

# SPORTS & LEISURE

## Chargers nip Raiders, but help's on the way

Goalie Stuart back; OHL vet Seymour signs on

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With games against the top three clubs in their division coming up this week, the fourth-place Georgetown Raiders have brought in a couple of veteran reinforcements to meet the challenge.

Addressing some concerns in the goaltender's position, the Raiders welcomed back Marc Stuart, who was a standout in Georgetown's playoff run last season and had begun this year with the Syracuse, N.Y. Stars of the Empire Jr. Hockey League.



**MARC STUART**



**JOHN SEYMOUR**

The Dallas, Texas native was joined at Monday night's Raider practice by centre John Seymour of Peterborough, a four-year veteran of the Ontario Hockey League's Brampton Battalion.

The 6-foot-4, 200-pound seventh-round draft pick of the Los Angeles Kings started his overage OHL year with the Tier II North Bay Skyhawks, netting three goals and eight assists in 10 games. Seymour had three goals and six assists in 47 games during 2006-07 for the Battalion.

"Our offensive production has increased this year but when you're scoring five or six goals and still losing or only getting one point, well, we don't want to get in those situations any more," said Raiders' director of hockey operations Lonnie Freeman.

"Stuey's been in this league for years and he'll allow us to be more offensively creative, and with (Seymour), he brings a lot of experience to become a productive offensive player at this level and I know he feels he can deliver that and more."

Sharing playing time with another 20-year-old with Syracuse, Stuart decided to return to Georgetown for his final year of junior eligibility. He had a 7-2-0-1 record for the Stars with a 2.90 goals-against average.

Freeman said that the team's other two netminders, Paul Claxton and Jonathon Mc Queen, are both still on the roster.

Certainly, goalkeeping wasn't the sole reason behind Georgetown's second loss in four days against the seventh-place Mississauga Chargers on Saturday, a 6-5 shootout decision at Port Credit. The Raiders fell behind 4-1 midway through the second period before rallying to take a 5-4 lead with six minutes left in regulation, only to have the Chargers equalize on a power play and then win in the shootout.

Trevor Branning and Kyle Essery scored twice each for the visitors, with Jeremy Wick adding another.

Branning potted the shootout winner Friday night in Milton in what turned out to be a bitterly fought battle with the IceHawks, resulting in several scraps. Paul Yovanic, Marcus Pryde and Mark White tallied in regular time for the visitors.

The 14-7-2 Raiders trail front-running Oakville by five points in the OHA Provincial Jr. A Hockey League's West Division standings and will host the Blades Saturday at the Alcott Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Georgetown defender Chris Borges will have to sit out against his former team when the Raiders visit third-place Brampton on Thursday night due to a two-game suspension incurred against Milton, while teammate Yovanic will miss the next five games after an aggressor penalty in the IceHawk contest.

Freeman said that highly touted centre Andy Bathgate will likely be out a week or two with a left leg injury.

On Monday, the Raiders will travel to Hamilton for the first of back-to-back tilts with the second-place Red Wings.

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A second-period shorthanded marker by Georgetown's Trevor Branning kickstarted a comeback from a 4-1 deficit against goalie Derek Brennan and the Mississauga Chargers Saturday night in Port Credit in an OHA Provincial Jr. A Hockey League contest. The visiting Raiders briefly held a 5-4 lead but ended up losing again 6-5 in a shootout to the stubborn Chargers, who have split the season series with Georgetown so far. All four games have been decided by one goal.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

## Rebels have OFSAA court date

The Georgetown Rebels have been seeded third in the province heading into the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association senior boys' quadruple-A volleyball championships this weekend in Mississauga.

With an overall match record of 38-4 this fall, the Rebels earned their berth in the 20-team OFSAA tourney by defeating host Bishop Ryan in Hamilton in the best-of-5 Golden Horseshoe qualifier 25-23, 25-23, 23-25, 25-23 last Friday.

Coach Kyle Stewart's squad returns most of the players who experienced a couple of tough losses in the preliminary round of last year's provincials, eventually being eliminated on the consolation side of the draw.

Middle hitters Millar Galbraith and Chris Pett had strong matches in Hamilton last week

and some excellent defensive play was headed up by Devin Rattie, who suffered an ankle injury but hopes to be ready for Friday's OFSAA preliminary round.

The Rebels were seeded behind top-ranked Glebe of Ottawa and number two Mississauga Secondary School, the host team. Four-time defending champion Saunders of London is seeded fourth.

For a schedule and live updates during the tournament, visit the website [www.ofsaa.on.ca](http://www.ofsaa.on.ca).

**BASKETBALL:** The Acton Bearcats will face the tourney's second seed when the OFSAA senior girls' A basketball playdowns tip off today (Wednesday) in Port Hope.

The unranked Bearcats take on Woodstock Collegiate today at 5 p.m. in the double-knockout tourney.



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**GAME OF THE WEEK**

**GEORGETOWN JR. A RAIDERS**  
vs  
**OAKVILLE BLADES**

**Saturday, November 24, 2007**  
**7:30 pm**

**Mold-Masters SportsPlex (Alcott Arena)**

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