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'Outworked' Raiders fall to IceHawks

Having averaged only eight regular season losses over the past three seasons, the Georgetown Raiders are not used to playing catch-up.

But that's exactly the situation they find themselves in a month into the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League season. With Saturday's 5-1 loss, the Raiders (8-5-1) slipped six points behind the Milton IceHawks (11-1-1) in the West Conference standings.

Milton hasn't made things easy for them, taking 24 of a possible 26 points to occupy the number one spot in the national Jr. A rankings, a spot held at times last season by the Raiders.

But the Raiders haven't made things easy for themselves either. After nearly handing the IceHawks their first regulation loss in their previous meeting, the Raiders didn't show nearly as much fight this time around.

"We didn't win one battle," said defenceman Matt Sitko, who scored the Raiders lone goal to even the score at 1-1 in the first. "They outworked us. It would have been nice to gain some ground, especially after that last one that we should have had."

The IceHawks didn't let the Raiders enjoy Sitko's goal for very long. Within two minutes, Kevin Morrison had put Milton back in front to stay.

Dan Falbo added to the lead with the only goal of the second period and Matt Read put the game away with a shorthanded goal early in the third.

Though the Raiders had climbed to within four points of Milton with a win on Friday, they were hardly impressed with their 4-2 victory over Bramalea.

"Even in Bramalea we didn't play that well," said Joey Piccone, who had two goals and an assist. "We didn't bury our chances. We were fortunate last night we were playing Bramalea. Tonight with Milton it's a totally different story. We weren't hitting. I think we were a little intimidated by their record and our play indicated that."

RAIDER RAP: Wade Finegan and Kyle Muncie also scored for the Raiders Friday while Frank DeAngelis had two assists....The Raiders play in Oakville Friday before playing a home-and-home series with Buffalo. The Raiders host the Jr. Sabres Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena.

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—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



Milton's Adam DeJong gets a shot away despite being hooked by Georgetown's Rob Sgarbossa during Saturday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game in Georgetown. Milton increased its lead over Georgetown atop the West Conference with a 5-1 victory. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Jaguars, Rebels split football wins



Christ the King running back Jack Matthews shakes free of a tackle by Georgetown's Corey Deschamps while bracing for a hit from Mitch Racinsky in last Tuesday's junior boys football game. Georgetown scored a fourth-quarter touchdown to win 16-13. Photo by Herb Garbutt

The question of local football supremacy remains undecided... for now.

The Christ the King Jaguars and Georgetown Rebels split last week's head-to-head matchups. The Rebels took Tuesday's junior contest 16-13 but the Jaguars came back to even the score with a 21-7 victory in Thursday's senior game.

Christ the King scored a pair of touchdowns in the second half, with a 90-yard punt return by Ryan Burns in the fourth quarter sealing the victory in the senior game.

The teams were tied 7-7 after the Rebels' Jordan Ralph and the Jaguars' Christian Litimco exchanged touchdowns in the opening half.

In the third quarter, the Rebels faced a punt deep in their own end. When the snap was bobbled, the Jaguars jumped on the loose ball and took over at the Rebels two yard line. It only took one play for Alex Dezan to carry it in and give the CtK the lead.

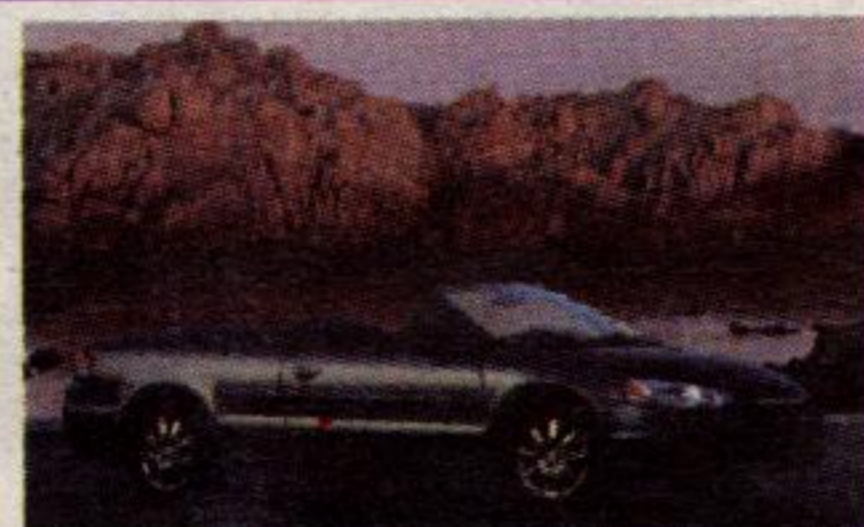
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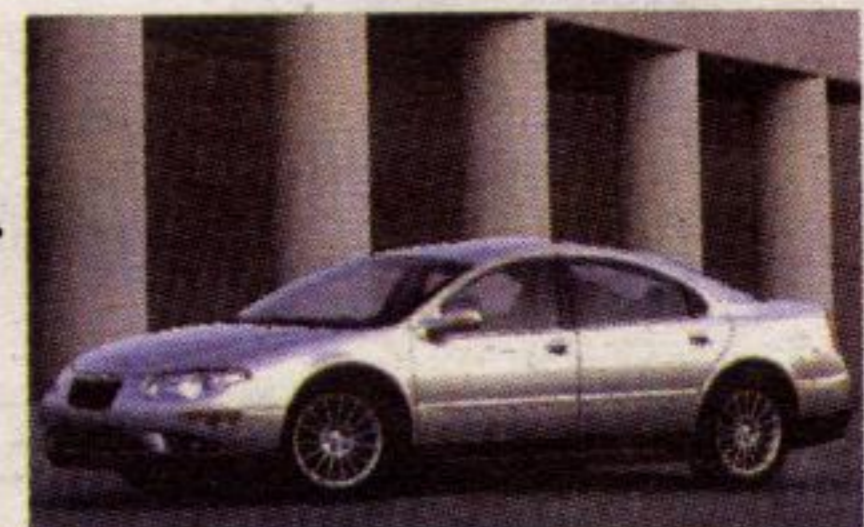
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