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Raiders charge past Mississauga in 11-1 win

It may not have been the gripping excitement hockey-hungry fans were looking for but with a brutal schedule ahead, the Georgetown Raiders didn't mind shifting into cruise control for a night.

The Raiders rolled to an 11-1 Provincial Jr. A Hockey League win over the Mississauga Chargers Tuesday night. It was such a one-sided affair that the Raiders' goal total nearly topped the Chargers shot total of 13.

While the blowout and a date with the winless Bramalea Blues on Friday may not be the best way to fire up the team for an important home-and-home series with the Hamilton Red Wings, the Raiders' Richard Hornseth said it could help the team.

"When you score a lot like that it helps the confidence," said the 18-year-old winger who scored his first two goals with the Raiders. "You can slow things down, work on the things you need to improve."

Hornseth has improved an already lethal Raider offence, averaging a point a game since joining the Raiders from the Owen Sound Attack. The 18-year-old saw his ice time dwindle with the OHL team, he started looking for somewhere to play.

"I knew the team was supposed to be amazing and the fact they were hosting the (Dudley Hewitt Cup) championship didn't hurt," he said. "I knew a few guys I played with last year and it's a good team to be around."

That team will be tested over the two weeks as they play eight games in 15 days, including six in nine nights beginning Friday in Bramalea. That's followed by two games against the Hamilton Red Wings, who share top spot in the West Conference with the Raiders.

"That's going to be a good back-to-back series," said Raider captain John Wheaton, who also scored twice Tuesday. "We have to learn from our mistakes (from last week's home-and-home with Oakville) and be ready to face them."

Kyle Frieday, Dan Rogers, Nick Harloff, Kevin Harvey, Mike Gurtler, Matt Sweazey and Matt Sitko also scored for the Raiders Tuesday. Rob Sgarbossa and Tyson Gimblett each had three assists. John Barrow lowered his league-leading average to 1.88.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



Georgetown's Mike Gurtler watches as his redirected shot sails over the crossbar and Mississauga goalie Matt Smith. The Raiders didn't miss too many opportunities Tuesday as they blasted Mississauga 11-1.
Photo by Herb Garbutt

Midget Raiders double Dundas

A.J. Syme and Kyle Bolton each had a goal and an assist as the Sports Unlimited Raiders doubled Dundas 4-2 in their Tri-County Hockey League season opener.

Georgetown 4, Dundas 2: Syme, Bolton (1G, 1A); Dan Desmond, Lee Thomson, Kyle Bolton (G); Brady Gingras, Dave Robinson (A); Andrew Neal (W).

Minor Bantam AE Raiders
Dylan Hickson, Dylan Hanzelka and Brandon Medeiros each had two points but Guelph held off the Raiders for a 5-4 victory.

Dundas 6, Georgetown 2: Colin Dickson (1G, 1A); Mark Giordano (G); Brandon Medeiros (2A); Riley Newell, Brandon Usher (A).

Guelph 5, Georgetown 4: Hickson, Hanzelka (1G, 1A); Sean Wittmann, Dickson (G); Medeiros (2A); Giordano, Connor McMahon, Usher (A).

Minor Pee wee AE Raiders
Dalton Pearce, Bradley Knox and Taylor Sipos each had a goal and an assist as the McNally Construction Raiders edged Guelph 5-4.

Georgetown 5, Guelph 4: Dalton Pearce, Bradley Knox, Taylor Sipos (1G, 1A); Michael
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Georgetown GM Robin Inscoe helps Ryan Busby slip into his Raider jersey one last time after the team retired his number 19. Photo by Yves Desjardins

Raiders' little guy gets big honour, Busby's number retired

The Georgetown Raiders' program generously listed Ryan Busby as 5'7" during his junior career but there was no reason to exaggerate his accomplishments on the ice.

Busby became a dangerous offensive weapon for the Raiders during his three seasons with his hometown team. So much so that Raiders retired his number 19 before Saturday's game—just the fourth player to receive the honour.

"He might have only been 5'5" but he was a giant on the ice," said former Raider GM Jack Moon, who

coached Busby for two years in minor hockey.

Had he listened to his critics, Busby may never have even played junior hockey.

"Everyone said he was too small to play AAA and he proved them wrong," Moon said. "They said he was too small to play junior and he proved them wrong. Then they said he was too small to get a college scholarship and he proved everybody wrong again."

In 153 games with the Raiders, he scored 86 goals and 190 points and didn't shy away from the physical aspects of the game. In fact, his

opponents often drew retaliatory penalties after being hit by him.

Moon had no doubts Busby could not only play, but excel at the junior level.

"He just had so much skill and a never-give-up attitude. A lot of games he was shadowed and he still came through."

Busby is currently in his second year at Plattsburgh State University in New York. In his rookie season he had 28 points in 31 games as he helped the Cardinals win their conference and reach the NCAA semifinals.

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