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David Lajeunesse attempts to control the puck while battling with a Streetsville opponent in Monday's exhibition game. The Raiders won 8-4.
 Photo by Herb Garbutt

Hladysh won't be back Net result for Raiders has them looking for two puckstoppers

The Georgetown Raiders will score plenty of goals this season. How far the team goes could depend upon how many they surrender.

With the arrival of the news that Jeff Hladysh will be playing university hockey, the Raiders are now venturing into the unknown. As they discovered last season in their search for a dependable backup goalie, the crease is often the toughest spot to fill. Good first impressions, high recommendations and strong play at lower levels do not always translate into success at the junior level. But the Raiders hope to have two solid junior goalies from the four in camp.

Andrew Reynolds is the only goalie signed leaving the Raiders with the remainder of the exhibition season to evaluate three candidates— Matt Fielding, Ryan LaRose and Kyle Rogers—for the other job.

LaRose was recalled from the Halton Hurricane midgets on an emergency basis last season and shutout the Milton Merchants for half a period. Fielding put up impressive numbers for the Halton Hurricane bantams and was drafted by the Kitchener Rangers in the 14th round of the Ontario Hockey League draft. Rogers, who is from Thunder Bay, was

chosen by Brampton in the seventh round in the 1999 OHL draft.

Despite last year's challenge of finding a backup the Raiders have confidence in the group they have to choose from, although they expect an adjustment period.

"It's a big spot to fill but the fact we have a lot of experience up front should give (the goalies) some confidence," said Raider coach Simon Couture. "We'll be able to score some goals and that will give us more time to work with these guys."

The Raider offence did just that in Monday's 8-4 exhibition win over the Streetsville Derbys, a game split between LaRose and Rogers.

Tristan Fairbairn scored twice while Stace Page had a goal and three assists. David Lajeunesse, Bill Fetherston, Daryl Knowles, Mason Drew and Matt Knoepfli also scored. Mike Knoepfli had three assists.

Graham McCulloch of Georgetown scored Streetsville's first goal.

The Raiders and the Derbys meet again tonight in Streetsville. The Raiders then play in Milton Friday and host the Merchants Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Speak Out program dates set

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department will present Prevention Services—Speak Out! The prevention program promotes what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour within the context of hockey.

It is designed for hockey coaches, referees, trainers, players and parents. All Ontario Minor Hockey Association

coaches must complete this program before December 31, 2001.

The program will be held at the Gordon Alcott Arena on two dates, September 12 and October 18 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The registration fee is \$20.

To register, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 873-2601 ext. 2275.

Veltman's bid for Minto Cup title falls short

After making a habit of comebacks throughout the Minto Cup final, the well finally went dry for the Orangeville Northmen.

The Burnaby Lakers held off Orangeville for an overtime victory in game five of the national Jr. A lacrosse championship and then took the next game to win their second Minto Cup in three years.

And although Georgetown's Peter Veltman came home without the national title, he has no regrets about an outstanding season.

"It was a good experience for me and for the older guys," he said. "It's going to help me for years to come."

Veltman quickly established himself as a threat with three goals and an assist in the opening game of the series and then added two more in the second game. It also earned him the attention of the Burnaby checkers.



PETER VELTMAN

"It was tough. It's a six game series and they're a big team," Veltman said. "They were pretty well stuck on me after that first game."

Veltman still managed to share the team lead with seven goals and was second in points with 12. That included a pair of assists in the pivotal fifth game, which Burnaby won 10-9 in overtime.

"That fifth game killed us," Veltman said. "If we'd won that game I think we would have won (the series). We still felt we had a shot but they came out hard (in game six) and got a big lead on us."

Trailing by two goals with six minutes remaining, the Northmen fought back to tie the game 8-8 and force overtime. It was the third two-goal deficit they had erased. Orangeville then struck first in overtime but Burnaby scored goals 25 seconds apart with less than three minutes remaining and held on for the win.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Meet the Raiders!

Hockey fans will have a chance to meet this year's edition of the Georgetown Raiders before they hit the ice to start the season.

The team will be hosting a Meet the Raiders Dinner on September 11, four days before they open the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League regular season in Milton. The Raiders' first home game is Saturday, Sept. 16 against Streetsville.

The dinner will be held at Holy Cross Hall, with cocktails at 6 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m. In addition to introducing the players for the upcoming season, the Raiders will also be recognizing the team's sponsors for the season.

There will be a live auction, a silent auction and a raffle for several items. Among the head table guests are Jamie Macoun, Adam Bennett, Brian McFarlane, Bryan Lewis and Mike Gartner.

The team is also selling tickets for a 2001 PT Cruiser. Tickets are \$20 and a DVD player and a large screen TV are also available to be won in the draw.



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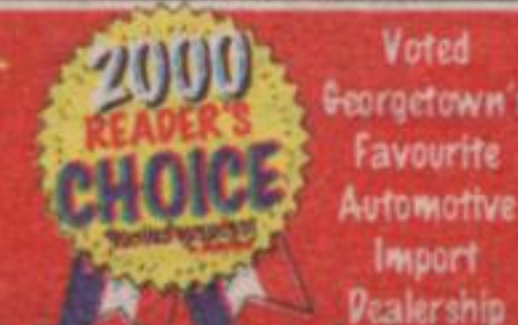
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