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Jr. Rebels face showdown today

The Georgetown District High School Rebels will host Assumption Secondary School today, in a



The GDHS Rebels take on Assumption today in the Halton Junior Boys' Volleyball championship match. Assumption has turned their season around in the playoffs, and Mike Bosman (above) and rest of the Rebels will have to be on top of their game if they hope to win the Halton crown. (Herald photo)

showdown to decide the Halton Junior Boys' Volleyball championship.

The Rebels advanced to the title game last Wednesday, when they swept a best-of-five match from Loyola 15-4, 16-14, 15-9.

Meanwhile, Assumption, who finished third in the Halton West Division, knocked off Lester B. Pearson in the other semifinal match-up, for their sixth straight match victory.

From what Georgetown coach Bob McKay knows of Assumption, he expects there are "the elements for a real good scrap" today.

"They're a very solid defensive team, and stress defence, just as we do," he says. "I'm looking for a good match."

Assumption has been on a roll since late in the season, and in quarterfinal play, they eliminated the tough Bishop Reding Royals three games to one. The Royals finished second in the East, losing only to Georgetown.

McKay is hoping to come up with a big play early in the match against Assumption, whether it be on defence, or with a hard hit down into their court.

"It's good for us to set the tone early. We usually respond well when we do," he says.

McKay has the benefit of heading into today's match on a definite high. Last week, he watched his squad play its most outstanding match of the season against Loyola. In fact, it was difficult to pick out any faults.

"We played good team volleyball," he said. "Everything fell into place. On defence, it was far and away our best effort. We moved the ball well in the back court, and set incredibly well."

The Rebels set for 83 per cent, and served with a 94 per cent average, compared to Loyola's 73 per cent service success.

The match today (Wednesday) between Georgetown and Assumption gets underway at 2:30 p.m. at the GDHS gym.

Gems weather ups and downs

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The ups and downs of the Georgetown Gemini continue... On the "up" side, the Gems managed a win and a tie in three Central Junior B outings last week.

On the "down" side, their goals-against average has been soaring, they lost premier goalie Dan Halliburton when he went down with ligament damage in a game Friday, and after putting together a tie and a win, they fell apart against the Oakville Blades Saturday and lost 9-3.

Last Wednesday, Georgetown staged a late comeback to tie the Mimico Monarchs 9-9, while Friday, they had their way with Orillia, outscoring the visitors 9-4.

Then came Saturday. "We never played well, at all," said Gem coach Peter Sturgeon following the loss to Oakville. "We can't be satisfied with one win, we have to develop an attitude where we come to win every night."

For Sturgeon, it appeared to be a case of *deja vu*.

The previous week, the Gems recorded their third win against Newmarket, but turned around the next evening and were hammered by Burlington.

The same letdown reared its head again when the Gems met the Blades Saturday, after winning big over Orillia.

In fairness, Georgetown was without the services of the injured Halliburton, and centre Kevin Dance and rearguard Shannon Storr were sitting out suspensions Saturday, for a fracas they were involved in against Orillia. The two will also sit out Friday's home game against Etobicoke.

Despite the disaster Saturday, Sturgeon saw some encouraging signs in the outing against Orillia.

"There were a lot of positive things last night," he said Saturday. "Little things. We got some breaks we were long overdue for."

In Mimico Wednesday, Adam Bennett scored with 24 seconds left in the game to give the Gems a nine-all draw with the Monarchs.

Georgetown had to fight back throughout the game, trailing 3-2 after the first period, and 6-5 after the second. Bennett's tying goal was a shorthanded effort from Greg Brazeau, after Sturgeon had pulled Halliburton to put out an extra attacker.

Other scorers for the Gems included Kevin Dance with a pair, and Mark Pries, Jay Anderson, Joe Washkurak, Jim McCabe, Don Cruise, and Brent Presswood with singles.

Anthony Tersigni scored four times for the Monarchs.

Against Orillia, the Gemini took control early, leading 3-1 after the first, and 6-3 after the second.

Cruise had an exceptional game for the Gems, scoring three times and adding one assist. Washkurak and Brazeau each had a pair of markers, while Dance and Chuck Loreto had one each.

Archie Meriak had two for Orillia. Saturday, at the Gordon Alcott Arena, the Blades struck early, which Sturgeon says, "took the starch out of our sails."



