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Raiders in top spot... but don't look back

Six teams within three points of conference lead

The first six weeks have done nothing to establish the pecking order in the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League's West Conference.

While the Georgetown Raiders find themselves back at the head of the pack, it is a very tenuous perch. The Raiders for the moment put to rest their inability to perform at home by taking three out of four points in a pair of weekend games.

Saturday's 6-3 win over Oakville coupled with losses by Milton and Buffalo on Monday left the Raiders one point ahead of four contenders. With Brampton and Streetsville facing off last night

(Tuesday) there was the potential to create a six-way tie for second.

The Raiders finally started to take advantage of home ice, beginning with a 4-4 tie against Streetsville on Friday followed by Saturday's win over Oakville. Although the Raiders had won only two of five games at home, they were happy to reverse the trend but had not reached a do-or-die stage yet.

"We haven't been doing too well at home so it was good to win one for the fans," said Mike Knoepfli, who had three points. "I don't think there's pressure but we were a little disappointed to not win some of the games we should have."

"I don't think the guys were feeling pressure but you don't want to go into a slump and drop behind," said Raider coach Simon Couture.

Couture was particularly pleased with the play of special teams as the Raiders counted three power play goals and a shorthanded marker. Oakville did

STANDINGS						
Western Conference						
	G	W	L	T	OL	P
Georgetown	15	8	4	2	1	19
Milton	15	8	5	2	0	18
Buffalo	15	8	5	2	0	18
Mississauga	14	8	4	0	2	18
Hamilton	14	8	4	2	0	18
Brampton	13	6	2	4	1	17
Streetsville	17	7	8	2	0	16
Bramalea	14	4	7	2	1	11
Burlington	14	3	8	3	0	9
Oakville	15	2	10	3	0	7

Last night's result
Brampton at Streetsville

score twice on the power play but both were on five-on-three advantages.

Scott MacDonald, Mike Knoepfli, Tristan Fairbairn and Ryan Busby scored Friday and that same foursome connected again Saturday. T.J. Trevelyan and Darryl Knowles also added goals against Oakville. Former Raider Rob LaRose had two of Oakville's goals.

The Raiders will be missing defenceman Brydon Butterworth (broken wrist) and Adam Russell (one-game suspension) as well as Mason Drew for Thursday's game in Brampton. The Raiders host Bramalea on Saturday. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Alcott Arena.

RAIDER RAP: Stace Page had four assists on Saturday.....Daryl Knowles set up two of the Raiders' four goals on Friday.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



Me and my shadows

Acton's Holly Goddard protects the ball from a St. Thomas Aquinas opponent while Sarah Berry (11) tries to get open. St. Thomas scored a 41-21 win in Thursday's junior girls basketball game.

Photo by Herb Garbutt



Raider defenceman Alex MacDonell knocks an Oakville opponent to the ice before he can get a shot on goalie Kyle Rogers in Saturday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game. The Raiders doubled Oakville 6-3 to take over first place in the West Conference.

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