

Raiders open playoffs Feb. 23

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Trailing 3-1 to Burlington last Friday, Georgetown received a pair of second-period goals from John Seymour to tie the score, only to lose him and fellow 20-year-old Tom Jefferson to game misconducts shortly after.

Despite having a short bench, the Raiders still managed to hold off the fifth-place Cougars as captain Evan Zych fired home a loose puck from the slot for the go-ahead marker midway through the final period. Goaltender Marc Stuart made 30 stops in total.

At home on Saturday, the Derbys took a 2-0 lead by the mid-point of the opening frame before the Raiders found their stride, led by two more goals from first-star Seymour. Zych, Peter Mrksic,

Kyle Essery and Fred Gervasi added single goals in front of 475 spectators and Paul Claxton posted the win in goal.

Freeman used his final player card to sign local resident Ryan Torres this past week to add some depth to the defence corps. The 20-year-old Torres, at 6-foot-1 and 190 pounds, played 16 games with the Raiders last year before finishing out the season with the Guelph Jr. B Dominators.

The West Division's first-round combatants have been set as third-place Hamilton will face a Milton squad that has just replaced its bench boss, Randy Novak, who was recently named the conference's coach of the year. Brampton takes on Burlington in the other series.

The Raiders do know that they'll host their first playoff game on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Storms play havoc with high school playoffs

Playoff action in Halton high school girls' volleyball and boys' basketball tipped off this week and organizers are hoping that weather doesn't play a factor in the scheduling again.

Last week's snowstorms played havoc with the final regular-season games and at our press time Tuesday some opening-round girls' volleyball matches were in jeopardy of being postponed.

In hoops' action on Monday afternoon, Georgetown's senior boys defeated Burlington's M.M. Robinson 45-32 in the playoff opener at GDHS and will now face St. Thomas Aquinas today (Wednesday) in the next round. Christ the King's seniors were eliminated after a 58-49 loss to host Notre Dame Monday, while Georgetown's juniors were trounced 73-39 at Nelson.

The senior Rebels also traveled to Indiana earlier this month for their annual meeting with Mishawaka Varsity in a mini-tournament. GDHS won its opening game 48-45 over New Richmond, Ohio, then lost 54-34 to the host side

in front of approximately 1,000 spectators. Millar Galbraith led the Rebels with nine points.

Meanwhile, the Acton senior Bearcats have enjoyed their finest season yet, a 6-4 record that included three one-point defeats. They'll host winless White Oaks Friday in the opening round of playoffs beginning at 3:30 p.m. The Cats beat the same Oakville school 54-31 last week in their regular-season finale, led by T.J. Fry's 10 points and 17 assists.

In girls' volleyball, the GDHS junior and senior teams will host playoff games on Thursday afternoon after receiving byes for finishing first in their division.

The 7-1 seniors lost their final regular season match against Notre Dame while the juniors steamrolled through their opponents, posting a 9-0 mark.

Acton's senior Bearcats, also 7-1 on the year, will host an undetermined opponent Thursday at 3:30 p.m.



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