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Georgetown Raiders' goalie Ryan Gibb found his crease a little crowded Saturday as Hamilton's Corey Stringer crashed his way in with help from Georgetown's Matt Sitko (44). Hamilton posted a 4-1 Provincial Jr. A Hockey League win.

Photo by Yves Desjardins

## Raiders fall to third place

A six-minute second period letdown not only cost the Georgetown Raiders a victory Saturday against the Hamilton Red Wings, but also a position in the standings.

The Wings broke open a scoreless tie with three markers in the middle frame en route to a 4-1 win that moved Hamilton one point ahead of the Raiders (29 points to 28) for second place in the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League's West Conference standings.

Milton leads the conference with 34 points after suffering only its second loss of the season Saturday to fourth-place Oakville.

Georgetown's loss to the Wings came on the heels of a come-from-behind win Friday in Bramalea as the Raiders rallied from a 5-2 third-period deficit to shade the Blues 6-5.

Saturday, the Raiders held a 34-25 edge in shots but Paul Marchese was the only Raider to find the mark, on passes from Andrew Dennis and Mike Gurtler, shortly after Hamilton opened up their 3-0 lead.

An empty net goal with one second left in the match completed the scoring.

Friday, it was the Raiders' turn to score in a bunch as they notched four goals in the final 11 and a half minutes to wipe out a 5-2 Bramalea lead.

Austin Corredato, with his second in a row, potted the winner on a relay from Mark Marchese with one minute left.

The teams were tied 1-1 after the first frame before the Blues opened up a 4-2 edge after 40 minutes.

Frank DeAngelis started the comeback in the third at the 8:24 mark on passes from Greg Lovatsis and Corredato before Alex Paiement made it a one-goal game with a penalty shot marker.

Corredato tied the score with 4:55 left on a solo effort.

Erik Lundmark, from Wade Finegan, and Mike Koswika, from Finegan and Dennis, also scored. Cameron Healy posted the win.

**RAIDER RAP:** The Raiders have a busy week in store having traveled to Streetsville last night (Tuesday) before visiting Oakville Friday and hosting Burlington at Alcott Arena Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

## Andrews signs on with Texas school

Long distances have never been a problem for Kaitlyn Andrews.

The three-time Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) champion has been outdistancing the competition the last few years. So, when it came time to choosing what school to attend when she graduates from Acton High School in the spring, like the discus and shot she throws, Andrews went a long way. The 17-year-old has accepted a scholarship to Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

"I tried not to make distance an issue," she said. "I just wanted the best education and the best place I can excel at."

Andrews drew a lot of attention south of the border and went for visits at Ohio State, Colorado, University of Reno-Nevada and Iowa.

"It was hard to pick what school to go to," Andrews said. "Every time I'd come back from a school visit I'd say, 'That's the one'. I was glad there was some difference in the offers, otherwise it would have been impossible."

In the end, Andrews decided on Stephen F. Austin, where the throws coach is also the track and field team's head coach. That gave her the security of knowing that she'll most

likely have the same coach for her four years. Andrews, who intends to study kinesiology, was also drawn to the Texas school because of the courses it offers.

Still, she says being so far away, it will take some time to adjust.

"In some ways I'm looking forward to it, having people to train with and push me not only in practice but also in competition," she said. "But the other side is it's a long way from home and my parents and I rely on them a lot for support and they can't come down there every weekend."

In the meantime, Andrews has another goal to occupy her before she leaves for school next fall. She hopes to meet the Canadian standard to qualify for the World Junior Track and Field Championships in Beijing, China. Her personal best in the shot put is 13.94m but she'll need to hit 14.4m to qualify. She's come close to that in recent practice sessions, with a throw of 13.91m but she'll have to do it in competition.

"Nine centimetres isn't much but there's a big difference between practice in competition. I hope I can do it soon because when I'm less nervous, I throw a lot better. I can concentrate on my technique rather than trying to keep my hand steady."

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



Acton High School student Kaitlyn Andrews signs her letter of intent to attend Stephen F. Austin State University on an athletic scholarship. On hand for the signing last week were school principal Bert O'Hearn, athletic director Spike Adams and Andrews' father, Bruce.

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