

# GDHS wrestlers clean the mats at Peel-Halton

The setting was different, the competition somewhat stiffer, but when the mats were rolled up at the end of the day's matches in last Thursday's Peel-Halton Wrestling Championships, held at Clarkson High School in Mississauga, it was a rewrite of the story of the Halton Championships as the GDHS wrestling team took top billing and the Peel-Halton Championship.

Twenty-three schools and over 110 wrestlers provided the backdrop for the championships to be decided in the 15 weight classes. The Rebels had 18 wrestlers in the running for the various titles and between them the GDHS lads accounted for eight first, three seconds, a third, a fourth and a fifth.

To qualify for the All-Ontario, to be held at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo this weekend, a wrestler had to finish either first or second in his weight class and this means that 11 Rebel mat men passed the test and go onto the provincials.

Georgetown has for many years, been noted as a breeding ground for high calibre wrestlers but this year's triumph for the Rebels surpasses all the high water marks that have gone before. Although it's not a certainty, for lack of accurate records, it's possible that the Rebel's 11 provincial challengers represents an all-time high for Peel-Halton schools.

In actuality, the Peel-Halton Championships could have been termed the Peel and Georgetown Championships as no other Halton school claimed a title. Overall, the Rebels accumulated 111 points, Erindale finished in second place with 48 points, Brampton

was third with 34 points and White Oaks was fourth, with 33 points.

Kudos again must go to the Leadership provided the team by head coach, Bob McKay and his able assistant, Ray Smith and Mike McMahon. This coaching troika has worked as a team in preparing the Rebels for this season and their unceasing efforts, not to mention the countless hours spent in training and skill sessions, must not go unmentioned.

A damper was put on the Georgetown celebration by a decision made, prior to the actual wrestling competition, at a Peel-Halton coaches meeting. As mentioned in a story last week, Georgetown's Bill Bradley, had been given a bye into the Peel-Halton Championships by a unanimous vote of the Halton coaches. Bradley was suffering from a shoulder injury and couldn't compete in the Haltons but was held in such high regard that he was accorded this compliment.

When the Peel-Haltons rolled around, Bill's shoulder was still not completely healed and coach McKay approached the other Peel-Halton coaches with a request that Bill be allowed to challenge the top two finishers in his weight class to determine who would go on to the provincials. For various reasons, the Peel coaches were not receptive to the request and voted down the suggestion.

McKay appealed to Bev Goulding, the executive director of OFSAA, but to no avail and the decision will stand. This is a truly sorry circumstance as it denies a young man his right to compete as a high school wrestler, the prize that he has worked towards since beginning his wrestling career.

Two years ago, Bill was third in the province last year he was second and this year, he will have to content with the knowledge that the title might have been his if only he had been allowed an opportunity to prove it on the mats.

Peel-Halton Championships for the Rebels were garnered

by: Brian Pendergast in the 90 lb. class, Rick Rodgers in the 98 lb. class, Dave Paterson in the 106 lb. class, Pat Fobert in the 130 lb. class, Wayne Martin in the 141 lb. class, John Pendergast in the 157 lb. class, Steve Turner in the 178 lb. class and Andy Camman in the 194 lb. class.

Second place honours went

to Pete Fournier in the 98 lb. class, Bill Fournier in the 106 lb. class and Gavin Strachan in the 168 lb. class.

Frank Lenski finished third in the 83 lb. class, Victor Farkas was fourth in the 123 lb. class while Pete Milne placed fifth in the 136 lb. class.



THE GDHS WRESTLING REBELS won the Peel-Halton Championships last Thursday at Clarkson High School in Mississauga. All told, the Rebels will send 11 boys to the provincials and they are the lads in the team sweaters. Front row, left to right, Scott Haines, Jamie Sandford, Joe Ibuli, Frank Lenski, Steve Cropper, Kevin Brown and Todd Bradley. Second row, left to right, Peter Milne, Tom Hastings, Brent Collier, Bill Leeder, Paul Beer, Ted Phillips, Victor Farkas and Bill Bradley. Third row, left to right, coach Ray Smith, Bill Fournier, Dave Paterson, Brian Pendergast, Steve Turner, Andy Camman, John Pendergast, Rick Rodgers, Pat Fobert, Gavin Strachan, Pete Fournier and coach Bob McKay. Absent coach Mike McMahon, Ken Lonbro, Wayne Martin and John Wright.

