

# GDHS volleyball teams looking forward to Halton Championships

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With the regular season play behind them, the GDHS girls volleyball teams are now training hard for the Halton "round-robin" championships. Both teams ended the regular season on a good note, playing exceptionally well in their last games.

On Thursday the teams travelled to Queen Elizabeth Park. Both the junior and the senior games proved exciting with the juniors coming away victorious. The seniors gave QEP a run for their money, but had to settle for a 2-1 loss in games.

The junior team played well, winning the first two games with scores of 15-7 and 15-8. Although QEP hadn't won all season, this win was not just given to them. Two of the team's better players, Trudy Hawkins and Cindy Pettibone were not playing up to their regular standards due to illness. For that reason coach Pat Pearce used a lot of substitute players, resulting in rougher play and "not a lot of spiking" at the net.

As this game ended the regular season, the juniors record is three wins and three losses. That puts them at the top of the 'B' division in the round-robin. Not at all disappointed with having to play in the 'B' division, coach Pearce said, "It's better to

be at the top of 'B' than at the bottom of 'A'". Because of this placement, the coach feels that "the team is looking forward to fairing quite well because "we are at the top of our division".

The senior team also played very well on Thursday, but could only manage to win one game. The scores were 15-9 (Georgetown), and 16-14, 16-14 (QEP). These scores show just how close the games were, and they could have gone either way.

Coach Grant Clatworthy was very pleased with the team, as QEP was a strong opponent who has only lost one match all year. Georgetown outplayed QEP in the first game, but "relaxed in the second and third games, and they lost", said coach Clatworthy. He felt that "the team was very surprised" with their playing, but the inexperience of our team against QEP proved to be the deciding factor of the game.

This loss also puts the senior team in the 'B' division for the Halton championships. Games start this week.

On Saturday, the senior team played in a tournament in Collingwood, where they did extremely well, losing only one in the final match against a team from Bancroft.

Against Midland the scores were 15-3 and 15-9. Playing

Stayner, they won 15-4 and 15-4. Owen Sound lost to them 15-9 and 1-15. They also won against Penatang with scores of 15-6 and 16-14.

The semi-final game against Collingwood was what coach Clatworthy called "The best volleyball of the day". Georgetown won the first game 15-5, but fell behind in the second game. At one point the score was 13-9 for Collingwood. Georgetown "pulled together" and put some heart into the game earning six straight points to win with a score of 15-13. Clatworthy felt that "We took the wind out of their sails, but too bad it wasn't the finals instead of the semi-finals".

In the final game against North Hastings High School, Georgetown suffered "a mental letdown", as they went right from the semi-finals into the final game. The scores of this match were 1-15 and 11-15 for North Hastings.

Playing well for the team were Carey Worrall, and Melitta Gasner, who played very consistently and Michelle Meihem, who only missed one serve all day (she served in 12 games).

The final comment from coach Clatworthy was that "we accomplished what we went for" on Saturday, and are now looking forward to the Halton championships.

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The GDHS boys basketball teams finished the regular season with a pair of losses this week.

In a home game last Wednesday, Georgetown played strong teams from Acton. The juniors lost to an undefeated Acton team by a score of 62-46.

The Acton team just dominated the court despite good defensive plays from Matt Phillips, Paul Wilson, and high scorer (12 points) Sean Hutt.

The senior team had much the same problem as the juniors, also losing to Acton by a score of 68-47. The game was quite close after the third quarter, with Acton only leading by three points but, coach Leeking says, "Acton had the stamina to come on strong in the final quarter. Rick Baldwin and

Kevin Ivett both played a strong game."

Friday's game against White Oaks in Oakville, was a "do-or-die" game for the juniors. They had to win this game in order to move on in the play-offs. However, they couldn't manage to beat White Oaks and the final score was 74-44.

Coach Leeking felt that "at no time did we play up to our potential, especially in foul shots, where White Oaks sunk 16 out of 17." This being the last game of the season for the juniors, many of the substitute players played this game. This in addition to a very good centre on the White Oaks team, resulted in the low Georgetown score. Playing well for the juniors were Craig Budweiser and Jeff Smith, who was the high scorer with 12 points.

