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**Playing The Field**  
 By Dan Ralph  
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**Dominance results in discussion**

The senior girls volleyball season might be over, but Georgetown District High School's dominance was a hot item at last week's Halton volleyball coaches post-season meeting.

The discussion revolved around the use of club players on the volleyball squads at the high school level. A major reason was Georgetown's Joanne Bingham. Bingham, who last summer played with the Canadian junior ladies team, was instrumental in the Rebels' winning of the Halton, Peel-Halton and OFSAA "AA" championships.

What the league convenor proposed was that club players be banned from play. Although never stated, a reason for his proposal was Bingham's dominance.

"You can't isolate it in volleyball," Rebels' coach Grant Clatworthy commented. "The problem when you look at it sport for sport is if you say no to girls volleyball you've got to say the same for boys volleyball and basketball. You've got to make it consistent."

"The argument is some teams abuse it (playing club players) in that the club players miss practices and tournaments," Clatworthy continued. "But then it becomes a school problem."

Clatworthy said penalizing those players in future for the dominance and excellence of one player is unfair.

"It is unfair to the kids," he said. "Why should you penalize a bunch of kids for the excellence shown in one player in one particular year?"

Despite the proposition of the league convenor, league coaches elected to allow club players into the school volleyball competition. That decision should be commended.



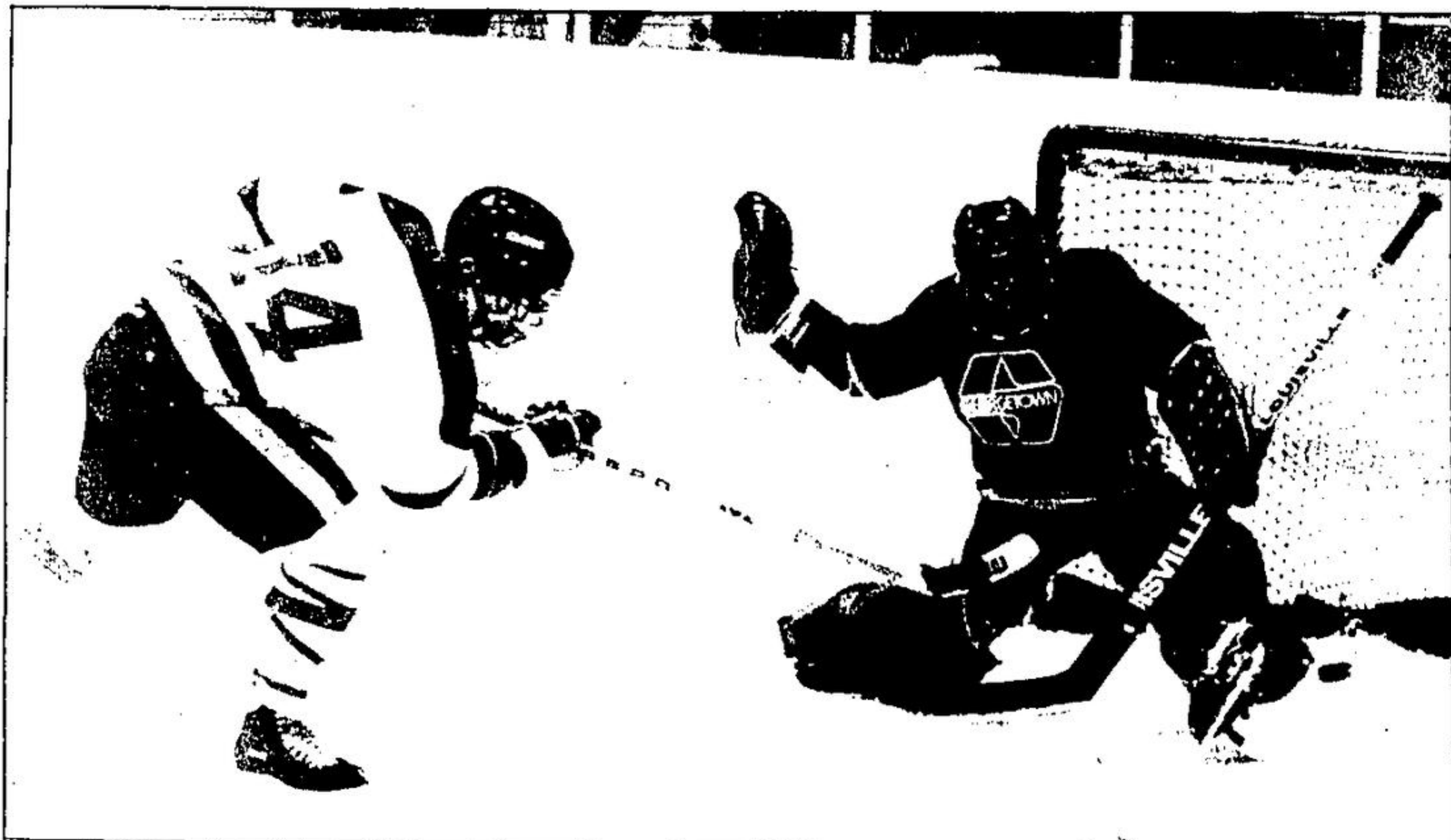
An interesting perspective arises through this all. It was no doubt that Bingham was the single-most dominant player in Halton and the province at the "AA" level. But future club athletes shouldn't be penalized for this. One has to assume that a player of Bingham's calibre comes around as often as Halley's Comet.

