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Dunlop spiel raises \$3,000

Shaun Dunlop slides down the ice Saturday as he releases a shot at the Dunlop Bonspiel at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Dave Bray, Lisa Swartz, David Ashbee and Dave Gould won the bonspiel, which raised more than \$3,000 to be split between the United Way of Halton Hills and the Georgetown campus of the William Osler Health Centre.

Photo by Shawn McAlpine

Sharif Khan 'Gretzky' of squash world to play local members at Racquet Club Friday

The Wayne Gretzky of squash will be coming to the Georgetown Racquet Club on Friday.

Sharif Khan, a nine-time World Professional Squash Association champion and 12-time North American champion will be at the club to play some matches against club members as well provide tips on coaching, strategy and tactics.

Khan won nine WPSA titles between 1970 and 1979 and appeared in 15 consecutive North American finals, winning 12 titles in 13 years between 1969 and 1981.

"He's an icon in the sport," said Georgetown Racquet Club member Murray Jans.

"How often you get a chance to have someone like him come

to your club?"

Khan now operates Pros and Khans Sports Marketing and the Sharif Khan Squash Academy in Collingwood.

In addition to Khan, the club will also be welcoming two Canadian women's team members, Nicole Carroll and Tara Mullins.

Black Knight will also have a racquet demonstration and players will be able to try the racquets on the court. There will be raffles for racquets and draws for T-shirts and track suits.

Admission is free and the public is welcome. The club is located at 215 Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown.

—By Herb Garbutt,
staff writer

Truscott tops

Tasha Truscott outdistanced the competition by more than 47 seconds to win the girls 11-and-under 800m freestyle at the Milton Marlins Fall Invitational.

The Halton Hills Blue Fins swimmer finished in a time of 11 minutes, 51.28 seconds to easily win the event. Teammates Elizabeth Skuriat and Riley Bolt finished third and fourth respectively.

Marc Laforet won the 12-year-old boys 800m freestyle, finishing in 11:02.20.

Nicole Abbott finished second in the 12-year-old girls 800m freestyle followed by Blue Fin teammate Erin Rousseau in third and Sydney Elliott in fourth.

Rebekka Bond (13-year-old girls), Jessica Truscott (14-year-old girls) and Kira Pattison (16-and-over girls) each turned in third-place finishes in the 800m freestyle.

Raiders, Blades dueling for first

Despite chalking up two more convincing wins this weekend, the Georgetown Raiders could soon find themselves playing catch up in the standings for the first time this season.

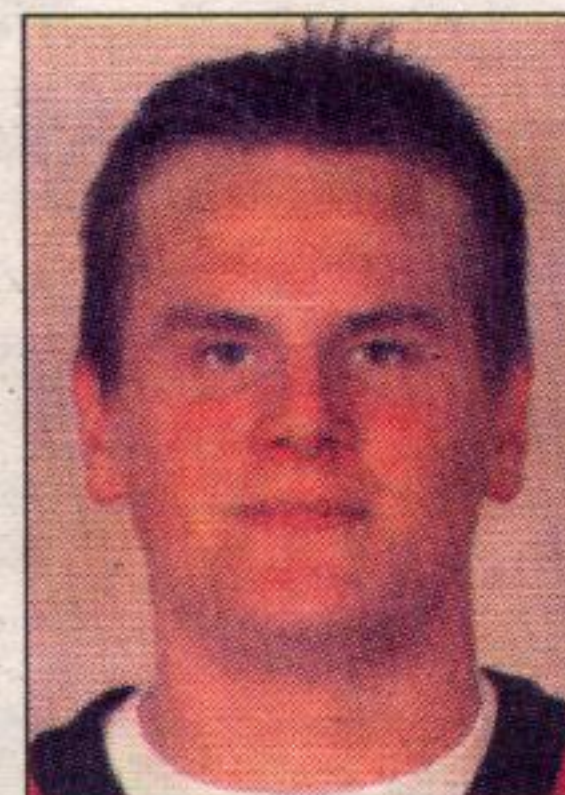
Georgetown rolled to a pair of 7-1 victories over the Burlington Cougars and Bramalea Blues but the Oakville Blades kept pace and remain just one point back of the Raiders.

The Blades have already supplanted the Raiders as the country's top-ranked Jr. A team and now with two games in hand, can take the lead in the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League's West Conference. Oakville (22-3-0) plays the conference's two bottom feeders, Bramalea and Mississauga this weekend while the Raiders (23-4-0) will host a rematch with Burlington on Saturday.

Burlington will be a tougher test

than either of the Oakville's opponents, although they didn't show much Friday. The Raiders jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the opening and from that point on the Cougars appeared more intent on winning other things beside the game. There were six fights in the final 25 minutes of the game, which did nothing to deter the Raiders from adding a few more goals.

Jay Sprague scored twice in the final period to finish with three points on the night. John Wheaton also had three points, with a goal and two assists. Tyler Leggo, Richard Hornseth, Mike



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Gurtler and Kyle Frieday had the other Raider goals while Mike Nelson had two assists.

The most surprising thing about Saturday's game was that 13 minutes in, the Raiders were only ahead 1-0. They remedied that quickly when Leggo and defenceman Ryan Hirtle-St. Denis, with his first Jr. A goal, scored 27 seconds apart.

Kevin Harvey, Mike Nelson, Frieday, Dan Rodgers and Matt Sweazey had the other Raider goals and Jesse Zimmerman made 21 saves for the win.

RAIDER RAP: Raider goalie John Barrow was named the West Conference player of the month. Barrow posted a 9-2 record for the month and leads the conference with a 2.17 average and is second in the entire Provincial Jr. A Hockey League.

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