

# One step forward, two steps back for Raiders

The Georgetown Raiders got a hard lesson in missed opportunities.

Coming off a key 6-4 road win over the Brampton Capitals on Thursday, the Raiders handed the points back by dropping a 3-2 decision to eighth-placed Bramalea on Saturday. Monday they fell 7-4 to Buffalo, allowing the Lightning to pull even in the standings.

The result is in the space of four days, the Raiders tumbled from first in the Provincial Jr. A West Conference to a fourth-place tie. It's not quite as bad as it sounds as they are still only two points off the pace. But it goes to show they can't afford to pass up points against the weak teams.

That's exactly what they did when they let one slip away on Saturday. They let Bramalea (5-8-2) jump out to a 2-0 lead. Mike Knoepfli and Scott MacDonald pulled them even at two but a defensive giveaway led to the win-



**Bramalea's Andrew Marting is parked on the doorstep as Georgetown goalie Kyle Rogers looks behind him only to see the puck find the back of the net in Saturday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game. Bramalea edged the Raiders 3-2.**

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ner in the third period.

Alex Macdonell, Stace Page, Scott MacDonald and Dane Dainard scored against Buffalo and Matt Fielding stopped 26 of 32 shots in his first start with the Raiders. Andrew Reynolds, who had a 4.09 average in 10 games, is no longer with the team.

The Raiders play in Burlington on Friday and host Brampton on Saturday. Game time is pushed back one hour to 8:30 p.m.

**RAIDER RAP:** Stace Page has received a scholarship offer from Division I school St. Lawrence University, a Division I school in New York State. He also went into the weekend in a three-way tie for the most points in the entire

Provincial Jr. League with 41, matching Hamilton's Jonus Tomiuck and Couchiching's Jason Pinizzotto...The Raiders acquired Jacob Vanderbreggen from the Streetsville Derbys. Vanderbreggen, the brother of Josh Vanderbreggen who has seen time on the Raider blueline as a call-up, had six points in 10 games with Streetsville and had an assist in Buffalo. The Raiders are using him at both forward and defence while Brydon Butterworth is out of the lineup with a broken hand. Long-term their plan is to use him as a forward who will add some toughness and scoring...Mason Drew is out with a broken knuckle and Tristan Fairbairn is day-to-day with sore back.

## Masters students collect 21 medals

Matthew Hutchison won two gold medals at the GTF Canadian/North American Tae Kwon Do Championships in Aylmer, Quebec.

Hutchison earned gold in both patterns and sparring in the boys 15-16 green to blue heavyweight division. The medals were two of the 21 won by Masters Tae Kwon Do School students at the competition.

Brian Sousa won gold in sparring in the boys 7-8 (green-blue) and then added a bronze in patterns. Matthew Sousa repeated that effort in the boys 9-10 (green-blue), taking gold in sparring and bronze in patterns.

Beau MacLellan took the gold medal in sparring in the boys 13-14 red to black stripe lightweight division. He also won a bronze in patterns.

Also earning gold medals for patterns were Kyle Pinkerton in the boys 13-14 (yellow-green) and Nicole Staden in the girls 13-14 (black).

Other medalists from the competition were:

Quais Shahghasy (boys 13-14 red-black stripe) silver in patterns and sparring; Kyle Pereira (boys 13-14 green-blue) silver in patterns, bronze in sparring; Eric Pinkerton (boys 15-16 green-blue heavyweight) silver in sparring, bronze in patterns; Israel Innis (men 17-34 black belt middleweight) silver in sparring; Corey Staden (boys 11-12 black belt) bronze in patterns and sparring; Angela Cox (women 17-34 green-blue) bronze in patterns and sparring.

## Ritchie enters record book

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brought the 8-1 longshot from the back and held off another late challenger, Soulful Hanover, for the win. Aviano, which had won only two of its 15 starts, finished in a Canadian record time of 1:56.

