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Season of 'firsts' ends for Sr. Rebels

A season marked by a number of glowing achievements drew to a close on the weekend as the Georgetown District High School Senior Rebels returned empty-handed from the OFSAA girls' "AA" basketball finals in Chatham.

But while they failed to capture the Ontario title, the Rebels managed to distinguish themselves as being among the top eight teams in the province.

For coach Moe Leeking, there was little that could be construed as "disappointing" during the 1987 season.

"We achieved every goal we set out to do this year," he said. "We were first in the league, we won the Halton title, and we finished with over 20 wins, at 24 and seven. I'm very happy with the year. There were a lot of firsts in senior girls' basketball at the school this year."

The Rebels took victories in their first two match-ups at the 16-team tournament, before being knocked off by the host Chatham MacGregor squad, and eliminated from further competition.

In their opening contest Thursday, Lisa Mason paced Georgetown to a 55-42 win over Ottawa South Carlton, as she scored 24 points.

"It was a game where we had to play a lot of pressure defence," Leeking said. "They had two good shooters, and whenever we left them open, they scored from the outside."

Heather Lawrence helped the Rebels' attack with 13 points, while

Jenny Melville contributed 12, and Tara Burroughs clicked for 10. Shanna Long had a superb game in a supporting role, as she registered about a dozen assists.

Friday afternoon, the Rebels were pitted against Churchill Collegiate of Thunder Bay in a game similar in nature to their Halton championship victory over the Nelson Lady Lords. Georgetown raced out to a substantial lead, but Churchill fought back to make it close, before bowing 48-44.

Melville had an outstanding defensive game for the Rebels, as Leeking used her to keep Churchill's big shooters in check at various times throughout the match.

Mason was again the top gunner for Georgetown as she hit the mark for 22 points, while Burroughs added 12, and Alison Irvine was good for eight.

Georgetown then advanced to face Chatham, the No. 2-seeded team at the tournament, behind Sarnia Collegiate.

A combination of cold Rebel shooting, and a tough Chatham defence led to the Georgetown demise, by a 42-28 score.

"They went out to an 18-6 lead, and from that point on, we traded baskets," Leeking said. "They were a tough team, and we weren't able to get inside their defence like we normally can."

Mason and Melville each had eight points for the Rebels, while Burroughs and Irvine had four apiece.

Young talent aids effort

Gems explode to thump Waxers

By MIKE TURNER
Herald Sports Editor

The Georgetown Gemini held an impromptu Christmas party at the Alcott Arena Friday night and provided their own floor show by beating the Dickens out of the hapless Markham Waxers.

The only "waxing" that was done was definitely by the Gems as they smothered Markham 12-4, to initiate their first legitimate winning streak of the 1987-88 Central Junior B hockey season.

A night earlier, the Gemini were in Etobicoke where they held on to shade the Capitals 6-5 for their first of two wins in a row.

And had it not been for the fact that they ran out of steam in the third period against Streetsville last Tuesday night in Derbystown, the Gems could just as easily be riding a three-game winning streak. But they lost that one 7-6.

Since we last looked in on the Gemini household, there have been some fairly major changes. In Friday night's drubbing of Markham, Georgetown had no less than six players called up for action from the GMHA ranks, and two of them provided the goaltending tandem.

But the plot thickens even more yet. Winger Rick Floto, up until last week the Gems' captain and one of their few remaining veterans of last season, has left the Georgetown fold to ply his hockey talents with the Acton Junior C Sabres.

Premier puckstopper Dan Halliburton, recently hampered by injuries has also left the team and is looking for a hockey home elsewhere.

Couple that with various injuries to key personnel, such as rearguard Adam Bennett, and regular goalie Mark Harrison, and one has to wonder what the Gems were using to dilute their eggnog prior to their engagement with the Waxers.

"We played good, disciplined hockey," said coach Peter Sturgeon following the Friday night performance. "Last night (Thursday), we played well, too, and we had Streetsville on the ropes Tuesday. We're playing hockey hungry. We're working for it."

After the Gems scored their eighth or ninth goal Friday, some of the discipline Sturgeon spoke of went



The Georgetown Gemini romped to a 12-4 victory over the visiting Markham Waxers Saturday night at the Alcott Arena, for their most convincing win of the season. Here, Georgetown goalie John Lanz covers up a

loose puck during one of the few scoring threats the Waxers were able to muster in the game. Mitch Carless of the Waxers skates in locking for the rebound. (Herald photo)

out the window, and it was apparent the frisky Gems were just having a good time.

It was 4-2 for Georgetown after the opening frame, but they extended that lead in a big way with five unanswered goals in the second.

Joe Washkurak led the scoring assault as he pulled the trigger on four Georgetown markers, three in the second period.

Chuck Loreto banged in three goals, while Kevin Dance and Rory Kennedy had a pair each, and Don Cruise added a single.

Mitch Carless replied with two goals for the Waxers, while Brad Beckett and Derek Hamilton had one apiece.

Goalie John Lanz, called up from Georgetown Juniors, had a relatively leisurely evening, since the puck was in the Markham end so much. He made 22 saves, while Curtis Green, called up from the Midgets, stopped three shots when he made a brief appearance in the third when Lanz had to take care of an equipment problem.

Besides the two goalies, Kennedy, Doug Kent, Pat McCarthy, and Terry Dixon were brought up from the Georgetown minor ranks. Overall, Sturgeon was pleased with what he saw in the youngsters.

"Dixon's a smart hockey player," Sturgeon said. "He knows how to hang onto the puck and set up plays. Kennedy did a good job, too. They all played well."

