

A quick glance back to a 'sporting' 1981

The Georgetown District High School had an unusually good season on the field, collecting three victories for the season.
(Herald photo by Harald Bransch)



Fourth recipient of the Hockey Heritage award, Bud James receives the congratulations and admiration of some rather 'famous' hockey fans last February 1981. Seen here are (l. to r.) Pierre Pilote, Derek Sanderson, Joe Hall, Bud James, Neil Lumsden.
(Herald photo)



Mike Pelyk, a former Toronto Maple Leaf defenceman chases captain of the Georgetown Raiders Juri Kudrasovs when the NHL Oldtimers came to play the Raiders. After some humorous and skillful hockey, the two teams both emerged with their pride intact as Georgetown tied the Oldtimers 5-5.
(Herald photo)

Mark Hennessy won a gold medal and two silver awards at the Ontario Games for the Disabled in Burlington last summer.



Acton Sabres had the 1981 heartbreaker of the season

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partner Kelly Johnson gained the right to represent Canada at the world figure-skating championships in March when they placed second at the Canadian championships in Halifax. Former Acton high school student from Campbellville placed eighth overall.

Acton Sabres continued to surprise their fans by taking an incredible four of six possible league awards when Jules Russian won Coach of the Year, Glenn Murray MVP, Barry Trood MIP, Most Sportsmanlike Player, Pat Fung.

The Georgetown Royal Canadian Legion curling rink of Harvey Chappel, Gord Campbell, Pat Chamberlain and Ken Taplin won the district Legion title beating Milton 4-3 Jan. 25.

Feb. 11 saw the week where the Georgetown Junior B Geminis played their last game against Orillia (no longer in the league) as they tied 4-4. The

Gems were ousted from the playoffs and three-year captain of the team Bob McCandless said his biggest disappointment was that the team didn't give the effort throughout the season to win consistently.

Surprise guest Derek Sanderson showed up for the Hockey Heritage banquet along with Edmonton Eskimo star Neil Lumsden. The Acton Sabres faced Burlington Cougars in the playoffs after finishing the season in fifth place.

After the first three games of the best-of-seven, the Sabres held a 2-1 advantage, but the Swordsman eventually lost in a heartbreaker in Burlington in the seventh game.

The Halton Hills Jills Gymnastics club held their annual gymnastics meet at the GDHS gym with three competing teams in attendance.

SKATING CARNIVAL
For the figure skaters Feb.

18 was the week of their annual skating carnival in which the fantasy figures of Mary Poppins came alive for friends, family and onlookers.

In high school sports, Georgetown District High School wrestlers finished the season in second spot behind White Oaks, just 23 points behind their opponents who collected 125. However, the GDHS swimmers won the Halton team swimming trophy for the third straight year over second place Q.E. Park.

The Junior team trophy was also won by the Georgetown Rebels including the senior overall trophy. The swim team went on to win the Peel-Halton Junior, senior and overall championships for the fourth year in a row, one week later.

In girls volleyball at GDHS the senior team won the Halton volleyball championships for the first time by defeating White Oaks at General Brock High School three games to one last Friday March 1.

The provincial bowling finals will be presented by the junior boys team of coach Anne Nicholson, Brinley Hole, David Hicks, Brian Porter, Anthony Larsen and Jim Carpenter.

MARCH 1981
March 6 the Acton Redmen High School basketball team were defeated by George Harvey in the annual Rebels junior basketball tournament, previously won twice consecutively by the Redmen.

Kris Barber and partner Kelly Johnson competed against the world's best figure-skaters last week (March 11) to finish an impressive twelfth. Barber and Johnson placed ahead of their Canadian rivals McNeil

and McCall who finished first at the Canadian championships one month ago.

On the high school circuit, the Georgetown swimming team captured the OFSAA crown representing the best swimmers from Ontario high schools.

Georgetown native Sara Aggiss placed fifth on her floor exercise routine last Saturday against competition from the United Kingdom. She had recently been selected to join the Canadian team on their 16-day European tour.

During the week of March 25, the Georgetown Chrysler Intermediate A Raiders proved they were indeed made of championship material when they rebounded from a 7-3 drubbing from Owen Sound to defeat their rivals 5-4 and 10-3 to end their league playoff round - they now advance to Timmins for the OHA Intermediate A championships.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 from Georgetown were defeated in their bid to defend their provincial senior curling championships.

APRIL 1981
The week of April 1 saw the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders defeated by Timmins in their best of three playoff series for the OHA crown. According to club members, the Intermediate A Raiders never adjusted to the difference in the ice surface which had a smaller surface with square corners.

In the Year of the Disabled, John Gibson, founder of the Canadian Amputees Sports Association and fellow Georgetown, 15 year old Kim Harnois, was honored at the Provincial Sports Awards Banquet.

The 21st Georgetown Bantam tournament completed its busy week of hockey games as a strong team from Michigan Kord dominated all of their opposition.

