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## Raiders snap out of scoring slump in a big way

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Georgetown Raider forward Andrew Marcoux (40) causes problems for Mississauga goalie Vince Cusick and his defensive teammates in their Ontario Junior Hockey League matchup Wednesday night at the Port Credit Arena. The Raiders led 4-0 half way through the first period and went on to rout the Chargers 12-1, firing 77 shots at Cusick.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

The 20-year-old Marcoux, who hails from nearby Rockwood, is as close to being local as any other Raider, having played lacrosse for the Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldogs last season.

Picked up in a trade from the OJHL's Kingston Voyageurs for the rights to OHL prospects Spencer Metcalfe and

Anthony Luciani on the eve of the regular season, Marcoux is looking to improve on last year's 30-goal, 58-point season.

Having graduated from fire college in Kingston, the 5-foot-10, 175-pound Marcoux recently landed a spot with the fire station in Rockwood and although

the Voyageurs are expected to be one of the top teams in the league this year, he requested the trade to Georgetown.

"It's an opportunity I cannot pass up and actually I've always wanted to play for the Raiders because they've got a great organization," said Marcoux, who is working in a factory as he builds a resume to become a full-time fireman.

"The support that's out there for the club is something that I haven't seen in my career. It's close to home and it's everything you want for your last year of junior."

With Marcoux playing alongside Wick and Mark McGowan, that trio has the potential to be one of the OJHL's top offensive units, although 2007-08 leading scorer McGowan has somehow been held pointless through the first five games, despite having no lack of chances to find the net.

"We had a rough start as a team, but it's a good challenge for us and it's only going to build character," Marcoux added. "It's better to go through this at the start of the season than at the end. We have the potential to be a really good team and it's coming around. It's a matter of confidence and the guys getting to know each other better."

The Raiders will face Bramalea at home this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena, followed by their Governor's Showcase matchup against host Bowmanville on Sunday evening, which is expected to draw dozens of scouts.

With the array of offensive talent wearing Georgetown Raider uniforms this season, the local Jr. A club was bound to break out of its collective slump sooner or later.

And the struggling Mississauga Chargers were on the receiving end of the Raiders' scoring onslaught Wednesday night, taking a 12-1 pounding at the Port Credit Arena.

Georgetown's shooters were merciless against Mississauga goaltender Vince Cusick— who was acquired from the Raiders on Monday— outshooting the hosts 77-29. Cusick was in net for all 12 goals, which included hat tricks by Marcus Pryde, Jeremy Wick and captain Evan Zych.

Jordan So, Ashton Anderson and Sean Thomas also tallied for the 3-2-0 Raiders and the only shot to get past new goalie Tony Capobianco came on the power play midway through the second period.

After starting the regular season of the newly named Ontario Junior Hockey League with embarrassing home losses to Huntsville and Vaughan, the Raiders were able to put together a pair of away victories this week, edging past the Bramalea Blues 4-3 in overtime Tuesday.

Veteran centre Andrew Marcoux scored twice and set up new linemate Wick's clincher 31 seconds into extra time at the Powerade Centre.

Pictured at right in his field gear, Ryan Kelly of Georgetown added another Canadian championship gold medal to his 2008 collection when Team Ontario's midget squad knocked off B.C. to take the box lacrosse title in Calgary. The Halton Hills Bulldog was one of five local players who took home medals from the national tournaments, which also included golds for bantams Derek Thomas and Scott Laughton in Whitby.



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## Five local lacrosse players earn medals at nationals

Five players of the Halton Hills Bulldogs' Minor Lacrosse Association came away with medals in their respective age groups from the recent national box championships held in Calgary and Whitby as representatives of Team Ontario.

Georgetown goaltender Ryan Kelly became a double gold medalist at Canada-wide competitions in 2008 as Ontario beat B.C. 5-4 in the final of the Midget Nationals

in Calgary, with Kelly's Bulldog teammate, Michael Curtis of Mississauga, scoring twice to clinch the title.

The 16-year-old Kelly, who co-captained the Halton Hills midgets to a Canadian field title last month in Edmonton, didn't play in the championship game in the box nationals, but the Christ the King student allowed

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