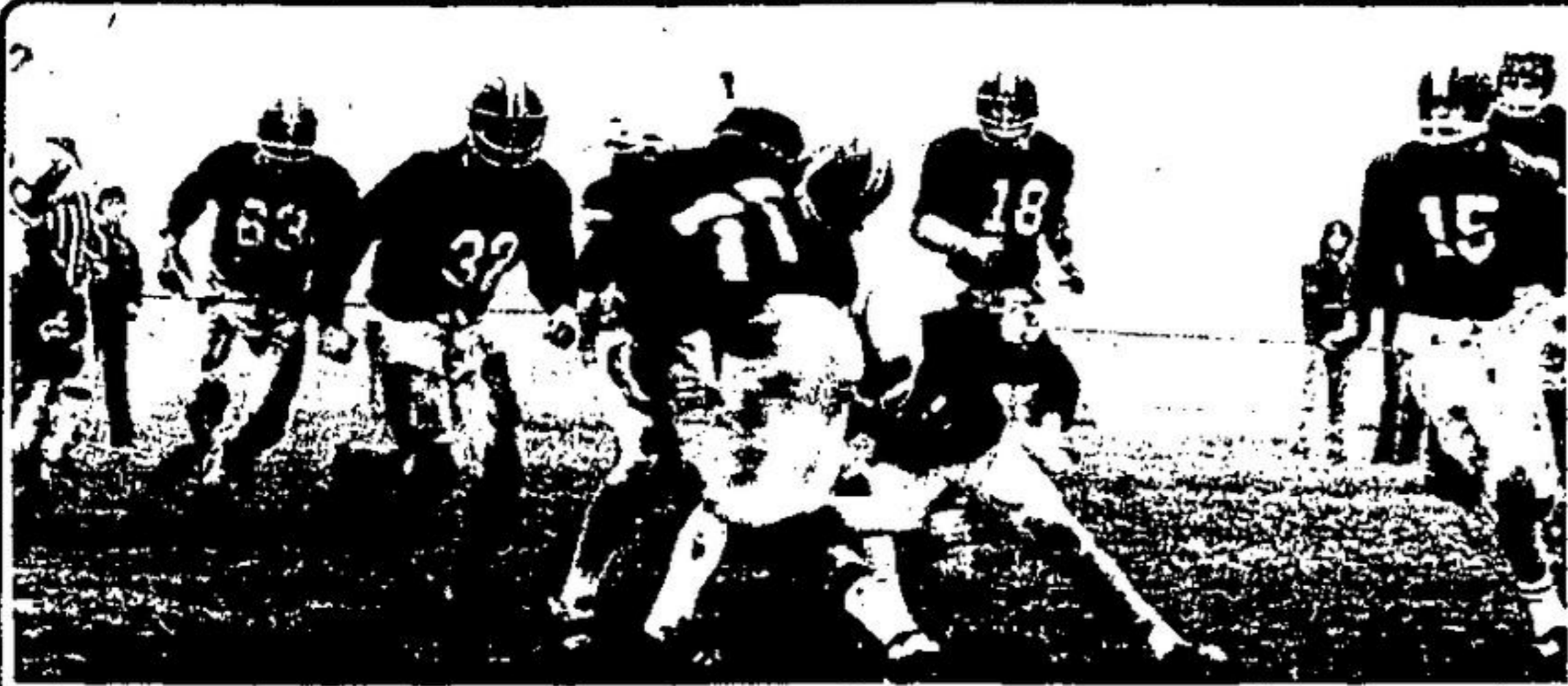


# HERALD sports



GEORGETOWN JUNIOR REBEL tacklers converge on an OTHS ball carrier in last Thursday afternoon's opening game between these two Junior teams. The Junior Rebs

were downed 15-6 by OTHS, but the elements, in the form of rain and mud played a large part in the local loss.

## Seniors lose quarter — back and opening game

The high hopes expressed by Head Coach Mike McMahon and members of the GDHS Senior Rebels for their 1975 football season received a crushing blow even prior to their opener last Friday afternoon. The conditioning and the learning of both offensive and defensive plays was on schedule and things were going until last Wednesday.

Then, in a routine practice workout veteran quarterback, Don Cousins, suffered a broken collarbone and will be lost to the Senior Rebels for the season.

Cousins had been the sole director of the Reb offense from day one of practices and so it was with a new and inexperienced hand at the helm that the Rebels journeyed to Oakville-Trafalgar High School last Friday to open their schedule.

The team throughout the game and although he did an admirable job with only one day of practice at the all important position, the loss of Cousins was telling, as the offense just could not get on track and the Rebs went down to a 23-6 defeat.

