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## Blow early 3-0 lead to Milton Raiders suffer tough loss

Games within the last month of the season are always considered more important. But if the Georgetown Raiders wind up battling with the Milton Merchants for first place, Saturday's loss may well be the most important of them all.

The Raiders pounced on the Merchants for three goals in the first 12 minutes but the Merchants fought back and ended up winning on Andy Rozak's goal with 33 seconds to play. Rozak added an empty netter for a 5-3 final.

It's a game that will haunt the Raiders as long as they're within four points of Milton, as they are now. The win vaulted Milton to the top of the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League's West Conference with 14 points while Georgetown sits one point back, tied with both Buffalo and Mississauga.

The Raiders earned their spot in that group by bouncing back

Sunday to down Mississauga 5-2 and improving their record to 6-3-1. It's a pace that puts them slightly behind the 71 they needed to win the conference last year.

Mike Knoepfli got the Raiders going with a goal 37 seconds into Saturday's game. Midway through the period, Adam Russell and Stace Page scored two minutes apart and it looked like a rout. However, Flavio Fagionni scored twice before the end of the period to give Milton some life. Milton tied the game midway through the third, setting up Rozak's last-minute winner.

Sunday the same trio— Page, Knoepfli and Russell —notched goals for the Raiders while Brandon Valente and T.J. Trevelyan also scored.

**RAIDER RAP:** Defenceman Dan Rogers is close to returning to the lineup after breaking a bone in his right foot.....The Raiders outshot Mississauga 39-27.



Michael Parker (9) and Michael Black clear the traffic in front of Georgetown Atom Raider goalie Ryan Oliver in Friday's game at the Georgetown Earlybird Tournament. Parker had a goal and an assist in the Raiders' 4-1 win over Ted Reeve but Georgetown didn't move on after losing two close games. Photo by Christine Smyth

## Aikido expert here this week

The world's top Aikido instructor will be coming to Georgetown.

Master Kyoichi Inoue's 10-day visit will also bring 200 of the world's top ranked black belts to study under the ninth-degree black belt.

In addition to the international instructional workshops, the Millennium Yoshinkan Aikido Fellowship Festival will feature a demonstration to be held at Georgetown District High School on Sunday, October 15. The 90-minute demonstration will feature top instructors from Japan, New Zealand, France, Israel, the United States, Australia and Canada demonstrating weapons and self-defence techniques.

"It's a very dynamic, fast-paced demonstration," said Fred Haynes, owner and head instructor at Halton Hills Aikido. "It should be exciting."

Donations of \$2 per person or \$5 per family will be accepted at the demonstration with the funds going to the Localmotion campaign.

The festival is being hosted by Halton Hills Aikido, which had to submit a bid to host the event. Haynes said the local school is

among the top-ranked in North America and is highly respected because of the level of instruction. Haynes, as well as instructors Jim Stewart and Alister Thomson, have sixth-degree black belts and have studied for several years in Japan. The school can also grade and award up to fourth-degree black belts which are recognized in Japan.

In addition international instruction seminars, Master Inoue will be teaching two classes at Halton Hills Aikido.

"It's a chance for him to see how the international community is doing," Haynes said, "to see what we are teaching and how we interpret his teaching."

Haynes said this is a rare opportunity for the school.

"It's like having the Wayne Gretzky of Aikido here," Haynes said.

Aikido used to be a martial art used to train security and police forces. It is still used for that purpose but has become less secretive over the last 100 years. Haynes said Aikido is well-suited to women because it is a self-defence martial art that does not require you to overpower your opponent.

## Earlybird tourney loaded with drama

It was as though they didn't want the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association Earlybird Tournament to end.

The Oakville Rangers waited until nine seconds left in the second overtime period before ending the atom final and the tournament. Aurora forced overtime tying the game 2-2 with 1:23 to play.

The novice final had no shortage of drama either. Woodstock broke a 1-1 tie with 4:12 remaining in the game and held on for a 2-1 win over Aurora.

Georgetown's entries each came up a goal short of advancing to the playoff rounds. Needing at least two wins to advance, the Raider atom and novice teams each suffered one-goal losses that prevented them from moving on.

Daniel Kent and Mark Giordano each had a goal and two assists to lead the Novice Raiders to a 5-3 win over Tecumseh. Trevor

Hill, Chad Fellows and Robert Murden also scored for the Raiders.

The Raiders were edged 3-2 by Barrie in their opening game. Sean Wittmann and Hill had the Georgetown goals.

In their final game, the Raiders surrendered three first-period goals against Woodstock. Giordano got one goal back but the Raiders fell 3-1.

The Atom Raiders won their first game, downing Ted Reeve 4-1 on Friday. Michael Parker and Sean Taylor each had a goal and an assist. Also scoring were Reid Parker and Michael Weber. Ryan Oliver picked up the win, allowing only a goal in the final minute of the second period.

The Raiders then lost to tournament finalists, Aurora. Needing a win to advance, London held off the Raiders through the final period for a 3-2 victory. Craig Syme and Reid Parker had the Raider goals.

## Rep hockey roundup

### Atom Raiders collect first win of the season

Kyle Lockwood had a goal and an assist as the Georgetown Eagle Landscaping Major Atom Raiders earned their first win of the season, a 6-4 win over Brampton.

Craig Syme, Ryan Swain, Sean Taylor and Reid Parker also scored. Picking up assists

were Mike Weber, Bryce Evans, Blake Seaton and Thomas Neely.

### Minor Bantam Raiders

Matt Velten scored all three goals as the Raiders earned a 3-3 draw with Burlington in their season opener. Kevin Field set up a pair

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