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Trials of a trainer

Athletes, like artists are a separate and unique breed. They can be, quite frankly, a pain to deal with. Especially when they're in pain themselves.

Jason Havard, the 23-year-old Georgetown Raider trainer, knows all about dealing with the fragile egos and the swelled heads, not to mention pulled groins and dislocated shoulders. Wise beyond his years, Jason was quick to realize a good trainer needs the complete confidence of even the most self-serving jock on the team if he plans to do his job to the best of his ability.

Anyway, Jason, easily recognizable at Raider games because of his curly brown locks, relaxed smile, and the trunk-sized first-aid box he totes around, probably has the proto-type personality to fit the bill. He's laid back, yet responsible. Friendly with all, yet acutely aware of his role in the Raider organization.

"It's really a lot of fun for me, meeting new people and working with the athletes," Havard said in a recent interview. "You have to be fairly outgoing, yet reasonable, to be able to communicate with many different types of people."

"The biggest problem I find with a new team is finding somehow to gain the confidence of the players. It all depends on the team, the players involved, and the way you present yourself to them."

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Given certain circumstances, Havard can be a player's best friend; certainly his best ally against his own stupidity.

Young hockey players, all too often, buy the garbage they hear about how all the great ones played with pain. Injuries are part of the game, they're told, so they skip the part about informing the team trainer of the swelling in the left knee, or how the shoulder snapped, cracked and finally popped after that last hard check.

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"It's hard when you're just coming in," Havard explained. "You have to watch all the players, and watch the action. Generally you're going to see it when a guy gets slammed into the boards, or takes a strange fall."

Obviously there are limitations to what Havard can actually do for an injured athlete. His mandate is to eliminate as much of the pain as he can, administer some basic on-the-scene first aid, and get the player in question to proper medical attention.

"You generally try and talk to him, and calm him down," Havard said. "Just by talking to him you can determine where the injury is, and find out precisely what happened. Obviously, the guy is in pain, and there's a limit to what you can do."

"You just care for him the best you can in that initial time."

A major headache for the trainer is the player who tries to hide a serious injury. Worse, still, is the coach who conveniently chooses to overlook an injury because it's a star player that has been affected.

"Sure, a lot of it can depend on the caliber of the player that has the problem," Havard admits. "I will explain to the player just what can happen if he continues playing, though. The coach is going to know, too, because I'm going to tell him what's going on to the best of my ability."

Often that type of situation can leave the trainer feeling caught between the team management and the players. The situation is worse, if the players see it that way.

Havard needs only to look back on last winter, his second of two years with the junior Gemini, to recall just such a situation.

Early in the year, the club was beset with internal squabbling, losing hockey games, and headed straight for the dumpster. The only thing consistent about that team was Havard's steady, easy-going personality.

Of course, Jules Russiani came on the scene, and the club's fortunes took a dramatic upswing after Christmas. The tension disappeared.

"At the beginning of the season, I was in limbo between the management and the players," Havard admits now. "But by the end of the year, I felt as though I was part of that squad. I was up and down with the team."

I guess trainers can be pretty unique, too.

Challengers smashed

The Georgetown District High School boys volleyball team had two games last week, as they hosted Oakville's T.A. Blakelock and Burlington's Loyola High Schools.

The Rebels had no problem defeating Blakelock, taking two straight games and the match.

Later in the week, Georgetown came up against a strong Loyola team. Loyola took the first game, but the Rebels fought back to take the second game and in the process, forced a deciding third game. The game was very close, but in the end, Loyola won out, taking the match two games to one.

Raiders cavalry ousts Indians

What a difference a week makes. A week ago the Georgetown Raiders

took what was basically a training camp roster into their Senior 'A' opener against the

Allan Cup champion Cambridge Hornets, took a 6-4 loss, and escaped with their pride

intact. Friday night, the Raiders looked very much in mid-season

form as they crushed the visiting Stratford Indians, 11-3, before a small but enthusiastic

crowd of about 300 at Gordon Alcott Arena.

If there was ever any doubt about the outcome of this one, the Raiders cleared that up with a whirlwind rally in the second period. The home side led 3-1 after 20 minutes of play, upped the count to 4-1 30 seconds in to the middle frame, then stepped up their attack to count three more goals in a two-minute span.

Home town boy Gary McFadyen sparked the second-period outburst with a nice play on the initial rush of the session. He laid out a perfect pass to Tim Ampleford at the blue line, while dragging his left skate behind him to remain onside.