Brad Demone of the Oakville Blades puts a shift on Georgetown goalie Mark Harrison, just before he deposits the puck in the Gemini net for Oakville's ninth goal of a 9-3 rout against the Gems. The disappointing loss for the Gems came a night after they drubbed Orillia 9-4. (Herald photo)

Ian Moffat scored just 20 seconds into the match, and Chris McEachern made it 2-0 at the 3:43 mark while the Blades were on the powerplay.

Bennett scored at the nine-minute mark to make it 2-1, but Brent Moore slipped a soft shot past Georgetown goalie Mark Harrison with less than two minutes remaining in the period, to restore Oakville's two-goal lead.

The Blades pulled away in the second with goals by McEachern, Chris Harrison, and John Duff to open up a 5-1 lead.

In the third, Moore rounded out his hat trick with a pair of markers, while Brad Demone had the Blades' final goal of the game.

The Gems replied with goals by Rick Floto, and Loreto, to round out the 9-3 final.

The Gems are taking a serious look at goaltender Jorge Silva, who has been working out with the team in practices. Silva last played for St. Catharines, earlier this season.

Also on Gems' pre-Christmas shopping list are a pair of defencemen, according to Sturgeon. Recently, the Georgetown coach has been rotating players back from the forward lines to try and bolster his blueline corps, but success has been limited.

This Friday, the Gems host the Capitals of Etobicoke for an 8 p.m. game at the Alcott Arena, and Saturday, the Burlington Cougars will be in town for a 7:30 p.m. start.

Sr. Rebels ousted in Halton semis

The Georgetown Rebels failed in their bid to reach the Halton Senior Boys' Volleyball finals, as they fell in straight games to T.A. Blakelock in a best-of-five semifinal match in Oakville last Wednesday.

The Rebels dropped games of 15-5, 15-8, 15-6 to Blakelock, who will face the Nelson Lords in the Halton finals Thursday. The Lords defeated Oakville Trafalgar 15-10, 15-12, 13-15, 7-15, 15-9 in the other semifinal.

Georgetown coach Russ Linney saw a "well-schooled" Blakelock Tabbies' team that swept his squad in straight games.

"They're an experienced team, and they were well-prepared," Linney said. "They served tough, and they had excellent setting."

Club player Frank Madieros was particularly effective for the Tabbies, and impressed the Georgetown coach.

Linney feels the Rebels may have had trouble adapting to the Blakelock court, with its lower ceiling.

"They were very well-adjusted to their court," he says. "With their low ceiling, they've learned to pass the ball very well."

"We had a little trouble getting the spark, getting started. But the players stayed with it. They just didn't get any breaks."

The Senior Rebels will go up against Milton District High School, and most likely, E.C. Drury, in a round robin format to determine who will advance to the OFSAA "AA" finals, representing Halton and the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference.

The OFSAA "AA" tournament is scheduled for the first weekend in December, and will be held in Ajax.

To prepare for the playdowns with the Milton schools, Linney has slated an exhibition match against Ancaster for today (Wednesday).

The match will be part of a doubleheader, in conjunction with the Junior Rebels hosting the Halton Junior finals at GDHS.

Star Fuels break jinx

The Georgetown Star Fuels Pee-wee "B" squad finally broke the home ice jinx to win their first game at home, defeating league leader Ancaster 6-6 in a close game.

Georgetown jumped out in front 2-0 in the first period, but watched as Ancaster scored three consecutive goals in the middle frame to go ahead 3-2.

With the teams tied at six, Mark Johnston notched his second goal of the game with a shot from the blueline on an unassisted effort to

give Georgetown the lead, as they went on to take the 6-6 decision.

Also scoring for Star Fuels were Derek Ellard with a hat trick, Greg Dobbin with a pair, and Philip Williamson with a single.

Last Wednesday, Star Fuels took on Burlington, but they suffered a disappointing 7-4 loss. David Osborne scored a nice unassisted goal, while Ellard, Dobbin, and Dustin Thompson added singles.

Philip Williamson, Gord Buchan, and Dobbin each had assists in the game.

CITY Slicker



Clear the track, cause here comes ... Jim McKenny. The flamboyant and outgoing former NHL hockey player-turned-broadcaster rushes up the ice Sunday evening at Gordon Alcott Arena in a game against the GDHS Rebels. The game was a fundraiser for a planned trip to Lake Placid by the high school team. (Herald photo)

NH Atoms impress in wins

The Tri-County Major Atom standings are taking on a much more normal appearance after this week's action. After losing their first three regular schedule games, the North Halton Sports Major Atom "AA" hockey team has rattled off eight wins in their last nine games to climb back into the hunt for the league title.

Two strong efforts on the weekend resulted in wins over Chinguacousy and Oakville by identical 5-3 scores.