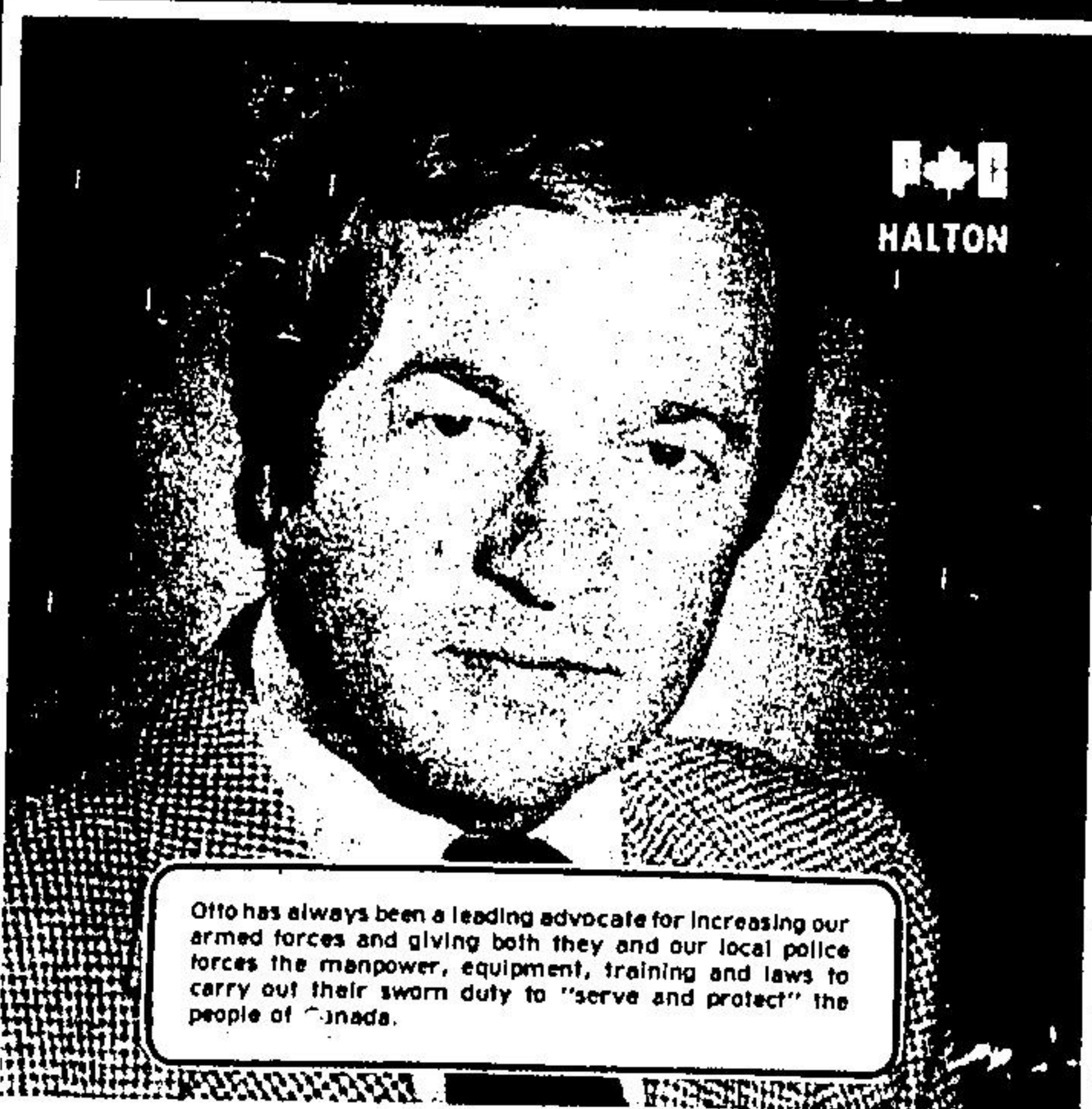
The senior's game remain-

ed close until the last half of the third quarter, when the score was 38-34. Georgetown then got "four technical fouls in one play", which added to the final score of 64-40 for White Oaks.