Ampleford then relayed the puck to playing-coach Peter Sturgeon, who cashed it in from his familiar spot at the side of the goal. The Ampleford-Sturgeon-McFadyen troika was extremely effective all night.

The outstanding Raider on the night was winger Marty McNally, though. His hustle and grit in front of the Stratford goal paved the

way for John Saunders to up the count to 5-1 on a power play at the 3:00 mark of the period.

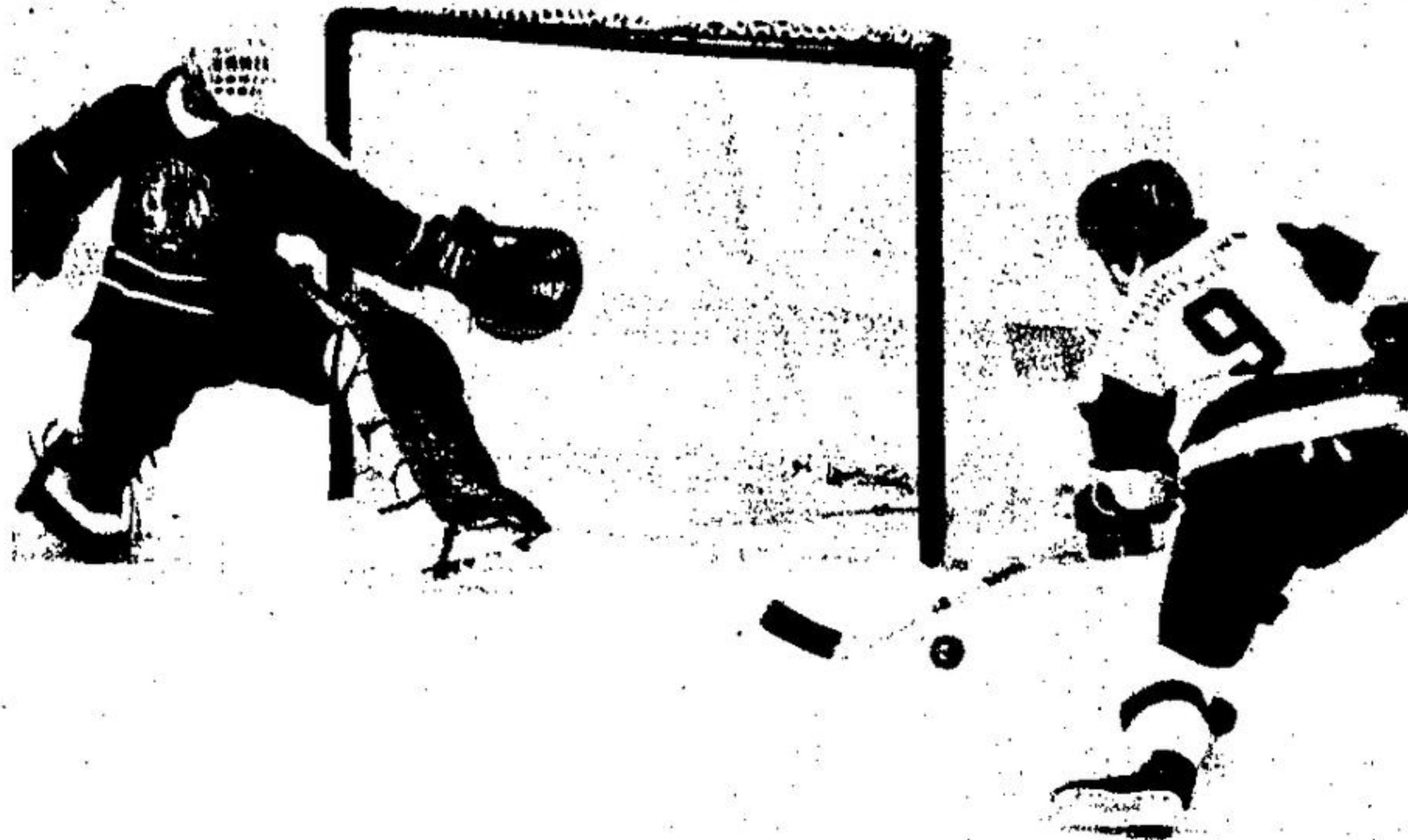
Seven seconds later, Ampleford walked in alone on Indian goaltender Dan Seeli and scored on a high back-hander.

Big Paul Gallagher cruised in alone for an unassisted breakaway goal on the next shift, and the rout was on. Gallagher eventually put together a hat-trick on the night.