There is also little doubt that if rival coaches had the luxury of having a player of Bingham's calibre that they wouldn't use her in trying for an all-Ontario championship. Clatworthy, Georgetown District High School and rival clubs shouldn't be penalized for Bingham's excellence. Players of her calibre enhance and bring recognition to Halton volleyball, and that too should be taken into consideration.

As for Clatworthy, he chooses to forget the episode. "I prefer to treat it as a dead issue that can only create bad feelings," he said.

**Juveniles get second shot at OMHA final**

**DRG squad wins playoff protest**



CALL THE COPS-Georgetown DRG Stationery juveniles' defender James Poirier stands his ground here against Richmond Hill's Steve Boyle in robbing the visiting player all alone in front Friday night. Poirier was simply outstanding in the Georgetown goal as the locals defeated Richmond Hill 3-2 in overtime. However, after losing 4-3 Sunday in the deciding game of the OMHA semi final, the DRG team won a protest that will have the game re-played tonight at the Alcott Arena. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

Georgetown's DRG Stationery juveniles will get another shot at advancing to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) championship final tomorrow.

The locals dropped a 4-3 decision Sunday afternoon at the Alcott Arena to Richmond Hill in the fifth and deciding game. However, the Georgetown team protested the OMHA semi final series game because Richmond Hill coach Vic Robinson was on the bench Sunday after his team had more than 36 penalty minutes (47 in fact) the night before in Richmond Hill. When a team has more than 36 minutes in penalties in any game the coach must sit out a one-game suspension. It wasn't until the start of the third period when Georgetown coach Howard Murphy notified the official of the abundance of penalty minutes that coach Robinson was asked to step down from the bench.

Georgetown's protest was formally presented Monday night, and a decision was handed down. The fifth and deciding game will be played tomorrow night at the Alcott Arena starting at 8:30 p.m. The winner will have little time to rest as the first game of the OMHA final will be played Friday night in Riverside, which is located near Windsor.

A total of four games in the set were played this week. In Game Two, Richmond Hill tied the series with an 8-2 win at the Alcott Arena last Thursday. Brian Stone and Dan Kent had the local tallies.

The following night at the Alcott Arena Georgetown goalie James Poirier was outstanding, particularly in the late minutes of the third and in overtime as Georgetown won 3-2. Ray DeSouza scored the winner in overtime as Mike Shuman and Scott Taggart had the others.

Overtime was needed Saturday night in Richmond Hill as the two clubs skated to a 2-2 decision after three periods of play. However, the home team added three tallies in the extra 10-minute frame to skate off with a 5-2 win to tie the series at 2-2 and force Sunday's deciding contest. Dan Kent and Mike Teetzal had the goals for the locals, who were up 2-0 early in the first period.

As for Sunday's game, it was a tight affair with the two teams tied 1-1 after the first period and 2-2 after two periods of play. Richmond Hill outscored Georgetown in the final frame 2-1 for the victory and apparent series clincher before the protest. Marc Butcher had two goals for the Georgetown team while Brian Stone had the other.

**Kentner set for return to hockey**  
**Former Raider GM running for president of Gemini Jr. B squad**

By DAN RALPH  
 Herald Sports Editor

If Dave Kentner becomes president of Georgetown Junior "B" Gemini he promises the team will be an Ontario champion in no more than three years.

Kentner has said he will actively pursue the president's position at the team's election of officers. That meeting is slated for next month.

Kentner's decision to run comes almost two years after he chose to leave hockey altogether. Kentner resigned as general manager of Georgetown Chrysler Raiders in 1984 after having been with the organization 14 years. Family reasons forced Kentner to leave his post, a post he held when the Raiders were crowned Canadian Intermediate "A" hockey champs in 1981 after winning the Hardy Cup. But Kentner said a love for the game was a reason for deciding to get involved again.

