

Raiders busy making moves

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It's been a busy summer so far for the Georgetown Jr. A Raiders' management staff as just a few spots on the hockey club will be still up for the taking when training camp begins Aug. 20.

New director of hockey operations Lonnie Freeman has signed several players and secured the return of a couple of important parts of last year's squad, which made it to the OHA Provincial Jr. A Hockey League's West Conference finals before falling to Hamilton.

Defenceman Evan Zych of nearby Kilbride has been named team captain after being acquired late last season from the Milton IceHawks. The 18-year-old, 5-foot-11, 185-pound blueliner put off his scholarship to a university in Massachusetts for a year to patrol the Raider blueline.

Veteran winger Matt Carter of Mississauga will return for his final year of junior, after netting 27 goals and 64 points with Georgetown in 2006-07.

Freeman is awaiting word from goaltender Marc Stuart, who is at home in Dallas pondering post-secondary school opportunities, or a return to Georgetown for his last season of junior eligibility.

Most notable among the new signees is Georgetown resident Andy Bathgate, a 16-year-old centre who was drafted in the third round by the Ontario Hockey League's Belleville Bulls in May. The 5-foot-11, 165-pounder was split between pursuing a U.S. scholarship or signing with Belleville, but has decided to embark on the college route after taking a tour of Northeastern University in Boston and will remain at home to play for the Raiders.

Halton Hurricanes' graduate David Milne, an 18-year-old, 6-foot-1, 205-pound centre from Erin, was acquired from the Guelph Jr. B Dominators, while the Raiders also dealt away a couple of

players from last year's squad.

Winger Jeremy Whelan was sent to the Hamilton Red Wings in exchange for 17-year-old Lukas Ciotti, a 5-foot-8 180-pound winger who starred for the Mississauga IceDogs' midgets last year. Defender Adamo Miceli is headed for the RBC champion Aurora Tigers in a cash deal. Rookie winger Spencer Janes returns to Milton as compensation for the Zych trade.

Other confirmed signings include:

- Blueliner Robert Brennan was captain of Michael Power high school's varsity team as a Grade 10 student and led the Jr. Canadiens' midgets last year as well. He's a 5-foot-11, 195 pounder and hails from Etobicoke.

- Luke Reda, son of TSN on-air host Gino, a 5-foot-10 220-pound left winger from Mississauga who played for the Don Mills Flyers midgets last year.

- Paul Yovanic, a 6-foot-4, 220-pound left winger who has major junior experience with Kitchener and Drummondville of the Quebec league. The Highland, Michigan native spent 2006-07 with the North American Hockey League's Texas Tornado, compiling two goals, two assists and 153 penalty minutes in 40 games.

- Twenty-year-old Justin Lacey, a 6-foot-1 190-pound right winger picked up from the Waterloo Jr. B Siskins.

- Minnesota native Colin Mollerby, 18, was picked up from the Thunder Bay Jr. A Bear Cats. The 6-foot-1, 205-pound forward had 11 goals and 14 assists in 30 games last year.

- Left-winger Fred Gervasi, a 5-foot-9, 180-pounder from the Mississauga IceDogs' midgets.

- Kyle Essery, a 1991 birthdate from the Jr. Canadiens minor midgets, who stands 5-foot-9 and 180 pounds.

The Raiders will begin their exhibition schedule in Orangeville Friday, Aug. 24 and then will meet the Crushers in Georgetown Saturday, Aug. 25. A home-and-away series against the Streetsville Derbys has been cancelled.



Daniel Nascimento of the Halton Hills Bulldogs (9) had this shot blocked by Barrie goalkeeper Matthew Acchione in a preliminary-round game in the paperweight division at the Bulldog Classic minor lacrosse tournament at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex last weekend. The 'Dogs led this game early on but Barrie rallied for a 9-5 victory and didn't advance to the division semifinals.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Peewee II Bulldogs fail to advance

A 1-1-1 record in round-robin play wasn't enough to push the Halton Hills #2 Bulldogs through to the peewee C division playoff segment of the Bulldog Classic tournament hosted by the Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse Association recently.

Preliminary round— Halton Hills 4, Mississauga 4; Halton Hills 10,

Kitchener 4; Clarington 10, Halton Hills 7

Scoring: Jacob Hector (6G, 3A); Aidan Renouf (4G, 2A); Haynes (3G, 2A); Cory Highfield (2G, A); Cody Menzies (2G); Stevie Rosa (G, 3A); Dylan Reid, Theo Dol (G, 2A); Connor Mayner (G); Matthew Hopson (3A); Reece Shaw, James Heslinga (2A); Jake Claer (A); Adam Dobis (W).

Eagles slip past Oakville in under-11 boys contest

Matthew Schumacker tallied twice to propel the Georgetown Eagles to a one-goal win over Oakville in the Peel-Halton under-11 boys' select division soccer action.

Georgetown 3, Oakville Tornado 2: Schumacker (2G); Carlos Preza (G).

Under-10 Boys' Select Eagles

Georgetown's Cardio Core Bootcamp Eagles remain unbeaten against the three Burlington teams in the Peel-Halton under-10 boys' select league.

Georgetown 2, Burlington Lizards 1: Jacob Medeiros, James Ennis (G).

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