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Mike Larose and Cory Colarossi (2) of the Georgetown Dan Bodanis Minor Midget Raiders team up to take the puck away from Brampton's Adam Maas in Monday's Tri-County hockey game. Kevin Greer had the lone Georgetown goal in a 4-1 loss. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Rebels be-Develed in senior semifinal

For four straight years, the Georgetown District High School Rebels have been virtually unbeatable.

Since 1998—the last time the Rebels did not make the Halton final—the team had posted a record of 40-2 in league play. Even this season—as close to a rebuilding year as the Rebels have seen in years—Georgetown went undefeated.

Thursday, they became victims of the lofty expectations that come with the success they've experienced when the Oakville-Trafalgar Red Devils edged the Rebels 25-22, 25-21 in the Halton senior boys volleyball semifinal.

Most senior teams with two Grade 9 starters and four players unexpectedly taking the year off would not even consider a league championship to be in their grasp. Yet, that's what the Rebels set out to do.

All seemed to be going according to plan until an unexpected semifinal matchup against O-T, who joined the Rebels at the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) championship last year.

O-T should have been reserved for the final if not for a loss earlier in the year in which they were missing almost every starter. That loss dropped them to second in their division, linking them up with the Rebels, the first-place finisher in the league's other division.

"Experience was the determining factor," said Rebel coach Jonas Kaciulis. "I'm happy with the way we fought."

The Rebels, though never more than a few points back, trailed throughout most of the opening game. The roles were reversed in the second game with the Rebels leading much of the way. However, some uncharacteristic mistakes by the Rebels let O-T take a 22-18 lead. With too few points left to play with, the Rebels could not come back.

"We might have been too up for the game," Kaciulis said. "Sometimes you have so much energy you try to hold back a little and start to second-guess yourself."

The Rebels will have two holes to fill in the starting lineup next year with the departure of Chris Cavin and Kyle Hall. Their leadership will also be missed.

"Those guys deserve so much credit for bringing along the young guys," Kaciulis said. "They took them and made them part of the family. It really took the pressure off of them. They're two of the best to come through this gym."

The Rebel coach said the team will also miss the versatility of their third graduating player, Ryan Humberstone.

"He was always looking to add to the team in any way he could. He was always ready when he was called upon."

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Rep hockey roundup

Minor Atom Raiders are on a roll

Spencer Kardash blanked Burlington and Tyler Nieuwendyk and Andrew Smith followed that up three-point games against Stoney Creek as the Georgetown Toyota Minor Atom Raiders won back-to-back games.

Kardash turned aside every shot in a 3-0 victory. Nieuwendyk had a goal and an assist in the game and came back with two goals and an assist in a 5-3 victory over Stoney Creek.

Georgetown 3, Burlington 0: Tyler Nieuwendyk, Derek Kessel (1G, 1A); Brendan Krivec (G); Andrew Smith, Kyle Kutlesa, Jordan Dance (A); Kardash (SO).

Georgetown 5, Stoney Creek 3: Nieuwendyk, Smith (2G, 1A); Ryan Hunter (G); Dance, Kyle Speers, Kessel, Thomas Pottruff (2A).

Flamborough 5, Georgetown 2: Kessel; Smith (G); Nolan Lutes, Nieuwendyk, Speers, Dance (A).

Minor Pee wee Raiders

Highlight: The Del Metals Raiders extend their unbeaten streak to four games but it comes to an end with a pair of one-goal losses.

Georgetown 1, Oakville 1: Brandon Usher (G); Troy Breen, Chad Fellows (A).

Stoney Creek 1, Georgetown 0.

Orangeville 3, Georgetown 2: Charles Labonte, Usher (G); Rourke Bannerman, Gordon McKeon (A).

Minor Pee wee Hurricanes

Highlight: Halton won four straight games to

reach the final of a Markham tournament.

Halton 4, Kitchener 2; Halton 3, Chicago 1; Halton 7, Pittsburgh 0; Semifinal—Halton 6; Cumberland 1; Final—London 3, Halton 1: Jory Bieniak (4G, 2A); Ross Murray (4G, 1A); Ryan Ellis (3G, 3A); Robert Wright (3G); Brandon Dunford (2G, 3A); Christian Powers (1G, 5A); Joel Musial (1G, 2A); Brendan Uberig, Ryan Flynn, Jesse Rooyackers (G); Trevor Hill (3A); Jacob Franko, Kody Lyons, Patrick O'Brien (A); Craig Rylett (SO).

Major Bantam Raiders

Highlight: Simon Deering scores twice in the Dan Bodanis Raiders a 4-2 loss to Oakville.

Caledon 3, Georgetown 0.

Ancaster 3, Georgetown 0.

Oakville 4, Georgetown 2: Deering (2G); Brett Maltby, Derick Courchesne (A).

Midget AE Raiders

Highlight: Aaron Kirk's natural hat trick propels the Sports Unlimited Raiders to a 5-1 victory.

Georgetown 5, Arthur 1: Aaron Kirk (3G, 1A); Joel MacDonald, Alex Ingararo (1G); Jordan Jacobs; Greg Kapitan, Lanny Detoro, Mike Zelek, Justin Worby (A).

Georgetown 4, Elora 2: Worby, MacDonald (1G, 1A); Kirk (1G); Mike Zelek (2A); Greg Kapitan (1G); Detoro (1A); Ryan Fines (1A).

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