"I've missed every minute I've been out," he said. "I love the sport and comradery of working for a good, competitive organization."

"My biggest area of contribution will be my ability to recruit people. It's my intent to expand the executive in both numbers and quality of people for specific roles."

"The junior program in Georgetown has never won an Ontario championship," Kentner continued. "Georgetown has a history of winning Ontario championships in whatever it has been involved in and I'd like to be a part of that. I'll say we'll win an Ontario championship in three years. I'm giving myself a little leeway just in case I put some people in the wrong spots."

If elected Kentner would divide the Gemini operation into four divisions (hockey operations, finance, booster club and administration). Each division will be headed by a vice-president who will have total responsibility and authority in running their respective department.

Kentner would also formulate a Georgetown Junior Patrons Committee that would create and administer two separate funds. One



Dave Kentner

would provide long-term financial assistance for the club. The team could spend the interest on the principal but the principal itself would be allowed to grow and provide future financial resources.

The second fund would be a special assistance one where potential Gemini players attending university could have their tuition paid for by the club if they made the final roster. If a player played three

seasons for the Gemini and become ineligible to return due to age, the club would pay for his final year of school. Groups have been contacted about contributing to these two programs.

Kentner also said he would work towards having Acton Junior "C" Sabres involved with the Gemini as an affiliate club if possible. Kentner said a rivalry exists between the two communities and maybe hockey could have a settling effect.

"Maybe the sport could draw the two communities together," he said. "I would certainly spend time in talking with Acton and see how they could work into our program. But it would have to be good for both clubs."

If something were worked out Kentner said the Gemini would maintain its working relationship with Newmarket of the Tier II circuit.

Kentner added if selected president he would only assume the position with the support of last year's executive.

"I have a lot of respect for the Gemini executive. They brought the club back from being in the red to a point now where it breaks even," he said. "The people currently running the team have brought it to a level where it's a respected organization in the community and Ontario Hockey Association (OHA). What I want to do is make the organization the most respected in the OHA."

"I also have a lot of respect for Dave Barrager (current president). If I lose to Dave I could live with the defeat because I'd be losing to a worthy hockey opponent. If I win it will give me a real feeling of pride and accomplishment."

If unsuccessful, Kentner wouldn't say if he'd be interested in assuming another position within the executive.

"It wouldn't be my choice," he said. "It would all depend on the situation presented to me by the victorious president."

"I hope I'm successful though because I can hardly wait. I've gotten back into the hockey mood."

**Last original Gem won't be returning**

The last existing member of Georgetown Junior "B" Gemini original 75-76 executive has decided not to return for duty this season.

Past president Bob Tost said last week he has pretty much made up his mind and won't be returning to the Gemini's '86-87 executive. Tost said a reason for his decision was in his 10-year tenure with the club he has been able to assume almost every role in the organization. Tost added he wouldn't be interested in a part-time role either.

"You can't be a hanger-on," he said. "You've got to take on a job and do it or get out and watch."

"I think I've made up my mind," Tost added. "After that we'll see if I get the feeling back."

Tost also said he would like a rest during the winter months. Prior to his involvement with the Gemini, Tost worked for minor hockey in Georgetown. In all, Tost has been involved in hockey since 1969.

"I just got tired," he said. "I will miss it, but I'll still be a fan."

"Some people leave and never see an arena again, and I hope that doesn't happen to me," Tost added.

One of the fondest memories Tost will have from his involvement with



Bob Tost

the Gemini will be the club's initial season in the Central Ontario Junior "B" league. Tost said "doing everything associated with running a junior club for the first time was memorable."

"That was likely the most exciting year," Tost said. "Going to the (league) final three years ago was probably the second most exciting."

In the 82-83 season Georgetown was seventh in the league standings and defeated Burlington and Oakville en route to the final. However, the Cinderella season ended when Streetsville won the championship in four straight games.

"The only thing I miss was that we didn't win anything along the way," Tost said. "I feel bad that we didn't."

**Lowe gets nod as all-star**

Chalk up another accomplishment for former Georgetown Chrysler Raider Darren Lowe.

Lowe, who toiled with University of Toronto Blues this season, was named to the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) all-Canadian team. The announcement came last week.

Lowe, who played for the Canadian Olympic team and was a member of last year's national Spengler Cup champions, joined the Raiders in January of last year. That was after Lowe found out he was ineligible for varsity play due to playing eight games on an amateur card with Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League after the Olympics.

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