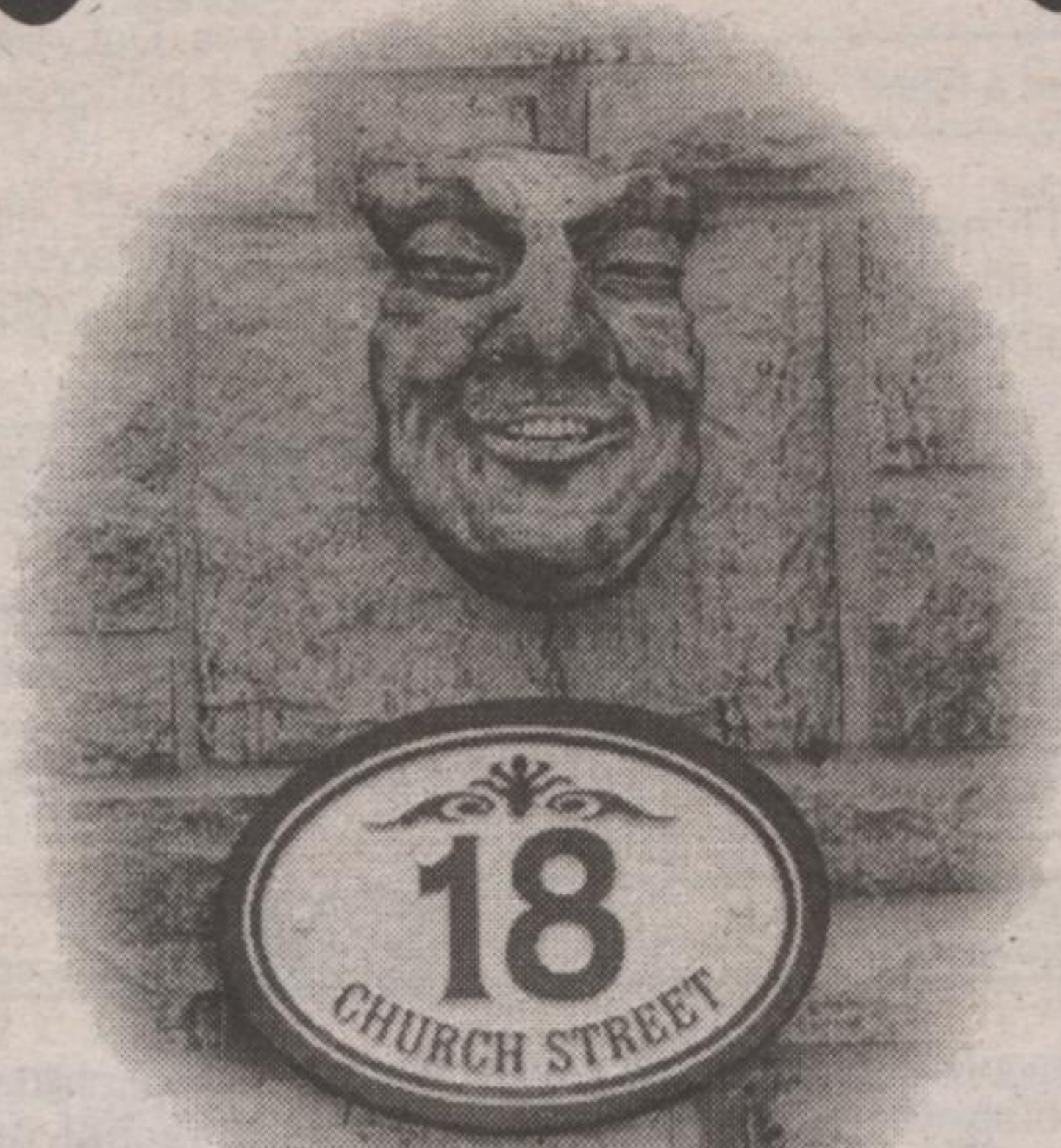
Ritchie had a shot for the most wins in the event's 17-year history when he got behind unbeaten favorite Real Desire, a 1-to-5 favorite, for the two-year-old colt pace.

Real Desire led heading into the stretch but was passed by Bettors Delight and Klingon Hanover and had to settle for third. Ritchie wasn't about to let that spoil his evening though.

"There no such thing as disappointment when you win three Breeders Crowns," Ritchie said. "He raced well but to the other horses' credit, they beat him."

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

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