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Girls will be girls

A Holy Trinity player grimaces and hangs on to the ball as Georgetown's Katelyn Gingras sails over her in Monday's Halton senior girls rugby game. Georgetown is fielding a team for the first time and Ruth Baxendale made the Rebels' first game a memorable one, scoring on the final play to give Georgetown a 17-15 victory. Ruth Toupe and Ellen Ditschun also scored tries and Reena Chadwick added a convert for the Rebels.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Georgetown heads west Raider Sitko looks forward to playing at home in Sask.

Matt Sitko has spent all season trying to get out of Ontario to play hockey at home.

That doesn't mean the Georgetown Raider defenceman wasn't dedicated to the team's cause. Just the opposite, in fact.

The Saskatchewan native has had more incentive than any of his teammates to help the Raiders reach the Royal Bank Cup. The national Jr. A championship is being held in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, just a 68-kilometre drive down Highway 39 from his home in Wilcox.

"It's a great feeling, just knowing you're going to be able to go and play in front of all your friends and family," Sitko said.

Also vying for the Canadian title are the Portage Terriers, the Hawkesbury Hawks, the Camrose Kodiaks and the host Weyburn Red Wings.

Camrose (64-18-2, including play-offs) would have to be the favourite heading into the tournament. The Kodiaks won the Royal Bank Cup in 2001 and were a finalist in 2003. They were the number one-ranked team in the country heading into the regional tournaments.

When Raiders play:

Sunday, May 8:

Weyburn vs. Georgetown, 7:30 p.m. (9:30 p.m. EDT)

Monday, May 9:

Georgetown vs. Hawkesbury, 7:30 p.m. (9:30 p.m. EDT)

Wednesday, May 11:

Portage vs. Georgetown, 2 p.m. (4 p.m. EDT)

Thursday, May 12:

Georgetown vs. Camrose, 2 p.m. (4 p.m. EDT)

Friday, May 14:

Semifinals, 2 and 7:30 p.m. (9:30 p.m. EDT)

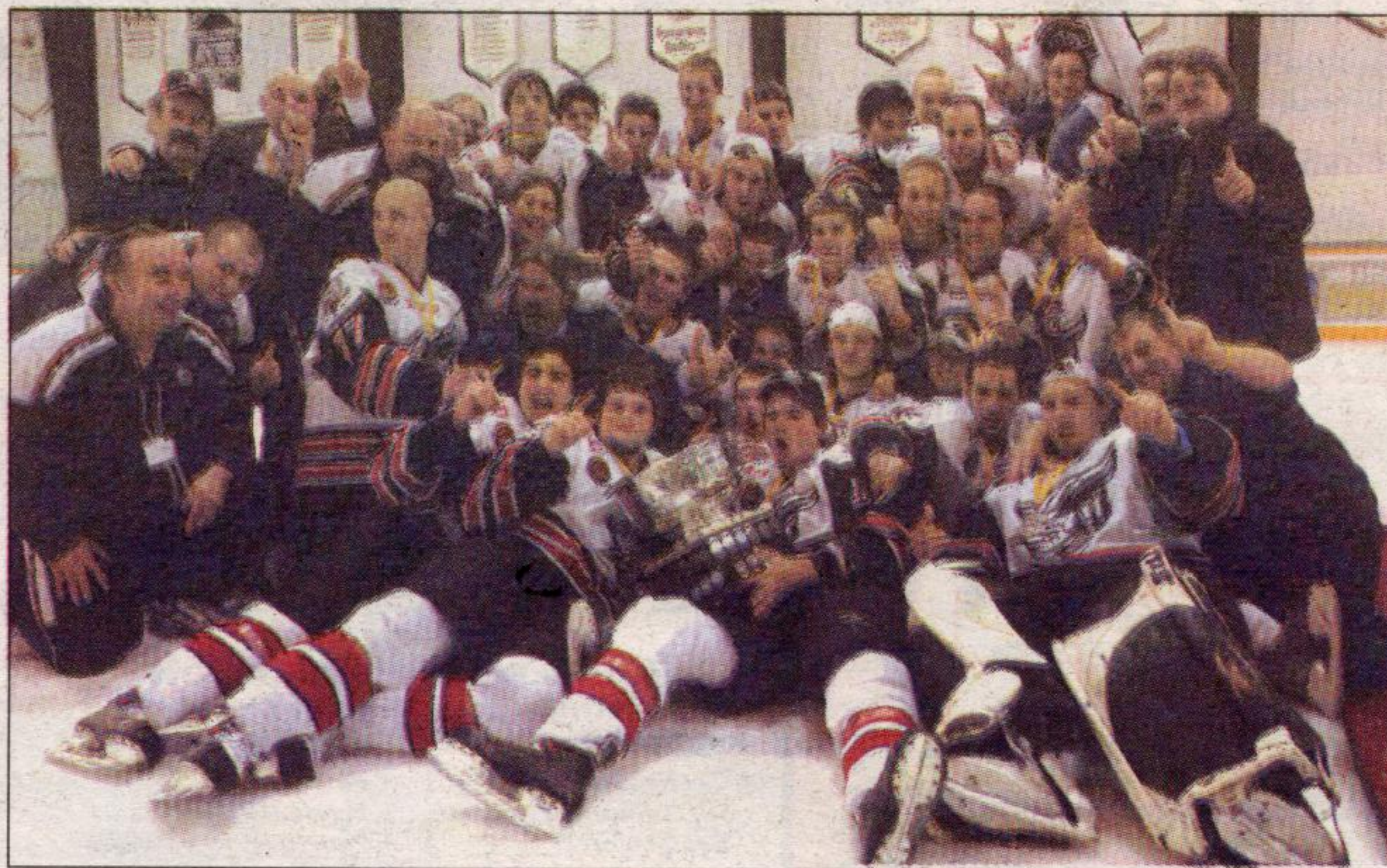
Saturday, May 15:

Final, 7:30 p.m. (9:30 p.m. EDT)

The Kodiaks had to rally from a 3-1 deficit to beat Fort McMurray in the Alberta Junior Hockey League final. Camrose then beat South Surrey in five games to win the Doyle Cup.

Georgetown (63-18-0) finished first in the 36-team Provincial Jr. A Hockey League. The Raiders also had to win more playoff games (22) than any other team in the tournament. Georgetown

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The Georgetown Raiders, last seen celebrating their Dudley Hewitt Cup win Saturday, left for Weyburn early today (Friday) as they compete in the Royal Bank Cup national Jr. A championship. Photo by Herb Garbutt

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