The ever-improving locals travelled to Chinguacousy on Saturday and handed the home team their second loss. Stephen Onoprijenko's hard work was rewarded as he scored two goals. Blaine McCauley and David Bouskill each contributed a goal and two assists, with Doug Sheppard adding a goal and an assist. Single

helpers were earned by Michael Baker, Duane Erler and Tyson Hackett.

At Memorial on Sunday, the North Halton Sports team defeated Oakville in a hard fought physical contest.

Sheppard led the charge with a three goal hat trick. Jamie Stephenson and McCauley fired single goals. Gavin Glaser set up two goals with single assists to Bouskill, McCauley and Brent Wilkinson.

John Walker and Chad Hughes provided solid goaltending for the Major Atoms in the weekend action.

Coaches Chris Milne and Dan Curtis led the North Halton Sports team against first place Stony Creek Tuesday at Memorial, and see their first tournament action in Dundas Thursday through the weekend.

Hoopsters edged 25-23

In the end, the West proved to be too strong for the East, as two Burlington high schools advanced to the Halton Junior Girls' Basketball League finals last week.

The Georgetown District High School Junior Rebels gave it their best shot, but were edged 25-23 last Tuesday by Assumption Secondary School of Burlington.

In the other semi-final match-up, Queen Elizabeth Park of Oakville was dumped 54-37 by M.M. Robinson of Burlington.

The Rebels didn't give up without a fight, though. After trailing 13-8 at the half, they struggled back to the point where they were behind by only one, 17-16 at three-quarter time.

"It was a close game all the way," said Georgetown assistant coach Joyce Finley. "They were a good defensive team. Both teams played very tight zones, so it wasn't much of a running game."

The fact that it was a close defensive struggle may have swung the advantage in Assumption's favor.

"We're basically a run-and-gun team," Finley said. "If it had been a little more of an open game, we might have been able to utilize our fast break better."

Jen Halsall led the scoring for the Rebels with six points, while Kelly Cotton had five, and Stacey Sproule added four.

Sports briefs

Turner nets winner

Chris Turner of the Acton Sabres scored the winning goal Saturday night as the Mid-Ontario Junior C Hockey League Allstars defeated St. Mike's Buzzers 3-1 in an exhibition game hosted by Alliston.

The Junior C Allstars were made up of players from each of the Mid-Ontario entries, and included Sabre centres Turner and Tom Fisher, and netminder Tom Hill.

Hill split the game's goaltending duties with Orangeville's goalie, and played exceptionally well, according to Sabres' general manager Jules Russiani, who attended the game. Although Hill gave up the Allstars' only goal of the game, he couldn't be faulted, as the puck deflected into the net off a player's skate.

The Buzzers are currently in third place in the Metro Junior B League's Fullan Division.

The Allstar game is expected to become an annual event, with teams in the Mid-Ontario loop taking turns hosting it each year.

Free skating

There will be free skating in Acton and Georgetown on Friday, Nov. 20 and Nov. 27, 1987. The Acton Public Skate will be from 2:30 to 3:50 p.m.

This opportunity has been made possible through the generosity of the Acton Rotary Club.

The Georgetown skate is from 1 to 2:20 p.m. at the Memorial Arena. This opportunity is possible through the generosity of the Georgetown Optimist Club.

Take advantage and enjoy the free skate.

The Recreation and Parks Department requires mature skate patrols for all PA Day and holiday skates. If you are interested please complete an application form at any department facility. For more information please call the Recreation and Parks Department at 877-5185 ext. 260.

Bingham leads WMU

Former GDHS Rebel Joanne Bingham hit 348 to lead the Western Michigan University volleyball team to three recent victories.

The WMU Broncos, ranked 16th, raised their record to 17-5 with the wins.

Bingham, a sophomore, had 33 kills and 29 digs as the Broncos recorded wins over Michigan State (Oct. 27); Central Michigan (Oct. 30); and Eastern Michigan (Oct. 31).

WMU is currently in first place in the Mid-American Conference with a 6-0 mark, and have a conference winning streak of 81 matches, dating back to the 1982 season.

Royal skaters

Students from Bishop Reding Secondary School will take part in the Milton Rotary Club Skate-a-thon being held this Saturday at John Tonelli Arena.

The Reding students are scheduled to take to the ice between 11 a.m. and noon.

A total of 60 per cent of the money raised by the students will go towards charitable causes in Milton, while the other 40 per cent will be used to assist athletic programs at Bishop Reding.

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