There was controversy in the game over the refereeing, and according to coach Leeking, the team "lost heart, while White Oaks got stronger." Playing well in this game were Rick Fisher, Derek Ferguson, and the two high scorers Kevin Neill, and John Karolidis.

The question of whether the seniors have made the play-offs is still up in the air. As of now, Georgetown is not in the play-offs, but that is still being debated. The juniors are still training, looking forward to the fifth annual Georgetown invitational Junior tournament, February 23.

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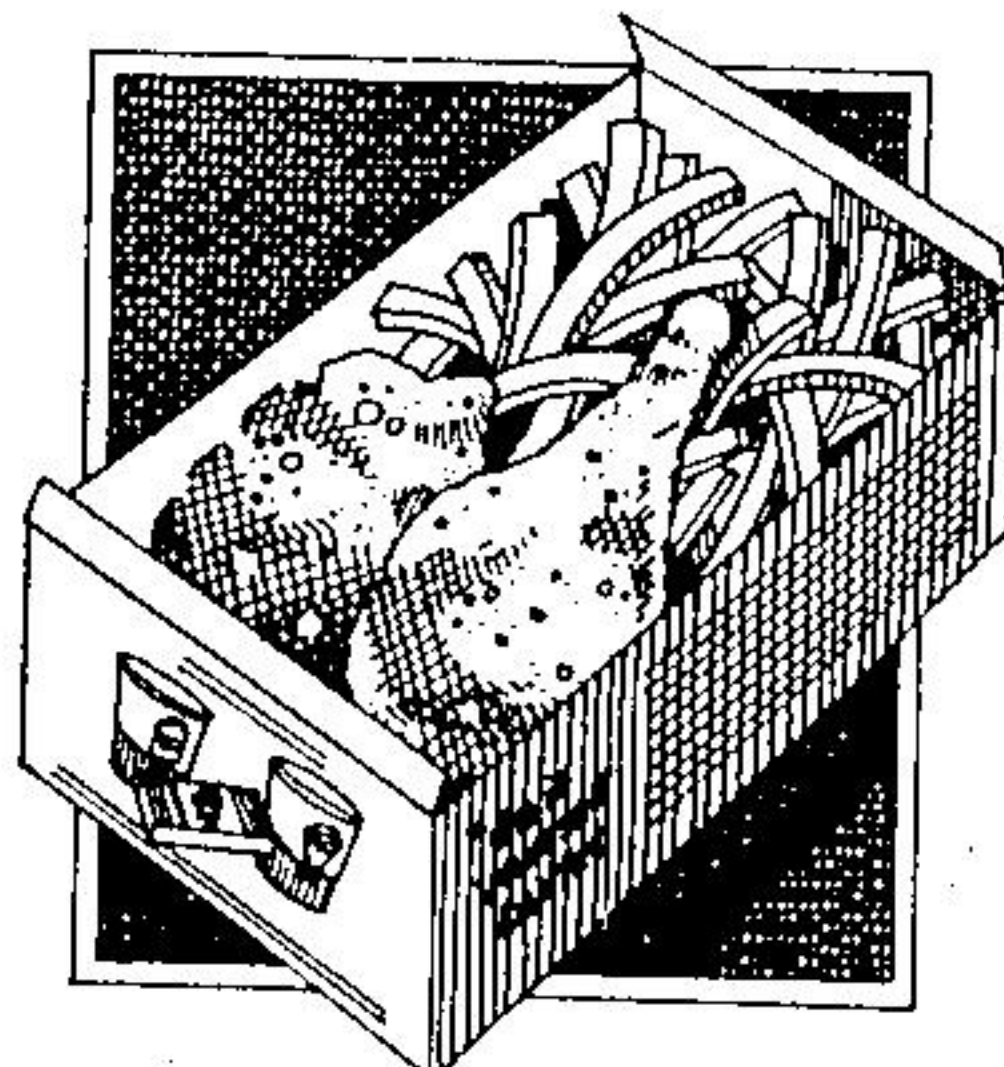
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