The game started out well for the Senior Rebels, but this was more a case of sheer luck and OTHS ineptitude rather than Rebel proficiency. Except for two safety touches scored against them, the Rebels kept OTHS hemmed into their own end as the Oakville boys fumbled and lost one punt and allowed GDHS kicker, Steve Foster to recover a second.

The scoring opportunities were there but for the Rebels, the execution was missing and OTHS held a 4-0 lead after 15 minutes of play.

The Oakville dominance really began in the second quarter as they scored 13 points to jump into a 17-0 lead but full marks must be given to the Rebel defence, who never gave up even though it must have seemed that they were never off the field.

The Rebels got on the score board in the third quarter in what has to be regarded as their best offensive play of the afternoon. Barry Colson burst through the middle of the line and then romped forty yards for the major score. The convert was missed and this represented the total Rebel scoring output for the afternoon. Oakville continued to dominate and scored touchdowns in the third and fourth quarters to provide the margin of victory.

Coach McMahon was not bitter or down on his charges after the game. He praised the team for playing a "tough but clean" contest and was impressed by what he thought was a very gutsy performance by the Rebels right up until the final gun.

The Coach did single out Glen Fendley for his efforts, both as a defensive linebacker and for his work at offensive tackle.

It's back to the drawing board for the Senior Rebels but Coach McMahon still feels that his team is capable of having a successful year. As he commented, "The most important thing right now is that the team doesn't get down on themselves. We have problems, but they can be ironed out."

The Senior Rebs played at home against Aldershot on Tuesday in a re-scheduled game. Unfortunately at press time the score was not available.

This Friday, the GDHS crew travels to Perdue to take on the always strong Panthers.

## Juniors lose

A combination of rain, mud and a rash of fourth quarter penalties caused the GDHS Junior Rebels to drop their home opener last Thursday 15-8 to Oakville - Trafalgar High School.

Despite the loss, Junior Coach, Neil Cotton, felt that the boys played well for their initial encounter and that apart from a defensive lapse on OTHS' first set of downs and offensive problems in the first part of the third quarter, his charges more than proved their worth. He still expects that the team will have a successful year and half jokingly, half seriously commented, "Well I guess this means we'll have to settle for an 8-1 season rather than a 9-0 season."

The elements, more than the OTHS Juniors blunted the Rebels offense as the team had been working on a balanced aerial and running attack but were forced to stick mainly to the ground on Thursday as the rain made passing almost suicidal. Even running with the ball was hazardous as witness the five fumbles committed during the game. OTHS fumbled three times and lost all three while the Rebels fumbled twice and made one recovery.

The Rebels almost had points on the board in the waning minutes of the first half but a clipping call nullified what would have been a touchdown and the offense stalled.

The third quarter, although scoreless, proved the Rebels poorest period. The offense could go nowhere and the OTHS attack ran roughshod over the Rebel defenders. Turnovers plagued the OTHS squad however, two fumbles and an interception and at the end of the third period the score remained 7-6 in favour of the visitors. OTHS picked up a touchdown and a single point in the fourth quarter to round out their scoring for the afternoon, but strange as it may seem, the fourth quarter was

dominated by the Junior Rebels. Here, whether, through inexperience or just sheer frustration the Rebs defeated their own cause as they picked up roughly sixty yards in penalties, two unnecessary roughness calls in a row at one point for thirty yards, and fumbled at a crucial time.

Game conditions being what they were, individual outstanding performances were hard to pinpoint. Gord Miller had a fine afternoon punting, averaging roughly 35 yards a kick. Todd Beckett showed that he is a rugged runner when given the blocks and the Junior defence should improve with game experience.

This Friday at the GDHS Field, the Junior Rebels host Blakelock and this should be the game where a valid assessment of the Rebs league chances can be made. Coach Cotton expects that Blakelock will have a strong team and if the weather co-operates the Junior Rebs will be able to go at the Tabbies on full power.

With about five minutes remaining in the game and the Rebels working in their own end a lateral pass was dropped and touched last by an OTHS player before caroming out of bounds. OTHS scored after this turnover and that was the difference in the game.

## Glen leads series

The best four out of seven final series in the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League between Glen Williams and Club Billiards is quickly turning into a knockdown drag out affair with neither team really having the advantage thus far.

Glen Williams took the third contest 7-2 on Monday night but the series is far from being decided. The fourth game of the finals will be played this Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. with the fifth game slated for Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

If a sixth and seventh game are necessary, they will be played the following Monday and Wednesday evenings, with a starting time of 7:00 p.m.