McNally, picked first star of the game, scored twice and assisted on three others. Tim Turner bagged a pair of goals and an assist, and Ampleford found the range for a second goal.

Brad Miller was sharp on a few occasions in the Raider goal, especially in the first period. He faced 29 Stratford shots over three periods. The Raiders blasted 43 shots at two Indian goaltenders.

The Raiders see their next action Friday night at Gordon Alcott Arena, when they host their old intermediate arch-rivals, the Collingwood Shipbuilders. Game time is 8:30 p.m.



Georgetown Raider forward Paul Gallagher missed this golden opportunity against Stratford Indian goaltender Dan Seeli late in the second period of Friday night's game at Gordon Alcott

Arena. Gallagher did score on three other occasions, though, leading the Raiders to an 11-3 romp.

(Herald photo by Gerry Timbers)

Geminis split weekend games

The Georgetown Gemini 'Kiddie Corps' line-up managed to split a pair of Central Ontario Junior 'B' Hockey League outings this week.

With his bench decimated by injuries and suspensions, Gemini coach Jules Russiani took what was basically a good juvenile line-up into Milton Fri-

day night, and came out with a 6-4 victory.

The kids weren't quite ready for the powerful Burlington Cougars the next night at Gordon Alcott Arena, as the Gems fell by the same 6-4 score.

Ironically, it was a short-handed goal by Gem veteran Riv Kennedy that sparked the locals to victory in

what was a penalty-ridden affair Friday night in Milton.

After falling behind on an early power play goal, the Gems rallied back midway through the initial session with a pair of power play goals of their own.

Big defender Roy Spear, who spent most of the night in the sin bin, made the most of

one of his rare shifts on the ice to even the count at 1-1, scoring from Steve Marcolini and Bob Davey.

Two minutes later, Greg Robertson counted from Peter Haller and Kent Fabby, and the Gems were in the lead to stay.

They salted the match away with a pair of unanswered goals in the

second period. Marcolini counted two minutes into the period, and Kennedy fired his second of the game 11 minutes later to make it 5-1 Georgetown.

The third period wasn't without excitement, however, as Milton shooters beat Gem goalie Wayne Cowley for three goals before Derek Roy counted an insurance marker at the 18:42 mark.

The story line was exactly the same the following night in Georgetown, as the Gems fell behind 5-1, then came charging back with three third-period scores.

The issue wasn't settled until Burlington's Peter Dwyer scored into an empty net with 15 seconds remaining to give the Cougars a 6-4 decision.

Todd Cull started the Gem rally, when he scored from John Hodgson half way through the final stanza. Brent Smith's power play marker three minutes later, from Kennedy and Davey, made things interesting.

Less than a minute later, Davey scored from Chris Peavoy and Roy Spear, setting the stage for an exciting finish.

Friday night the Gems travel to Oakville to meet the Blades, before returning to

Alcott Arena for a Saturday night date with Thornhill. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Bantams open season with tie

The Georgetown M and M Pro Sport major bantams kicked off their 1983-84 campaign this week, earning a tie in two Tri-County Hockey League outings.

Saturday the locals dropped a 3-2 decision to Milton in a fast, hard-hitting game. Mark Zebedee, with an unassisted marker, and Rob Cooper from Jeff Amato, scored for Georgetown. Joe

Balsom turned in an outstanding effort in the Pro Sport goal.

Thursday night the locals fought to a 4-4 saw-off with Brampton. Cooper, Zebedee, Jim Manning and Mark Moody all lit the lamp for Georgetown, while Tim Bennett drew two assists.

Amato, Sean Finn, Bill Herman, Dennis Doucette, and Terry Dixon all counted assists for Georgetown.

Cornhuskers capture 1983 GIFL title

By BOB McCANDLESS
Herald correspondent

Allison's Cornhuskers captured the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League championship last week, defeating the M and M Pro Sports four games to one in the final.

The Cornhuskers wrapped up the series Wednesday night, taking game five by a score of 5-3.

The Pro Sports had jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, the result of a two-out error by Cornhusker first baseman Bob McCandless. M and M pitcher Joe Deforest was able to keep the Cornhuskers off the scoreboard until the third inning, when Bob Davey crossed the plate to cut the margin to 3-1.

The Cornhuskers exploded for six consecutive hits and four runs in their sixth inning on the way to the title. Hurler Chris Peavoy settled down after the first inning to blank the Sports the rest of the way.

Team sponsor Bob Allison of Allison's Sweet Corn was on hand to accept the league champion-

ship trophy from president Gerri Osborne following the Cornhusker victory.

