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*Defence outstanding in final*

**Rebels take Halton title**

By DAN RALPH  
 Herald Sports Editor

Now no one can question whether the Georgetown District High School junior girls basketball team is the best squad in Halton Region.

The Rebels defeated T.A. Blakelock 42-23 Tuesday in the Halton final played at the Georgetown gym. The win gave Rebels' coach Moe Leeking and his troops a definite answer to the "Who is the best?" question.

"I'm convinced now we're the best team," Leeking said after the win. "We knew we were good, but weren't sure just how good."  
 Tuesday's win typified the Rebels' entire season. The triumph came the direct result of outstanding defence.

"All year it has been our defence," Leeking said. "We have six defensive formations and if we can find the right one in the flow of a game, we're tough."

After a light first quarter (12-8 Georgetown) the Rebels' defensive domination became evident in the next three. Alison Irvine and Jerry Melville came through with solid rebounding in their own end and guards Shanna Long and Tara Burroughs with forward Cindy Murnaghan got the fast break going. Also a half-court trap caused problems for the visitors.

Yet even with a 23-12 halftime lead Leeking had a problem as Burroughs had three fouls. The Rebel ball-handler picked up her fourth late in the third quarter, which meant Grade 9 player Jenny Irwin assumed a guard position.

Irwin played through to the fourth quarter when Burroughs came back into the line-up and finished the game. Leeking was pleased with Irwin's play.

"Jenny did a good job defensively and in the nine minutes of court time only had one turnover. That's pretty good for a Grade 9 player in a Halton final."

As well as good defence, the Rebels had balanced scoring as Jenny Melville had 13 points, Burroughs added 12 and Irvine chipped in with 10.

Coaching the girls team was a first for Leeking, coaching the junior team after longtime coach Betty Tamas took a sabbatical this year. Leeking said the turning point for his team came in their final regular season game showdown with two-time defending Halton champs Acton Redmen.

The Rebels needed to win that game by at least five points to get first place, and won the contest 30-19.

"We knew that would be THE game," Leeking said. "After that I didn't think anyone was going to catch us. We were over the hump, and knew we belonged."

"This has been a totally enjoyable year for me, I'm so satisfied with the girls' improvement. They worked so hard, and never questioned me and the things I had them do. There were times when I got some weird looks, but I told them to trust me and they did."

"The thing I noticed about this team was their unselfishness and balanced. This year they became a together team. I wish I could blueprint this to show the other teams I coach, also we're fortunate to have such good feeder schools. The girls coming in have a good idea about the game," Leeking said.

The junior squad will lose four of five starters (Burroughs returns), but all five second team players return along with three others. In all, seven of the nine returnees will be in Grade 10 next year.



NICE BLOCK-Defence played a major part in the Georgetown District High School junior girls Halton basketball title win. Here Rebel Shanna Long (21) blocks a T.A. Blakelock shot. The Rebels defeated Blakelock 42-27 Wednesday at the GDHS gym to lay claim to the Halton championship. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

**Shorthanded Raiders edged 3-2 by Hornets**

By DAN RALPH  
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A shorthanded Georgetown Chrysler Raiders' team had its four game win streak broken Saturday in Cambridge.

Missing five regulars, the Raiders were on the short end of a 3-2 decision. However, if there was a silver lining to the loss it was the play of netminder Mauro Dillio.

Team captain Tom Gibson played in Flint of the International League this weekend while Russ Elliott and Craig Frank sat out the second game of their two-game suspensions. Leo Brideau had work commitments while Jin File had an exam to write in his correspondence course.

Dillio, who has been with the Raiders just two weeks, made several saving stops for Georgetown in the first period to keep the game scoreless. In fact, heading into the final period Cambridge could only cling to a 1-0 lead.

But for their part the Raiders never got going until the third period. Georgetown had 12 shots on goaltender Terry Thompson, but only two were from in close.

After Cambridge went ahead 2-0, Ben Panniccia and Larry Power lifted Georgetown to a 2-2 deadlock. In the latter stages of the period the Raiders came on, but the Hornet goalie robbed Bruce Kinsman with little over four minutes left. Raider Paul Gallagher also came close, but his shot went off the goal post.

The Hornets got the go-ahead goal on a power play with a little over three minutes to play. Doug Fry was called for hooking, which wasn't popular with Raiders' coach-general manager Gil Eyre.

"It was a chinsky penalty," he said. "It's disappointing because we had them on the run."

Friday the Raiders defeated Chatham Pontiacs in a game that started over an hour late. Georgetown started out slowly, but caught fire in the second period and put good pressure on the Pontiacs. Had it not been for some good saves from Chatham netminder Les Gerrod, the score could easily have been higher than the 3-0 it was heading into the final frame. Both clubs had a pair of tallies in the third period.

Eyre said just because Chatham has won but one game this year doesn't necessarily mean the Pontiacs are an easy foe.

"When we were up there last we had a tough game. We won 6-3, but we had two empty net goals and in the third period Chatham led us 3-2. It was a tough game."

Eyre also said the delay hurt his club in the early going. "The guys rush to get to the rink, get dressed, then have to sit," he said. "Yeah, it did affect us."

Gary McFadyen had two goals for the Raiders while Ben Panniccia, Gallagher and Power had singles.

The Raiders host Petrolia tonight

at the Alcott Arena, and will travel to Petrolia for a Friday night contest there.