Glen Williams won the series opener, 4-3 in 10 innings, but then Club Billiards bounced back to tie the series with a 2-1, 13 inning second game victory.

Royalettes make finals

The Georgetown Royalettes Juveniles girls Softball team took one more trip down the glory road this past weekend and almost came home with all the roses. The Royalettes took part in a Juvenile Girls Softball Tournament in Richmond Hill and advanced to the Finals, where they lost a close game, to Glenfield, 3-2.

In their opening contest, the Royalettes easily handled Aurora, 9-2 behind the two hit pitching of Laura Wilkes and strong hitting performances by Betty Marchmont and Janet McKay. The second game was a much closer affair but the Royalettes were able to down Brampton, 5-3. In this

game, Barb Curry threw for five innings, while Laura Wilkes pitched the final two frames. Betty Marchmont was the heroine in this game as she drove in the tying and winning runs with a double in, the sixth inning.

Ironically it was a double that defeated the Royalettes in the championship game but observers were of the opinion that the game could easily have gone either way. Laura Wilkes was charged with the loss but pitched a fine game, once again limiting the opposition to but two hits. At bat in the final, Leanne Gilson went two for three as did Betty Marchmont.

## Geminis open Saturday

Robinson, is right on schedule with the timetable he set to prepare for the upcoming season.

The Geminis exhibition record stands at one win and three losses but in actual fact, this does not reflect the calibre of the team or provide for any realistic assessment of the team's potential.

Coach Robinson went into the exhibition schedule with one thing in mind. Mainly, to have a long hard look at the many hopefuls that were attempting to make the team and to mold his choices into the type of club that he felt both he and Georgetown desired.

At the outset of training camp it was obvious, in many cases, that some of the youngsters just weren't capable of playing Junior "B" hockey. Yet to his credit, Robinson's roster contained over 80 players throughout the exhibition schedule and all players were given an equal opportunity to establish themselves.

For this reason, the team that takes to the ice this Saturday night against Brampton will probably bear only a slight resemblance to the Geminis of the past several weeks.

Gemini management released the names of 16 players that have been signed by the club and it is expected that seven more players will be carded by the weekend.

True to their commitment of concentrating on local hockey talent, of the 16 players signed, only one, a husky 6' 2", 210 pound defenceman by the name of Scott Richardson can be truly regarded as an import.

Aside from Richardson, the other players that have been signed, include: Rick Tomkinson, Larry Peterson, Joe South, Chris Milne, Doug Barnes, Rick Becker, Kent Fenner, Kevin Reeks, Bob Fotheringham, Charlie Knoepff, Craig Fleming, Steve Buchanan, Dave Chapman, Bill Kirby, and Dale Mieszanice.

The Gems are allowed, by league rules, to sign 23 non imports and seven imports, or waiver players.

Robinson does not want to be encumbered by a large team and feels that for most games he will dress eleven forwards, five defencemen and two goaltenders and that the players who start the season with the club will remain until such time as they fall to do the

## Cross country fever

Anyone passing by the Georgetown District High School in the later afternoons would be justified in wondering if perhaps a mass exodus were taking place. Students in gym outfits can be seen leaping down Guelph Street and onto Maple Avenue. Rather than signifying any form of student revolt, however the runners are in fact members of the GDHS Cross-Country team in training for upcoming meets.

Cross-Country, or long distance running as it is sometimes known, is a sport that requires a high degree of physical fitness as well as a tremendous amount of intestinal fortitude. Especially in the last few hundred muscle wrenching, heartbreaking yards. Anyone who has ever

jogged can attest to the fact that the mind plays little tricks on oneself as the distance one runs increases. Thoughts like, "Why not quit now?" and "What are you trying to prove?" constantly fit through the mind and the long distance runner discovers early that the sport is not only a physical battle but a mental one as well.

The GDHS Cross-country team has done well in the past few years and according to coach, Donna Metcalfe, is expected to continue in this vein this year. As with regular Track and Field, Cross-country athletes set up their training program aiming at specific meets. Each meet, depending on the teams' and athletes' respective performances, is a stepping stone

to better competition. The Halton Meet will take place on October 15th, with the top two teams in the various categories as well as the top four individuals not on teams qualifying for the Peel-Halton. The Peel-Halton will take place October 23rd and the same qualifying formula will be in effect for those runners hoping to take part in the All-Ontario meet scheduled for the first week in November.

The GDHS team has thirty members, with the team designations including, Midget boys and girls, Junior boys and girls and Senior boys and girls. The Midget girls will compete at the one and a half mile distance, the Midget boys at the two mile distance, the Junior girls at the two mile



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