Industrial hockey in Georgetown finished off the week of April 8 as Norval's Hollywood Taverna captured the championship with a 4-2 final game victory over United Rental.

Playing hockey during the week of April 22 didn't matter to the enthusiastic Al Pilutti Minor Atoms because they were participants in the Timmy Tyke tournament at Maple Leaf Gardens.

The Georgetown Junior B Geminis after electing a new executive March 18 announced that Dave Switzer, former coach of the Toronto Bantam Red Wings would be the new coach of their team with Bob McCandless Sr. filling in as club president.

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FOOTBALL FLASHBACK

Fobert's Fred Enge carries the ball on a quarterback sneak for a first down. Key plays by quarterback Enge and his offensive receivers kept their squad in the game until the final minutes when they were able to overtake the Smoke Shop on a field goal.
(Herald photo)



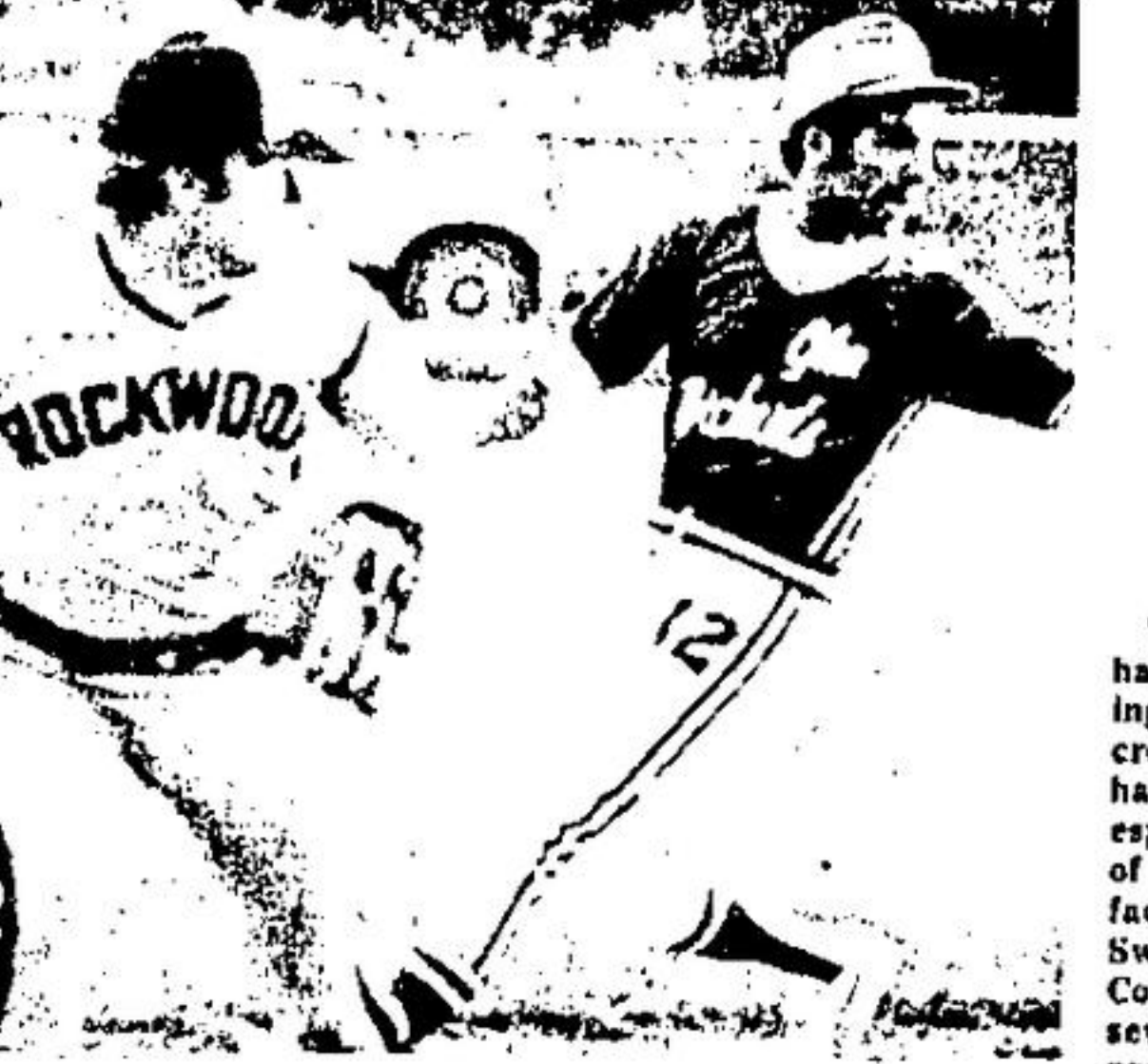
Sara Aggiss had a busy year on the international circuit when she joined the Canadian gymnastics team, travelling to Great Britain, Holland, East Germany and Russia competing against the best athletes in her field.
(Herald photo)