# Raiders finish in second Thorold first opponents

Things are still in a bit of a muddle, regarding the final standings in the OHA Intermediate "A" League, according to league statisticians, Jack Searle of Dundas. Final placings have been established, as well as first round playoff opponents, but because of missing game reports and disputes over forfeitures, an accurate final league picture is not available at this time.

Port Colborne won the regular season crown, the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders were second, Fort Erie finished third, Dundas was fourth, Thorold placed fifth, Oakville finished sixth and

hapless Dunnville, ended their regular season deeply mired in the league cellar.

The two winners in the opening three out of five series' clash again, in a best three out of five series, to win the right to challenge the winner of the Port Colborne-Dundas affair. This final series will be a best four out of seven tussle for the league cup.

The Raiders open their bid for the league crown against Thorold Athletics this Friday evening (game time 8:30 p.m.) at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. March 3, the Raiders journey to Thorold, and March 5, Georgetown again play host. The fourth game of the series is slated for Thorold, March 7 and the fifth of the series, if necessary, will be played in Georgetown, March 8.

Keith Pallott of the Raiders took top goaltending honours. The first round playoff format has Georgetown and Thorold as well as Oakville and Fort Erie squaring off in a best out three out of five series. League champion, Port Colborne, tangles with Dundas in a best four out of seven dual.

# Displeased with emphasis on winning, Lewis resigns

As the snow starts to melt and the pitching rubber shows, it is time to organize for the 1976 softball season. The Halton County Ladies Softball League is no exception and early March has been set for the annual meeting of the league.

They can be notified of the meeting by calling past-president Bryan Lewis at 877-9850.

The initial meeting will be used to elect a new executive and form a working body for the up-coming season.

Bryan Lewis has served two years as the league's president and is stepping down. Anyone interested in acting as president is invited to the annual meeting.

Lewis has expressed displeasure with the attitude of some clubs placing a very high desire to win and not that of the league's constitution which reads: "Objective To foster and organize ladies softball competition and community

spirit in the rural and urban areas of Halton County and surrounding communities."

Lewis stated that the desire to win has been placed high above all other objectives of the league and the "fun" of working with the member teams has gone. His regular job affords him ample opportunity to listen to constant complaints and the "win at all cost" objective that three more months of this attitude in the summer months is not required.

He stated that he has enjoyed his two years with the league and will assist whoever takes the president's position how ever possible in the best interest of the league.

# Geminis on the brink of elimination

Four losses in four playoff games. This fact was no doubt running through the minds of the Georgetown Gemini supporters as they filed out of Gordon Alcott Memorial arena Monday night.

The Gems had just been handed an 8-1 thrashing by Brampton and their playoff fortunes may have been dealt a killing blow. Streetsville now have eight points - they beat Brampton twice last week - while Georgetown has six points, four at the expense of the Gemini and two from Streetsville's coffers. Georgetown has yet to gain a point.

With only four games remaining, the Gemini's task seems almost impossible. The

two top teams of the three go on to the league final and to scale these heights, the Gems will have to win their next four games, all the while hoping that Brampton falls apart.

First period misfortunes on Monday night may have sounded the Gems' death knell as Brampton scored two shorthanded goals as well as a powerplay effort to take a 3-0 lead after 20 minutes.

The Gemini were just not the same through the last 40 minutes of play and Brampton nailed the coffin lid by running in four second period goals and counting once more in the third.

The Gemini's lone goal came at the 12:14 mark of the final frame, when Doug Pemberton

scored on passes from Steve Johnson and Craig Fleming. Brampton goals were counted by Ross Brownridge and Mike Krzanoson, who each had a pair, while singles went to Gary Halls, Craig Hartwell, Paul Franko and Gord Smith.

On Saturday night, before a capacity crowd of 1,055, the Gemini were done in by Lady Luck as they attempted to end their semifinal, two-game losing streak. They were easily the better team for the first two periods, but then a defensive lapse and two Streetsville goals that could be credited to chance rather than design settled the verdict in Streetsville's favour.

