

# Senior basketball Rebels easily earn first victory

The Georgetown District High School senior boys basketball team had little difficulty in picking up its first win of the East Halton schedule last week.

The Rebels piled up an early 12-0 lead over Milton Mustangs and went on to record a 64-39 victory over the Mustangs in a game played at the Georgetown gym. The win evened the Rebels' record to 1-1 so far this year.

When the Rebels stormed out to their early first quarter advantage Georgetown couldn't do anything wrong.

The full court pressure worked well and the Rebels were very strong on both the offensive and defensive boards. Offensively the Rebels were taking high percentage shots, and whatever didn't go in Georgetown usually got the rebound.

After the first quarter coach Gary Southwick and assistant Bevin Clarke were able to freely substitute and give everyone playing time in the game. As a result the Rebel scoring was quite balanced.

This year's Rebels team isn't a big one by basketball standards. A key

for Georgetown will be its outside shooting, something handled quite admirably from the likes of Mike Hurley, Lloyd Newman, John Watts, Ken Janssen and Brent Hutt against Milton.

"We have to shoot well," commented Clarke. "Especially from the free throw line. If we can draw the bonus situation and connect we'll be in good shape."

A number of Rebels stood out in the Milton game, but Clarke has special praise for Janssen.

"Kenny is really doing a lot of smart things out there for us," he

said. Going into Christmas with an even record is a good accomplishment for the Rebels Clarke feels. Last year the Georgetown team had some rough luck at the start of the year, heading into Christmas with an 0-3 mark but the three losses were by five points combined.

"Last year we had no start," Clarke said. "But this year we were able to get at it earlier because of Gary."

## Athletics a big part of Murray

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championship that year. The next season Ezeard joined Goodyear of the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) Senior "A" ranks, also Toronto Marlboros (when Harold Ballard was manager) and Staffords where he helped those clubs become league powers.

Ezeard also played for the National Hockey League Oldtimers, and was even the team's manager.

Georgetown Raiders fans remember Ezeard for his \$6,000 goal in 1948. The Raiders were up against Peterborough in the OHA semi finals in a two-game total-goals playoff. The two teams tied 2-2 in Game One and were tied 1-1 with just two minutes to play. At the time the Raiders were in financial difficulty and needed a berth in the finals against Brantford to reach financial stability.

In Game Two with the score tied 1-1 Ezeard put a pass from teammate Del Beaumont and scored the winner. Georgetown lost in the final to Brantford, but did make enough money to finish in the black.

Ezeard didn't come to live in Georgetown until the mid-1970's after he retired as a salesman with Adams Distillery. Ezeard was active with the Georgetown Legion and Knox Presbyterian Church in addition to working with the GHHC.

A formal funeral was held at Knox Presbyterian Church Monday morning.



**TOUGH SHOT** - Georgetown's John Watts (20) tries to go up for a shot here, but a Milton player also manages to get his hand on the ball. However, Georgetown didn't miss many shots in defeating Milton 64-39 in an East Halton senior boys basketball game played at the Georgetown school last week. (Herald photo)

## Dyer's basket in dying seconds pace junior Rebels to narrow win

A 40-foot jump shot from Mike Dyer with just 13 seconds left to play paced the Georgetown District High School junior boys basketball team to a narrow 53-52 win over Milton Mustangs last week.

The win evened Georgetown's record in East Halton League play to two wins against two losses. Earlier in the week the Rebels lost to Loyola, but the score wasn't available. Both games were played at the Georgetown gym.

The Rebels trailed Milton in the dying seconds of the game when Rebels' coach Rick Redshaw took a time out and diagramed a specific play. However once the ball was inbound the Mustangs' defence didn't react as Redshaw had anticipated so when Dyer got the ball he took a shot from the top of the key and hit nothing but net. Milton then took a time out but couldn't come back with the winning basket.

Marc Murtagh led the way for the Rebels with 14 points while Tim Racinsky had 12 points.

Redshaw said after he was pleased with the win more so because he didn't like the prospect of heading into the New Year with just one win with the better East Halton teams yet to play. Redshaw was particularly pleased with the effort his club gave. At one point in the game the Rebels were behind by eight points.

"The kids didn't quit," he said. "Today we were able to hit on the little things."

As for the winning hoop, Redshaw saw Dyer's shot wasn't planned for. However, Redshaw did say the shot came about because Milton's zone

defence didn't react as he had anticipated.

"Milton just didn't move on it," he said.

## Redmen drop game to White Oaks team

The Acton High School senior boys basketball team dropped its second game of the East Halton season last week, a 72-60 decision to White Oaks.

The Redmen started off the game in good shape, but began to fall behind more and more after the first period ended. White Oaks took a 10-point halftime lead and the Redmen weren't able to come back and cut the deficit.