Game four action saw the Pro Sports, trailing the series three games to none, rally in the seventh and final inning for a life-preserving 4-2 victory.

Mike McCandless and Doug Barnes had scored to give the Cornhuskers an early 2-0 lead, but Sport Brad Miller halved that margin in the fifth.

The tension grew when Cornhusker pitcher Ray Peacock walked George Osborne and Miller with one out in the M and M seventh.

Peavoy came on the pitch for Allison's, promptly striking out Gary McFadyen to bring the Cornhuskers to within a single out of the league honors.

It was not to be, however, as Ron Osborne singled up the middle to score brother George with the tying run. Rob St. Pierre followed that with a single up the middle, scoring Osborne and Miller.

Winning pitcher Deforest shut down the Cornhuskers in order in the bottom of the seventh to force a fifth game.

Georgetown Bowl's Rose offers 20 lanes of friendship



Rose Radyk, part-owner of the Georgetown Bowl on Mountainview Road, will be honored by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of Ontario and the Ontario Five-Pin Bowler's Association next month, for her contributions to the sport as a builder.

BY GERRY TIMBERS
Herald Sports Editor

Rose Radyk believes bowling is the ideal family sport. That's why she's worked so hard to promote the game since she came to Georgetown 21 years ago.

Radyk, along with her husband Bill, and her brother, Pete Williams, opened the Georgetown Bowl in 1961. The business has grown today to 20 lanes and more than 250 registered youth bowlers.

According to the Bowling Proprietors Association of Ontario and the Ontario Five-Pin Bowlers Association, however, Radyk is more than just a successful business woman. She is a great builder of the sport, and they intend to honor her for her contributions at the 11th annual 'Builders of the Bowling Industry Awards Dinner' at the Airport Hilton

Hotel in Mississauga next month.

"I'm very pleased, thrilled and excited," the Proprietor's Association's only female president told The Herald this week. "It's a thank you for all the years that I've worked to improve the image of bowling."

Radyk's biggest fear, when she opened the Georgetown Bowl two decades ago, was that the bowling alley "would be in the same vein as a pool room, a dingy hang-out."

"Our surroundings are pleasant and attractive here, and parents know when they bring their children here they are well-supervised, in a good atmosphere," Radyk said.

It is Radyk's belief that as a business woman, it is her obligation to contribute to the welfare of the community. She sees bowling as an opportunity to keep

young people off the streets and out of trouble, and as a way to close the generation gap.

"It's such a cliché, but

the family that plays together does stay together," Radyk professes. "Young people today can face so many problems, but bowling teaches them discipline, good sportsmanship, and generally makes them better citizens."

Radyk also likes to think of the Georgetown Bowl as a welcome mat to new residents of Georgetown.

"When people move to Georgetown, they have no friends at first, but they know they can join a bowling league and in no time at all they'll have lots of friends," Radyk said. "A bowling center is always a good place to meet new people."

Sports in brief

Atom rep victories

The Georgetown minor atom reps opened their Tri-County Hockey League season with a pair of impressive victories this week.

In their opener, they shut out Burlington, 3-0, before returning to Georgetown to take a 12-1 decision from Milton.

In pre-season action, the locals were very impressive, winning eight times during a nine-game exhibition series set up by team manager Ron Nicolucci. The locals out-scored their opposition 51-12 through the series, losing only to Brampton's strong 'AAA' outfit.

Veteran coach Steve Curtis will instruct the club again this year, with help from John McGrath and Dan Curtis.

GDHS cagers win

The Georgetown District High School junior girls basketball team have once again started their season on a winning note.

The girls defeated Cardinal Leger by a score of 47-11, and playing host to Acton, the Rebels won by a score of 32-28.

Coach Barbara Tamas said that the total team effort by all the girls was one of the reasons the girls were so successful against their opponents.

Field hockey results

The Georgetown District High School girls field hockey team went through the busiest portion of their season last week, winning twice and drawing their third outing.

In the first game of the week, hosting Oakville's T.A. Blakelock, the Rebel team won by a score of 2-1. Blakelock's goal was the first goal given up by the Georgetown team, who had played four previous games, keeping every opponent scoreless.

On Wednesday, the girls travelled to Lester B. Pearson in Burlington and tied the hosts 1-1. The Rebel goal was scored by Barb McIntyre.

The following day, the girls were again the visitors, this time to Oakville Trafalgar High School. Georgetown defeated the Oakville team by a score of 2-0 on goals by Lynn Terashita and Barb McIntyre.

With two league games to go, the girls are now aiming for the Halton Championship.