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Alex Paiement of the Georgetown Raiders arrives a little too late to help goalie Chris Healy as Michael Bentivegna of the Burlington Cougars slips the puck home during the Cougars' 5-2 Provincial Jr. A Hockey League win at Alcott Arena.
Photo by Yves Desjardins

'Lost weekend' leaves Raiders in division logjam

If the collars around the jerseys of the Georgetown Raiders collectively tightened this past weekend there's good reason—back-to-back losses to Oakville and Burlington have suddenly put the locals in the middle of a six-team fight for home ice advantage in the playoffs.

The Raiders, who have been waging a see-saw battle for much of the season with Hamilton for second place in the Western Conference of the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League, now share third place with the Burlington Cougars with 28 points—only four points ahead of Mississauga which holds down the eighth and final playoff spot.

Not helping the Raiders in their precarious position is the fact Burlington holds three games in hand while the Blades, who sit one point back, have two games in hand.

Streetsville (26 points) and Bramalea (25 points) each have one game in hand on the Raiders while Mississauga (with 24 points) has played one more game than Georgetown.

Milton leads the division with 38 points while Hamilton is seven points clear of Georgetown with 35 points.

The Raiders' "lost weekend" began with a 3-1 loss to the Blades in Oakville before the Cougars handed Georgetown a 5-2 loss at Alcott Arena Saturday.

In that contest the Raiders trailed 2-1 after the first frame and 3-2 after the second. A power play goal and shorthanded marker in the third by Burlington sealed the Raiders' fate.

Greg Lovatsis and Erik Lundmark scored for Georgetown while Paul Marchese, Frank DeAngelis, Lundmark and Mike Gurtler drew assists.

Friday in Oakville, the Raiders held a 34-30 edge in shots but DeAngelis was the only Raider to find the mark, on a pass from Kyle Termini, as Georgetown opened the scoring in the first.

Two second-period power play goals gave the Blades a 2-1 lead which they added to in the third frame.

RAIDER RAP: In another key match, the Raiders host Oakville tonight (Wednesday) at Alcott Arena at 8 p.m...The Raiders have lost four straight at home... Chris Healy took the loss Saturday while Ryan Gibb was in net Friday.

High school roundup Bearcats win once

Acton Bearcats managed one win in three games at the Mini Match Girls Hockey Tournament held last weekend at York University.

Acton opened play with a 6-2 loss to Aurora's Cardinal Carter before losing 4-0 to Stayner.

The Bearcats then downed Hamilton St. Mary's 4-1.

Against Aurora, Kaitlyn Andrews and Amanda Schroeder found the mark with Gabby Kosziwka and Amy De La Franier adding assists.

Kosziwka collected three goals in the first period and added another in the third in the win over Hamilton while De La Franier, Schroeder and Megan Evans drew single assists.

Basketball

The Georgetown Rebels were bounced 43-17 by Notre Dame in semifinal senior girls basketball playoff action.

The loss came after Georgetown posted a 45-44 win over Oakville-Trafalgar in quarterfinal action in which J. J. Edwards led the Rebels with 19 points while Laura Thompson picked up eight.

