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Raiders pulling together as win streak hits 15

Thether it was because they were playing their fourth game in five days or because they needed a little excitement, the Georgetown Raiders took a different approach in running their winning streak to 15 games.

The Raiders won back-to-back 4-2 decisions over Bramalea and Streetsville, keeping the team unbeaten at 16-0-1. Friday in Bramalea they needed three goals in the final period to claim the victory, despite outshooting the Blues 61-29.

Having a game on the line heading into the final period proved to be a welcome change.

"We've been winning 8-1 and 9-1 so that got some blood going," said John Winstanley, who had a goal and two assists. "The guys were feeling good about it."

The blood was still pumping in the final period Saturday as the Raiders hosted Streetsville. Winstanley and Frank Burgio gave the Raiders a 2-1 first-period lead. Daryl Knowles extended the lead to 3-1 in the second but within three minutes, Streetsville pulled back within one. It remained that way until Winstanley secured the win, scoring his second of the game with seven minutes to play in the game.

Emerging with four victories in five

days gives the Raiders a five-point lead over Hamilton in the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League's West Conference standings. But Winstanley said the benefits go beyond the wins.

"It was something we needed as a team. It really brought us together. Games are always better than practices for that."

And although the wins came against the bottom three teams in the West Conference, they knew they couldn't let their guard down.

"Usually the lower teams are the ones that bite you in the butt," Winstanley said. "We were warned before the Bramalea game that they had a new coach. We felt we played pretty well but their goalie played well and kept them in the game."

The Raiders started their run with an 8-5 win in Brampton Thursday. Tyler Leggo had a hat-trick and Winstanley and Vince Laise each scored twice. Kyle Frieday had the other goal while Knowles chipped in three assists.

Winstanley, Knowles, Ryan Del Monte and Matt Bacon scored against Bramalea.

RAIDER RAP: The Raiders play in Burlington Friday. Saturday they host Buffalo with an 8:30 p.m. start due to the Hockey Heritage Oldtimers Tournament. Monday they play in Hamilton.

Oldtimers hit the ice tomorrow

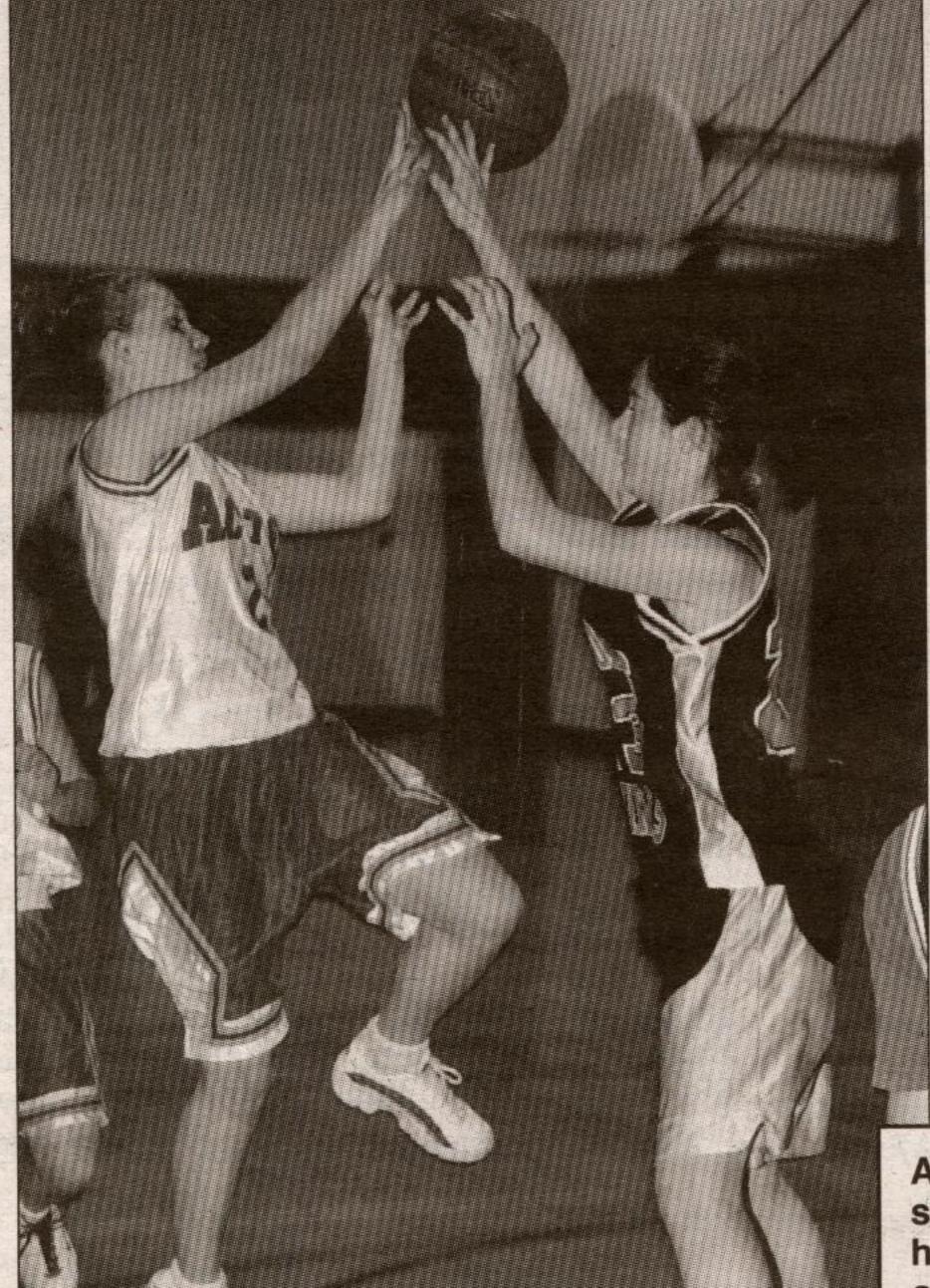
The Georgetown Hockey Heritage Oldtimers Tournament will get an early start this year.

