

Raiders come up with 'special' efforts

As hosts of the Dudley Hewitt Cup, the Georgetown Raiders wanted to assemble a special team.

This week it was the Raiders' special teams that made it appear as though they are on the right track. The Raiders scored five power-play goals on their way to a 9-2 victory over the Streetsville Derbys on Saturday and then killed 15 of 16 penalties in downing the Hamilton Red Wings 4-1 Monday.

The Raiders had a little extra incentive Saturday after Streetsville handed Georgetown a 3-2 loss in their last meeting.

"We had to bounce back and show them what kind of team we are and get a little revenge," said Frank DeAngelis, who scored twice.

Unlike the last meeting when the Raiders were playing their fourth game in five nights, this time they had a full week off before the game. Early on, it looked like that might be a little too much time off as the Derbys opened the scoring six minutes in.

"We were a little rusty at the start but we're starting to do the little things," said DeAngelis, who put the Raiders ahead late in the first, a minute after Dan Rogers tied the game.

The goals were two of five scored by Raider defencemen on the night. Nick Harloff and Tyson Gimblett also scored, once again showing the Raiders can get offence from anywhere in the lineup. Eight different players scored and 15 of 18 skaters

recorded a point on Saturday.

"We're giving everyone an equal opportunity," said coach Dan Cameron. "And when we're doing that, nobody wants to be the one to rock the boat and say 'Hey, I want more.'"

Despite being the highest scoring team in the league, the Raiders don't have a single player in the top-30 in the individual scoring race. Another reason is their commitment to defence, another aspect of the game they proved to be not to bad at.

Monday the Raiders built a 3-0 lead against Hamilton, then had to kill off a string of penalties, including four five-on-three advantages in the final period. In all, they allowed only Daryl Knowles power-play goal with six minutes to play on 16 man-advantage opportunities. And despite only getting four power plays of their own, the Raiders still managed to outshoot the Red Wings.

RAIDER RAP: The Raiders acquired Cory Wickett from the Mississauga Chargers. The 20-year-old forward had four goals and 13 points in 19 games with the Chargers. The Raiders also dealt Justin Noble to Thornhill to give the 17-year-old a chance to get more ice time. Noble had five points in 15 games with the Raiders....The Raiders host second-place Oakville on Saturday. Oakville is five points behind the Raiders with three games in hand.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



Georgetown's Matt Sitko and Kevin Harvey combine to put the squeeze on Streetsville's Phil Gianfrancesco in Saturday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game. The Raiders scored five power-play goals as they cruised to a 9-2 win. The Raiders then beat Hamilton 4-1 on Monday. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Bantams display tough 'D'

Steven McDonald and Ryan Haynes stopped all 46 shots they faced to record back-to-back shutouts for the Georgetown New Solutions Capital Group Major Bantam Raiders.

Georgetown 10, St. Catharines 0: Nick Spence (3G, 1A); Marc Nadeau (2G, 3A); Cody Matthews (2G, 2A); DJ MacNeil, Kyle Andrews (1G, 1A); Adam McGourty (G); Mike Parsons (2A); Andrew Berlingieri, Sean Sargent, Kyle Marples, Luke Ovenden, Darcy Cook, Darcy Mejia (A);

Steven McDonald (20 sv, SO).

Georgetown 4, Oakville 0: McGourty (2G, 1A); Ovenden (1G, 1A); Adam Salisbury (G); Cook, Andrews (2A); Berlingieri, Nadeau (A); Ryan Haynes (26 sv, SO).

Major Pee wee AE Raiders

Alex Crew's hat-trick led the Toppers Pizza Raiders to their third straight victory, a 7-3 win over Ferguson.

Georgetown 6, Erin 3: Alex Crew (2G, 1A), Gary Scullion, Patrick Kennedy (1G, 1A); Ben Carpenter, Kenny Leibel (G);

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