The third annual Halton Hills Mayor's Race was another fun-filled successful day for runners as a record number of participants was received. In a blistering and hot day, many took advantage of a pancake breakfast offered after the 5.5 km and 11.0 km race.
(Herald photo)



Mayor Pomeroy and his wife Judy enjoyed their pancake breakfast as they both successfully completed the third annual Mayor's Race last spring.
(photo)



The Glen Williams Merchants fastball team surprised a number of fans with their solid team effort and clutch hitting and pitching as they came from behind to defeat Orangeville in their best of seven playoff series to become Intercounty fastball champions, making them The Herald's choice as **TEAM OF THE YEAR**. Seen here is Dean Hancock rounding second base.
(Herald photo)



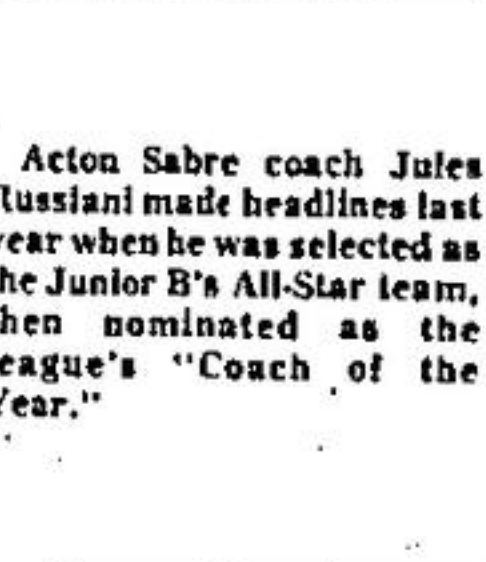
After the NHL Oldtimers game some old time favorites received first star awards courtesy of Molson's Steve Ratray. Here Norm Ullman, Halder Joe Ens and Andy Bathgate are selected first, second and third star respectively after the NHL tied the Raiders 5-5.
(Herald photo)

In the spotlight

Four-year Gemini veteran, three of them as team captain gave Bob McCandless Jr. the experience and insight which eventually won him the job as the Georgetown Junior B club's head coach.



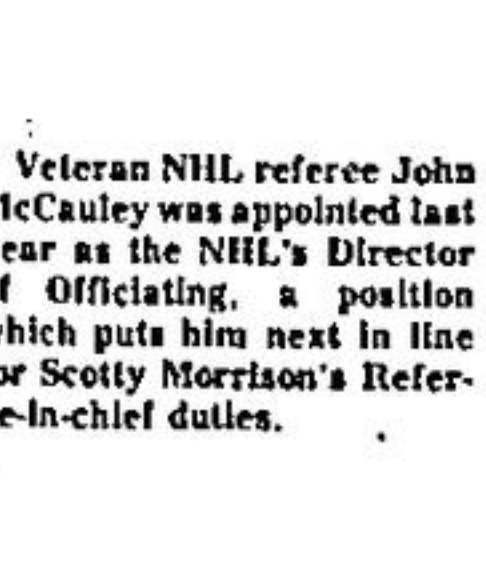
After a four-month layoff from tennis, Georgetown's Stacey Hurley came back to the courts to win the President's Cup tennis doubles challenge at North Halton Golf and Country Club. She's now on a tennis scholarship at the University of Minnesota.



Acton Sabre coach Jules Russian made headlines last year when he was selected as the Junior B's All-Star team, then nominated as the league's "Coach of the Year."



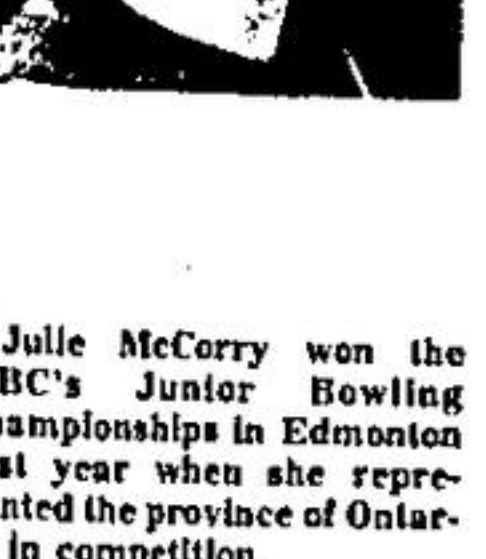
Susan Budge fought back after a vitamin deficiency hindered her training to become champion at the United States Open Orienteering finals last year. Susan is a member of Canada's Orienteering team.



Veteran NHL referee John McCauley was appointed last year as the NHL's Director of Officiating, a position which puts him next in line for Scotty Morrison's Referee-in-chief duties.



Long-distance runner Doug Smith continued his frantic pace of setting new meet records and winning the 5.5 km Halton Hills Mayor's Race.



Julie McCorry won the YBC's Junior Bowling championships in Edmonton last year when she represented the province of Ontario in competition.