NOTES-Dave Chapman left Friday's game after the second period. He went to the hospital for at least 10 stitches to close a cut on his chin.....Defenceman Joe Panniccia made a fine play in Friday's game that kept Chatham off the scoresheet. Panniccia redirected a Pontiacs' shot that was heading into an open Raiders' net.....Defenceman Pat Braum was signed this week, but has decided not to play. Last year Braum also expressed an interest in playing in Georgetown, but then decided against it.....Collingwood Shipbuilders cancelled their two weekend games in Petrolia and Chatham this weekend. A decision will be made as to what to do with the two games in the final standings.....Dillio's father and sister were at Friday's game to see him play. Mauro was on the bench as Dave Tataryn handled the netminding chores Friday night.....Tataryn was as vocal Friday night as he's ever been, and it almost resulted in an icing call going the Raiders' way. Ray Tonelli had tried to pass the puck to the point, but his pass went all the way into Georgetown territory past the icing line. Tataryn yelled icing. The lineman

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HOW ABOUT THAT-Georgetown coach Moe Leeking (right) shows his excitement after his team won the Halton junior girls basketball title over T.A. Blakelock 42-27. Assistant coach Glenn McCaughty (left) claps and looks on. (Herald photo)



WESTERN ILLINOIS BOUND-Georgetown's Kara McGaw spends a little leisure time here with pets Heidi and Fritz, but come late January the 19-year-old will be pretty busy. McGaw will start classes at Western Illinois University, and as well will start working out with the varsity ladies softball team. McGaw has accepted an athletic scholarship at the school. (Herald photo)

**Spring training coming early this year for McGaw**

By DAN RALPH  
 Herald Sports Editor

After having proved she can play with the best softball players in Canada, Georgetown's Kara McGaw will be pitting her skills against some of the best Americans in the college ranks.

The 19-year-old Georgetown District High School graduate has accepted a full athletic scholarship at University of Western Illinois. McGaw will begin classes and training with the varsity team in late January.

McGaw played with Pickering of the Metro Toronto Senior ladies league last year despite being junior age. For three years prior McGaw toiled with Chinguacousy after having played house league ball in Georgetown.

In her three years with Chinguacousy McGaw hit .353 ('82), .324 ('83) and .350 ('84). McGaw hit .292 as a lead-off hitter with Pickering and had an on-base percentage of .419. Pickering won the Metro League this year, and was fourth in the provincial playdowns.

The Chinguacousy team won the Ontario Regional playoffs in McGaw's first year, then took silver in the Regionals and a bronze medal in the provincial tournament in '83. That year McGaw was named top hitter at the Ontario playdowns. In 1984 McGaw was picked up by Pickering for the national junior tournament, after Chinguacousy took the silver in both the Regional and Ontario tourneys. Pickering won the Canadian title that year also.

As well as her prowess on the softball field, McGaw set GDHS records in the javelin for the midget-junior and senior categories. She also was on the Halton senior girls volleyball championship team and Peel-Halton runnerup. McGaw has also received an achievement award

from then-Ontario Premier Bill Davis as well as from the Town of Halton Hills.

"Why I feel so fortunate about this is most of the softball recruits from Canada are pitchers," McGaw said. McGaw made her decision last week after returning home Tuesday from a visit to the campus of Ohio State University. Earlier McGaw had visited Western Illinois and Furman University in South Carolina.

Although she received about 20 U.S. college letters, McGaw had to narrow her choices down to three. National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) rules stipulate student athletes can only have three expense-paid trips to college campuses a year.

McGaw said she based her choice on the academic criteria as well as the softball program.

"The course I want to take (therapeutic recreation) at Western Illinois is ranked fifth in the country there. They also have a fairly good softball program. Ohio State has a new coach this year and Furman wouldn't let me start going to school until September," she said.

When visiting Ohio State, McGaw was amazed with the school's size. But in the end, McGaw said the size may have worked against her deciding to go there.

"The enrolment at Western Illinois is about 12,000 while at Ohio State it's around 57,000," McGaw said. "Size was somewhat of a factor, but I compared the schools and felt I'd be more comfortable at Western Illinois. It's more personal."

Like most full scholarships, McGaw's will be renewed each year. However, the school has guaranteed McGaw financial aid for the first 18 months. Tuition at the school runs about \$9,000 (U.S.) a year.

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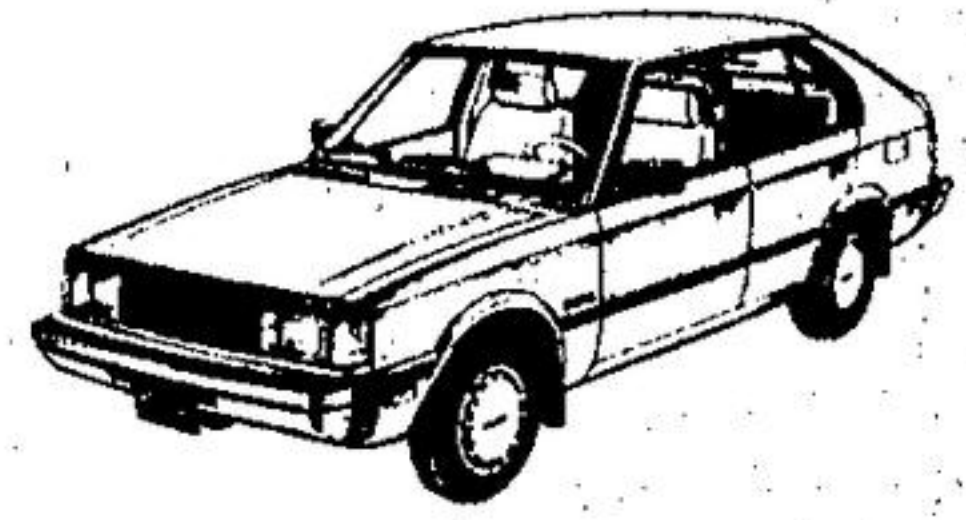
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