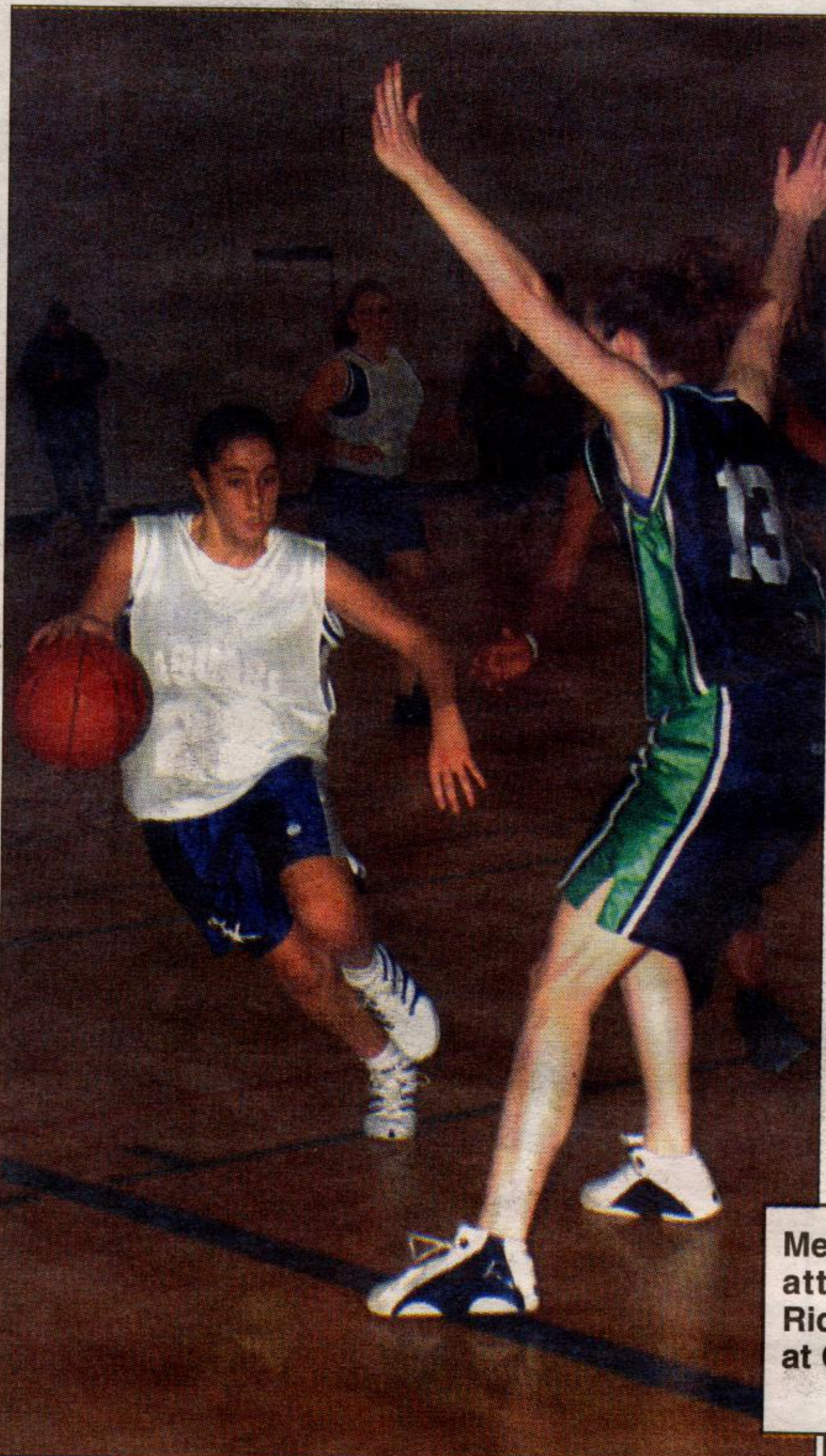
In another quarterfinal Iroquois Ridge knocked off Christ the King Jaguars 40-23.

In junior action Abbey Park ousted Christ the King 45-29 in semifinal play after the Jaguars defeated Iroquois Ridge 29-25. Holy Trinity bounced Georgetown 47-21 in another quarterfinal.


In preliminary play the Jaguars downed King's Christian 42-32, Burlington Central topped Acton 30-21 and Georgetown dumped Assumption 43-32.

Boys Hockey

The Georgetown Rebels began play with a 2-2 tie against M.M. Robinson before falling 7-1 to Notre Dame.



Melissa Sabatini (left) of the Christ the King Jaguars attempts to slip past Steffi Thomas of Iroquois Ridge during the Jags' 40-23 playoff loss Thursday at Christ the King.
Photo by Ted Brown


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