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Jumping Jaguar

Christ the King Jaguars' Patrick Byrne drives the ball between a pair of Pearson blockers in Monday's Halton senior boys volleyball game. The teams battled through an exciting second game but Pearson prevailed for the 25-18, 29-27 victory.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Ex-resident a world champ

Former Halton Hills resident Bill Stoneman is a world champion and his fingerprints are all over the championship trophy.

Stoneman, the Anaheim Angels' vice-president and general manager who lived in Halton Hills from 1977 to 1982, watched his team rally to win the final two games of the World Series this past weekend to defeat the San Francisco Giants 4-3.

Eleven of the 25 players to appear in the World Series for the Angels were acquired in Stoneman's three years as GM.

Raiders upset at letting win slip away

The fact the Georgetown Raiders didn't lose in their first five games with Bill Purcell behind the bench, didn't make the new coach's first loss any more palatable.

"We need a lot of work," Purcell said. "We're making bad passes. They're not on the stick. We've got to play better. Tonight we just never started."

Saturday's 3-2 loss to the Mississauga Chargers was clearly the Raiders for the taking in Purcell's eyes. And he knows they can't afford to give points away if they are to ascend to the top of the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League's West Conference.

While the Raiders remain within striking distance of the front-runners, despite some impressive outings they have yet to show they belong among the elite. Georgetown is winless (0-2-2) against the three teams ahead of them in the standings. After a home-and-home with Brampton, they'll get a shot at ending that streak when they play in

Burlington Sunday.

Purcell said the talent is there, it's just a matter of executing.

"It's correctable. The coaches can show them but they have to do it."

The most baffling part has been consistency. The Raiders seem to score at will some nights and then struggle badly on others.

The Raiders had tied Mississauga 1-1 on Nik Bibic's second-period goal but with six seconds to play in the period, defenceman Alex Greig was assessed a five-minute slashing penalty. The Raiders came within four seconds of killing it off but Mississauga went up 2-1.

"We came out flat and we tried to get things going in the second but nothing was clicking," said winger Brent Hughes, who tied the game with a power play goal in the third. "We were ready to go out and empty the tank in the third but that five-minute power play drained us."

Mississauga would score the deciding goal with 6:41 to play when David Easterbrook, battling a Raider defenceman to get

to a long Charger clearing attempt, swatted at the puck and banked it in off the skate of Raider goalie Daniel Bellissimo.

The goal spoiled what was otherwise a great debut by the newest Raider. Bellissimo, acquired from the Vaughan Vipers, turned away 23 shots and kept the Raiders in the game, particularly in the second period.

"I told the guys to shake his hand on the way out because it could have been embarrassing without him," said Hughes.

Hughes deserved a few handshakes of his own after scoring four times and setting up another in a 6-2 win over Streetsville Friday. Shane Remenda had a goal and three assists and Ryan McCarthy also scored.

RAIDER RAP: The Raiders parted ways with goalie Kevin Amborski. The netminder had posted a 4.03 average in nine games....Fifteen-year-old defenceman Steve Spade had two assists in his Jr. A debut Friday....The Raiders play in Brampton Thursday and host the Capitals Saturday.



The Georgetown Raiders' Ryan Busby is knocked over by Mississauga's Jason Francis in Saturday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game. The Raiders lost 3-2. Photo by Herb Garbutt

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