There was quite a vociferous contingent from Streetsville at the game and they made good use of their lungs when Robin Swayze counted an unassisted marker at the 14:33 mark of the first frame to give Streetsville a 1-0 lead.

Swayze's goal came with the Derby's enjoying a 4-3 man advantage situation but it was a combination of his tenaciousness coupled with poor Gemini defensive play that really could be credited for the goal.

The Gems had just weathered a Derby barrage when Swayze flipped the puck in, then followed it into the corner. Three unsuccessful Gemini clearing attempts allowed Swayze to pick up the puck behind the net and as he emerged in front he stuffed it past Rick Tomkinson in the Gemini nets.

Doug Barnes was quick to put a stop to the Streetsville jubilation as he knotted the contest at 1-1 less than a minute later with a drive from the blue line that the Derby goaltender didn't even see.

Although he didn't draw an assist, the Gem's Dale Mescanec played a big part in the goal as he ran an in-

terference pattern in front of the net that tied up both the goalkeeper and a Streetsville defenseman.

The first period ended with the Gems in front 2-1 as Joe South and Kevin Reeks combined at the 17:01 mark on the fastest goal of the night. Streetsville had their powerplay in operation when Reeks stole the puck at centre ice. He battled his way into the Streetsville end, then just before taking a check fed Joe South, who was left completely unattended, with a perfect pass just inside the blue line. The young defenceman took full advantage of the situation as he rifled a hard waste-high, shot that handcuffed the Derby goalie.

The second period represented something of a paradox as the Gemini completely dominated, outshooting Streetsville, 12-9, carried most of the play, yet

couldn't buy a goal and found themselves in the game as the period ended.

Rick Tomkinson, who had a superb two periods for the Gems, made a beautiful stab save on a hard drive from the Derby's Jim Peebles but couldn't control the rebound and Peebles shoved a backhander into the net to gain Streetsville the 2-2 tie at the 19:39 mark of the second.

This set the stage for the final 20 minutes of play and also heralded the beginning of the Gemini's misfortunes. Dennis Fowler, with his first of three, gave Streetsville a 3-2 lead at the 27 second mark on a play remarkably like the one

that gave Streetsville their brief lead in the first period. The Gems failed to control the puck in their own end and Streetsville leaped at the opportunity to take the lead.

The Derby's scored again at the 3:01 mark to take a 4-2 lead but the goal was something that netminders have nightmares about. Streetsville's Randy Strong was just crossing the Georgetown blue line when he batted at the puck and it bounced erratically towards the Gemini net. Rick Tomkinson attempted to sweep away the mad disk only to have it roll up his stick and dangle tantalizingly in mid-air. He caught the puck but as

he dropped to the ice, the impact of his fall freed the black demon and it rolled into the net.

Doug Barnes brought the Gemini to within one goal of the lead at the 6:48 mark and this marker gave new life to the locals but again, they were held at bay in attempting to complete scoring plays. Streetsville settled the issue at the 13:06 mark when Fowler capitalized on another piece of Gemini bad luck. Georgetown were harassing Streetsville in their own end when the puck came back to defenceman Joe South at the blue line. Joe let loose with a drive but it hit Fowler and bounced to centre. The Derby player, with his momentum already built up, had a clear path to the Gemini net and he made no mistake as he faked once then tucked the puck under a sprawling Rick Tomkinson.

Fowler capped the Derby triumph with his third goal of the game at the 17:24 mark but for all intents and purposes it was mere tinsel as the final outcome had already been decided.

## Sports Caravan pays a visit to Halton Hills

The Ontario Sports Travelcade trailer, sponsored by the ministry of culture and recreation, sports and fitness division, will be in Georgetown this Monday and Tuesday in the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena parking lot.

The Travelcade van sports a wealth of information concerning all aspects of sports and is well worth the time spent going through its displays. Georgetown District High School students, as well as pupils from Centennial Public School and Holy Cross Separate School have been

invited to make full use of the van's facilities.

The hours that the van will be in Georgetown are from 8:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday and Tuesday and the public is invited to attend.

Sports movies will be shown in the arena and on Monday, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., a Sports Therapist Seminar will be held in the arena's community hall.

