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Raiders' home woes continue as Capitals record 4-2 victory

Someone is finally starting to distinguish themselves in the Provincial Jr. A League's West Conference. The Georgetown Raiders just wish they weren't doing it at their experience.

The Brampton Capitals have given themselves a little breathing room atop the tightly packed standings after rallying to dump the Raiders 4-2 on Saturday. Combined with their victory over Hamilton on Monday, the Caps have opened up a four-point gap on the rest of the field. And four points is a lot when you consider that's all that separates the next five contenders.

Lumped in the middle of that group are the Raiders, who sit alone in fourth with 23 points, but just two back of second-place Milton.

Anyone showing up regularly to the Alcott Arena must wonder how the Raiders remain in contention. Georgetown has won just two of its last eight home games.

Saturday, a battered squad opened up a 2-0 second period lead on goals by rookies Daryl Knowles and T.J. Trevelyan. But after a blueline corps that started with only five was reduced to four when Alex MacDonnel was tossed for fighting, the Raiders legs started to fade. Costly turnovers helped Brampton pull ahead 3-2 heading into the final period.

With many walking wounded up front as well, including Mason Drew (broken knuckle) and Tristan Fairbairn (injured hip), the Raiders could hardly muster shots on Caps' goalie

Danny Gould, much less goals.

What has kept the Raiders in contention is their play on the road, where they have come up with points in all but one of their last 10 games. Their latest triumph—Friday's 3-1 win over Burlington—is typical of the game they would like to play in front of their own fans.

The Raiders outshot the Cougars 47-19, including 17-2 in the opening period. MacDonnel, who has added some much needed size to the Raider lineup, also showed his offensive capabilities. The fifth-round pick of the Brampton Battalion in the '99 draft set up Mike Knoepfli for the first goal and then scored one of his own midway through the first. The Raiders clung to a 2-1 lead until Scott MacDonald scored into an empty net.

"The forecheck was a lot better (Friday)," said Raider coach Simon Couture following Saturday's game. "We started to look tired in the second part of the game tonight and we were not putting enough pressure on them."

RAIDER RAP: Both Tim Williams (shoulder) and Dane Dainard (knee) missed Saturday's game. Complicating things was the fact the Halton Hurricanes were playing in a tournament, making players unavailable for call-ups.... Former Raider goalie Jeff Hladysh, playing university hockey for Laurier, was hit

in the eye by a puck while he was on the bench. He's waiting to see if he'll be able to play again.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

STANDINGS						
Western Conference						
	G	W	L	T	OL	P
Brampton	20	12	3	4	1	29
Milton	18	11	4	3	0	25
Buffalo	19	10	5	4	0	24
Hamilton	19	10	6	3	1	24
Georgetown	20	10	7	2	1	23
Mississauga	18	9	5	1	3	22
Streetsville	21	9	10	2	0	20
Bramalea	18	5	10	2	1	13
Burlington	18	4	11	4	0	12
Oakville	19	3	12	3	1	10

CHA Initiation Program to be held Sunday in Acton

The Canadian Hockey Association Initiation Program will be held Sunday, Nov. 12 at the Acton Arena and Community Centre.

The program is for women and men looking to gain some skills in coaching girls and boys in non-competitive hockey programs. The program is recognized as a good foundation, providing valuable resources for effective leadership skills, developing basic hockey skills and self esteem through a sense of achievement, motivating your players and dealing with parents. The program runs 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the registration fee is \$42.

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



Ryan Busby keeps his eye on the puck as he's sent flying by a Brampton opponent in Saturday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game. The Raiders started well but Brampton scored four unanswered goals for a 4-2 victory.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

King's Starlight Destiny caters to twirling spinoffs

Three years ago, the mere mention of the word "parade" would have made Darlene King cringe.

After spending so much time trying to convince naysayers that baton twirling is a sport and that the competitors are athletes, King thought parades hurt twirling's credibility.

"It used to be total sport. I wanted people to know this was serious and they trained like any other athlete," King said.

But in the last few years, King has done an about-face in her thinking. That has led her and husband Tim to launch of Kings Starlight Destiny, a new club that will cater to recreational and competitive twirling as well as a variety of spinoffs—drill, cheerleading and sport bo—that incorporate elements of dance and

martial arts.

Having daughters Sheridan and Kennedy involved in baton was one of the factors in the change of heart. The twins won the pairs event at an international competition at Disney World and all the winning twirlers took part in the Disney parade.

"They did the Disney parade and they said, 'That's fun.' That's what had been missing," King said. "We had gone so far to the sporting end of it that I had blinders on. There was a whole other side of it I just wasn't seeing it."

King realized that just having the opportunity to perform in public, with or without a competitive atmosphere, could help bring enjoyment and improve self-esteem. Many of the groups'

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