

Selects claim bantam Volleyball championship



The Georgetown Selects won the provincial championships recently after topping a tournament in Scarborough. Front row, from left, Andrea Gruric, Catherine Tonner, Trisha Harkley, Julie Arnold, Jim Atkinson (Coach), Bridget McCauley, Lisa Hamblon,

Nicole Remedios, and Mylene Benito. Back row, Brian Cosgrove (Manager), Denise Yurichuk, Kim Collison, Melanie Jans, Jennifer Cheevers, Lily Lam, Yolande Sketchee, Joanna Miller, and Dave Toderick (Coach). (Herald photo)

The Georgetown Schools Select volleyball team capped off a tremendous season April 11, when they captured the Bantam Girls' Volleyball provincial championships in Scarborough.

The Selects finished off their season with wins in all 19 matches they played, and suffered only one loss in 46 games.

In the opening round pool of games, Georgetown split with a strong Scarborough Cosmos club, winning 15-5 and losing 15-9. For the locals, this proved to be the only time they would be beaten in age class competition.

Despite a lethargic start in their next match against Ottawa Glashan, Georgetown came out on top by scores of 15-10, 15-9.

In their final preliminary match against Pickering Glensgrove, the Georgetown team turned up the intensity, and came away with convincing wins of 15-4, 15-3.

By virtue of their record in the opening pool, Georgetown earned top spot in the division and advanced to semi-final action.

Georgetown continued their fine play through the semi-finals, and easily disposed of C.S. Azzurri, Toronto by scores of 15-9, 15-6.

In the other semi-final match-up, the favored Henry Hudson squad was upset by the Scarborough Cosmos two games to one.

This set up a showdown for the gold medals between the two teams that had emerged from the same pool.

In the opening game Georgetown roared out to 12-3 lead, but had to hang on to post a 15-13 victory, as the Cosmos staged a dramatic comeback.

In the second game, it was the Cosmos' turn to take control as they built up a 14-8 lead.

But with strong serving by Jennifer Cheevers, and a never-say-die attitude exhibited by the entire team, Georgetown fought back to tie the game at 14, and went on to outlast the Cosmos 17-15, giving them a sweep of the gold medal match.

Members of the team's coaching staff, Jim Atkinson, Dave Toderick, and Brian Cosgrove, were understandably pleased with the accomplishments of the team, and thanked the parents who offered fantastic support throughout the season.

They were also appreciative of the schools which helped to sponsor the team, including Holy Cross, St. Francis of Assisi, Sam Sheratt, Stewarttown, and Centennial.

Show jumping proves to be popular

The sport of show jumping is growing in popularity by... well, leaps and bounds.

And no one is happier about that trend than Jim Bunnell, president of the Show Jumping Council of Canada.

"Our country has the current world champion, Gail Greenough, and also the third-ranked show-jumping rider in the world, Ian Miller," says Bunnell. "With the Calgary Olympics on the horizon...well, this is a very exciting time for the sport in Canada."

Part of Bunnell's job is to promote public awareness of show jumping, which is the motivation behind an upcoming promotion with Studio 267 menswear stores, a special appearance with Canadian Equestrian Team members at Ontario Place, and participation in the 2nd annual Town and Country Home Show, May 12-13.

"In our booth, we'll be publicizing shows coming up this season, and telling visitors where they can go to see competitions," explains Bunnell. "And we'll be using the space as a

greeting and presentation area for the top riders who will be on hand. The whole idea of our entire campaign is to interest the public in the sport of show jumping."

Bunnell and staff will also be presenting seminars that go beyond the top-level aspects of the sport, explaining such things as where to go for riding lessons, the do's and don'ts of buying a horse, and how to get started in showing.

"Most of all, we're trying to overcome the elitist image the sport still has in many people's minds," says

Bunnell. "Frankly, you can take riding lessons for the same amount of money it costs to take tennis lessons. There's no denying that if horse ownership is the goal, it's an upscale activity to a certain degree. But to call it the sport of kings, and a rich man's pastime, is simply not accurate."

The Show Jumping Council of Canada will present its seminars at the 2nd annual Town and Country Home Show at noon on Friday May 1, and at 4 p.m. of Sunday May 3. Regular show hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission to the show, which takes place at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and children under 12 years of age; seminars are free with regular admission to the show.

Angling group speaks out against gill nets

Citing two government-sponsored studies, Ontario's largest provincial conservation association has renewed its demands for a complete ban on the use of gill nets by commercial fishermen.

"Gill nets kill virtually everything that swims into them, not just the fish the commercial fishermen are aiming for," stated Rick Morgan, executive vice-president of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. "In addition to thousands of nontarget fish, gill nets have even been known to tangle and kill diving ducks and loons.

Morgan referred to two specific studies as further evidence of the nonselective deadliness of gill nets. The Lake Huron Fisheries Assess-

ment Unit produced figures which, when presented to the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission in March, indicated that commercial netters incidentally killed 126,455 salmon and trout, while fishing for whitefish, chub, and perch in 1984 and 1985, on one portion of Lake Huron alone.

Another study conducted for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources in eastern Lake Ontario showed that gill net fishermen seeking whitefish are likely to catch

three lake trout for every one whitefish.

The OFAH is convinced that governments would take serious, strong action against a pollution industry that incidentally killed so many fish, and can't understand why a commercial fishing industry is allowed to get away with using equipment that virtually guarantees such kills, while alternate, less wasteful fishing gear exists.

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