetown Raiders gets shoved away from in front of the Milton Merchants' net while Milton goalie Joel Cameron looks for the puck during the Raiders' 6-2 win Saturday at Alcott Arena.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

realizing its potential.

"This is the team we thought we had picked at the beginning of the season," he said.

Friday in Bramalea, Scott MacDonald's third goal of the game gave the Raiders a 4-3 overtime win. MacDonald, whose hat-trick gave him eight goals in

five games, also scored the tying goal with 1:50 remaining.

RAIDER RAP: After going winless in overtime last season, the Raiders are 3-0-1 in the extra frame this year....The Raiders (11-5-1, 27 points) have the fewest losses in the conference but Milton (11-6-0, 29 points)

remains ahead because three of their losses came in overtime, for which they each earned a bonus point....Bramalea was limited to 23 shots....Mike Knoepfli scored against the Blues while Dane Dainard had a goal against Milton.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



Mark Hamilton of the Georgetown Gems slips the puck past Pigwear Maple Leafs goalie Bill Bovar during the Gems shootout loss in the 35 A final of the Hockey Heritage Oldtimers Tournament Sunday.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

At annual oldtimers tourney

Gems edged by Leafs in shootout

A late rally by the Pigwear Maple Leafs denied the Georgetown Gems of a championship.

The Leafs scored twice in the final five minutes of regulation to force the extra period. After the five-minute overtime failed to determine a winner, the teams went to a shootout to decide the 35 A Division title of the 15th Annual Georgetown Hockey Heritage Oldtimers Tournament.

Trailing 2-1 and down to their last shooter, the Gems' Dick Popiel scored but at the same time the Leafs' James Richmond was slipping the winner past Brad Miller at the other end of the rink.

The Gems had taken a 3-1 lead on goals by Mike McMenemy, Paul Allison and Chris Milne but Pigwear cut the lead to one with 4:07 remaining and then tied the game with 2:33 to play.

Doug Fry was named the Gems' MVP in the final.

The Gems were a perfect 3-0 in round-robin play. Miller blanked the Bolton Canadians in a 5-0 victory and Bill Allison paced the offence with a goal and three assists. Mark Hamilton, Chris Peavoy, Chris Milne and Riv Kennedy also scored for the Gems.

Rick Becker's hat-trick led the Gems to a 5-2

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