The 19th annual tournament begins Thursday with nine games scheduled at the Mold Masters SportsPlex. Games will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday. The championship games will begin at 1:30 p.m. Sunday and continue until 5 p.m.

Thirty-six teams will be competing in seven divisions. Tournament chairman Finn Poulstrup said the reason for the record number of teams is the increased interest in the 50-and-over divisions. The 50D division will be the largest with eight teams.

Profits from the tournament will go toward the Hockey Heritage Council's localmotion donation.

The Blue Line club will be open upstairs at the arena both Thursday and Friday night and throughout the weekend.



Bearcats fall in jr. b-ball encounter

Acton's Melissa Bigg scored 18 points and played a strong defensive game but Oakville-Trafalgar topped the Bearcats 58-34 in Monday's Halton junior girls basketball game. Victoria Cosulich had five points and Kaitlyn Andrews added four.

Bigg also led the Bearcats in scoring in Thursday's 45-20 loss to Loyola. Rheanon Dzierla had four points and Sara Doolan and Whitney Carroll each had two. Acton had a strong start, going into the half trailing by five, 17-12. However, Loyola pulled away with 19 points in the third quarter.

Acton's Kirsten Lowe gets a shot away over the outstretched hands of a St. Thomas Aquinas opponent in Monday's junior basketball game. St. Thomas scored a 55-20 victory. Lowe led the Bearcats with six points while Sara Doolan had four.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Rep roundup Minor bantams extend streak

arc Nadeau broke a 1-1 tie midway through the second period as the Georgetown Minor Bantam New Solutions Capital Group Raiders beat Oakville 3-1 to extend their unbeaten streak to nine games (7-0-2).

Georgetown 6, Orangeville
1: Luke Ovenden (3G); Adam
McGourty (1G, 1A); Marc
Nadeau, Michael Parsons (G);
D.J. MacNeil, Andrew
Berlingieri, Steven Worby, Kyle
Andrews (A).

Georgetown 5, Guelph 2: Parsons (2G, 1A); Darcy Cook, Mac Doell, McGourty (G); J.J. Laforet (2A); Andrews, Brendan Gingras, Worby, Berlingeri (A).

Georgetown 3, Oakville 1: Cook, Worby (1G, 1A); Nadeau (G); Doell (2A); MacNeil (A); Ryan Haynes (W).

Minor Atom AE Raiders

Tyler Highfield and Michael Larade each scored a pair of goals in the Raiders' 5-2 victory over Woolwich.

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