This year's Redmen team doesn't have a lot of height. The Redmen are quick and show a lot of hustle but according to coach Dave Boycott do have trouble with the teams that have a lot of big men.

"We really have a lot of trouble with height," Boycott said. "But I have no complaints about the way they played. The guys really hustled and did their best."

Al Scott had a fine game for the Redmen, finishing up with 25 points.

Kevin Lobsinger and Jeff White had 12 points each while Greg Winiarz chipped in with nine points for Acton, who drops to 0-2 so far this season. However both losses have come against teams (Perdue and White Oaks) that are likely to do well in the East Halton loop this season.

The seniors were to have played Queen Elizabeth Park Eagles later last week but that contest had to be cancelled when Queen Elizabeth Park had a prior engagement arranged. The game has been rescheduled for later in February.

The Redmen have the Christmas holidays off and return to league action Jan. 6 when Milton Mustangs travel to the Acton gym for a triple-header.

**NOTES** - The Acton junior boys basketball team wasn't in action last week.

## Varsity Blues player sets sights on Olympics

TORONTO — Samantha Reed's shooting for the top.

The Georgetown native and centre of the University Toronto's women's basketball team says some day she's like to play in the Olympics.

For many, such a high level of

## Tough hockey defeats

The Georgetown District High School boys hockey team had a couple of tough losses to endure this week.

The Rebels dropped a 4-0 decision to Lord Elgin Tuesday, and were on the short end of a 3-2 loss at the hands of T.A. Blakelock the next game. The week's action leaves the Rebels with a 1-4 record in Halton league play.

Tuesday's loss to Lord Elgin is somewhat deceiving. The Rebels only trailed a 1-0 halfway through the final period before Lord Elgin cashed in on a couple of scoring opportunities.

"We made a couple of mistakes and didn't get ourselves organized," commented Rebels' coach Neil Cotton. "Against T.A. Blakelock we just more or less ran out of gas in the third period. We started with 11 skaters and they had 18."

Pat Braund and Heath Norton had the goal for the Rebels against Blakelock. Cotton said the goaltending duo of Gary Butwell and George Kent played well in the games and nobody could finger the blame of the losses on the netminders. Cotton also commented on the play of Braund, saying Braund shows a lot of natural ability on the ice.

The Rebels are now off until Jan. 6 when they are home to a yet unknown opposition. Of importance to the Georgetown team will be that the Rebels play five of their remaining league games at home. The importance is that for many of the Rebels players playing at the Alcott Arena is much easier because after the game those players can honor their work commitments. When Georgetown is on the road it's a lot more difficult for the working players to make the trip because of their work schedules.

competition is a dream, but the Erin High School graduate is making all the right moves for the dream to come true.

"I'd like to try and make the Olympic team, although it's a little too early to think about 1988," said the athlete, interviewed recently before practice at the University of Toronto.

The second-year Human Kinetics student says women's basketball is improving steadily in the country. Presently Olympic teams are picked from the best of university players; however, she feels that'll soon change.

"In the future it will be made up of university graduates. It's getting really competitive. Basketball is improving in Ontario and Canada," said Reed.

The player attributes increased basketball programs and provincial funding for the increasing calibre of play.

Last season was the first of five years of Canadian university player eligibility for Reed. She says she hopes to use all five years of eligibility while studying first Human Kinetics, then pursuing a Masters degree. Eventually she's hoping to become a physiotherapist.

"I would like to work with athletes," said Reed.

As a rookie last season, Reed saw little court time, although a top-calibre player. In 1985 the University of Toronto squad sported two of the best female players ever to come out of Canadian colleges — Angela Orton and Pat Melville. The duo helped the Lady Blues to a national university title.

This season the tandem has departed and veterans like Reed are carrying the ball.

"It's a small team this year so the veterans are getting a lot of playing time. We'd certainly like to make a repeat of last year," said Reed who's been seeing full-time employment on the court this season.

The increased court time will be a challenge for Reed.

"I've improved physically just to be able to stay in for 40 minutes, and be able to deal with the pressure," said the athlete.

"As a rookie, you play two or three minutes. You knew your rest was coming," she added.

## Reed making right moves to achieve that dream



Samantha Reed

Although regular season action won't begin until the New Year, exhibition matches and pre-Christmas tournaments are in full-swing, giving Reed and her mates a taste of what's ahead.

Female shoes on the basketball court has become commonplace for the student's family. Her maternal Grandmother Eva, mother Lynn and Aunt Lisa all have played the sport.

"My Aunt Lisa went to Erin High School as well. In fact, we had the same coach. I guess she's the real reason I got into basketball," said Reed.

Reed has enjoyed sharing basketball stories with her grandmother. "She would tell me how there used to be six girls on the floor and how the guards weren't allowed to pass centre," said the athlete who tried out this summer for the Canadian women's under-19 team, in Victoria.

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