On March 3, the van will travel to Acton and students from M.Z. Bennett Public School and Acton High School, as well as the public, will be invited to make use of the sports facilities there.

## Gage Gang sweeping Tri-County series but having trouble with OMHA

The Gage Stationery Major Bantams have picked up two wins, 2-1 over Brampton and 9-0 over Dundas, in their round robin Tri-County playoffs but are finding the going

somewhat tougher in OMHA playoff action as they dropped a 6-1 decision to Stratford.

A week ago last Monday the "Gage Gang" put down Brampton to open the Tri-

County playoffs and this win was especially satisfying as it was the first time this year that the Major Bantams have been able to handle Brampton.

Brampton held a 1-0 lead after 20 minutes of play, then Mike McMenemy and Dave Kemshead scored second period goals to provide Georgetown with their margin of victory. The Major Midgets displayed a solid team effort in recording the win and goaltender, Bill Humphreys, backed up his mates work when the need arose.

A week ago Tuesday, the Gage crew really got their game together and came up with 60 minutes of solid hockey in humbling Dundas, 9-0. Every player on the team picked up at least one point and when Dundas did mount scoring drives, Georgetown goaltender Herb Hulme, proved equal to the task and worked hard to earn the shutout.

Bill Taylor, Mike McMenemy and Greg Thompson each fired a pair for Gage, while singles went to Bruce McCandless, Mark Brabant and Ed Dwyer.

The Gage crew were just not on top of their game when they met Stratford last Sunday and the 6-1 score in Stratford's favour does not give an accurate picture of the Georgetown team's capabilities.

Mark Brabant scored the lone Georgetown goal but his mates will have a chance to avenge themselves when they journey to Stratford this Friday.

## Midgets take the lead in 2 playoffs

The Georgetown Minor Midgets are currently involved in both Tri-County and OMHA playoffs but the double duty doesn't appear to be harming their playing abilities as they picked up first game wins in both series.

February 15 the Minor Midgets took a hard fought 4-3 decision away from Brampton as their Tri-County playoffs got under way and it was a supreme team effort that resulted in the win.

Bill Kent paced Georgetown with a pair of goals, while singles went to Curt Brownlee and Brent Butterworth.

Butterworth's goal proved to be the winning tally and came just 45 seconds remaining in the game.

Chris Murden in the Georgetown nets, had a fine game.

Last Thursday the Minor Midgets hosted Stratford in OMHA playdowns and again showed their ability to perform under pressure as they squeaked out a 3-2 win.

Smookey Richardson and goalie Chris Murden came up with very solid efforts, while the Georgetown goalgetters included, Gary Thompson, Blake Emmerson and Bill Kent.

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## St. Francis gymnasts display prowess

A new dimension was added to the St. Francis of Assisi Separate School athletic program this year and last Thursday, parents and friends were treated to the end product of the student's efforts.

Students from grades two through to six staged a gymnastic exhibition that included floor routines by individuals, twosomes and foursomes and exercises on the balance beam.

The program instituted at St. Francis was outlined by the Ontario Gymnastics Federation and it consists of four levels, each graduating in difficulty and dependent on the previous skill level. Every student attending physical education classes from grades two through six worked on the program and fully 95 percent of them passed at least one level of the program.

Those students who took part in Thursday's exhibition included: Val Longo, Karen Boe, Susan Martin, Judy VanClief, Carla Hickey, Angela McCaughan, Michelle Miehnm, Roberta Burke, Janet Poirier, Joanne Primerano, Cathy Gimpel, Alexis Denier, Cathy Hart, Donna Blackmore, Leslie

Kosak, Colette McGarry, Lisa Miodoxenea, Christine Huabes, Nancy Lehman, Mary Cannon, Mary Borsten, and Shelia Cannon. All students who passed a level of the programme received certificates from the Ontario Gymnastic Federation.



THESE STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY ATTAINED levels one through four of the Ontario Gymnastics Federation program instituted this year at St. Francis of Assisi Separate School. Front row, left to right, are Angela McCaughan, Roberta Burke, Michelle Miehnm, Janet Poirier and Judy Van Clief. Back row, left to right are Valerie Longo, Bobby Marks, Saskia Post, Conch John Shaw, Carla Hickey and Barry Stone.