Sturgeon hopes to be able to dip into the Georgetown minor hockey system whenever possible, and develop a good working relationship. "I like to bring the young kids up," he says. "They can help us, and at the same time, it gives them a chance to play a level up."

In their win over Etobicoke, the Gems led 3-2 after the first period, and 5-3 after the second. Jim McCabe, who has been bestowed with the captaincy since Floto's departure, scored a natural hat-trick to pace the Gems' scoring attack. Greg Brazeau had a pair of goals, while Jay Anderson scored the winner in

the third. Lanz picked up the win in net.

Against Streetsville, the Gems duelled the Derbys to a 2-2 tie after the first period, and were ahead 5-3 after the second, before they were worn down.

Georgetown's first five goals came on the powerplay as Brazeau had a pair, and Dance, Loreto, and Travis Cole had singles. Washkurak had the lone tally in the third for the Gemini.

Both Bennett and Harrison are expected to be back in action this week.

The Gemini have two import cards available to them, and Sturgeon says they are on the lookout for players that can help them.

This Friday, the Gems are in Oakville for an 8 p.m. contest with the Blades, and Saturday night they will entertain Milton for a 7:30 p.m. game at the Alcott Arena.

Monday, they are in Richmond Hill for an 8 p.m. game with the Dynes.



Shanna Long of the Georgetown Rebels grapples with a couple of Churchill Collegiate players during action at the OFSAA championships last week in Chatham. The Rebels won the game with Churchill 48-44.

But were knocked out of competition by the host John McGregor Secondary School Panthers. (Photo by Rick Madonik, Chatham Daily News)

St. Francis claims second straight title

The St. Francis of Assisi girls' volleyball team capped off a very successful season recently as they won the Halton Roman Catholic schools' championship title.

This marked the second straight year the St. Francis team has taken top honors in the Halton championships.

A total of six teams were in the running for the title, two representing the northern schools, two representing Burlington schools, and two from Oakville.

In their opening games of the double knockout tournament, St. Francis downed St. Matthews of Oakville 15-10, 15-8. In their next outing, they suffered a 10-15 setback at the hands of Oakville's St. James. They then went on to defeat Holy Cross of Georgetown (15-4); St. Matthews again (15-1); and St.

Mark of Burlington (15-4), to earn a berth in the final against the undefeated St. James team.

Due to their earlier loss to St. James, St. Francis could not afford another defeat, or the title would go to the Oakville school.

However, they rallied to down St. James in two straight games 15-7, 15-9, to claim the championship title.

To add to their season's achievements, St. Francis also won their second consecutive Bishop Redding Invitational Volleyball Tournament title earlier in the year, and reached the semifinals in a provincial tournament hosted by Scarborough earlier.

What makes the St. Francis team's accomplishments all the more impressive is the fact that

their school is one of the smallest in the Halton system, at about 200 students.

Tony Hansen and Nancy Fowler are the coaches of the team at St. Francis and both attribute the squad's success to it being such a close-knit unit.

Of the 15 players on the roster, five are returnees from the previous season. Mr. Hansen brought in three Grade 6 students to fill out the team and give them the experience they will need in upcoming seasons.

The five players graduating from this year's team are Tracy Fowler, Christina Lane, Michelle Doyle, Erin Travers, and Joanne Maloney.

Each made valuable contributions to the success of the team, according to their coaches.

Mr. Hansen describes Michelle as a "phenomenal spiker", and appropriately, she spiked for the final point in the Halton championships.

Christina is a great digger, and shows fine leadership qualities, while Erin stands out for her spirit and enthusiasm, and a great attitude.

Tracy does everything well on the court, according to Mr. Hansen, and he describes her as the heart of the team, while Joanne is an excellent worker at the net. "She was really the difference in the championship game," Mr. Hansen said.

St. Francis finished the season with an overall record of 15-2 in their league games.

Many of the St. Francis alumni go on to play with a local club team which was started up recently.

Sports briefs

Ballroom dancing

Enjoy an evening of fun and social activity with instruction in Ballroom and Latin Dancing. Learn the basics of the cha-cha, waltz, jive, foxtrot, disco, hustle and others from our experienced teacher, Dorri Bland. We have basic lessons for Beginners as well as an Advanced class for the more experienced dancers.

Lessons will be held at the Cedarvale Community Centre on Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 12 and running for 12 weeks. This program is a must for anyone who enjoys "stepping out" on the town. For more information, call 877-5185 ext. 260.

Mayor's levee

Everyone is welcome to attend the Annual New Year's Day Mayor's Levee from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre. If you need transportation to the levee, call 877-7915 at 1:00 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Winter programs

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is now taking registrations for all our Winter Fitness Programs. All programs start the week of Jan. 11 to 16, 1988 and run for 10 weeks. Full descriptions of all the classes can be found in the Fall and Winter Brochure. Register now to avoid disappointment. For more information call 877-5185 ext. 260.

Broomball call

Applications are now available for teams wishing to enter the annual Halton Hills Winterfest Broomball Tournament, being held Saturday, Feb. 6, 1988.

This is a mixed tournament, and teams will vie for the Halton Hills Herald trophy.

Each team is required to pay a \$25 entry fee, and players must sign an injury waiver, contained with the entry form.

Applications for entry into the tournament are available at the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department at 25 James Street in Georgetown, or at the Herald office, 45 Guelph St.

For more information on the tournament, call 877-5185, ext. 262.

Georgetown is hosting bantam final

Georgetown has been selected to host the Ontario Hockey Association Bantam "AA" championship tournament, April 15-17.

Wayne Pries, who will chair the tournament, received word that Georgetown has been confirmed as the site of the all-Ontario championship at an Ontario Minor Hockey Association meeting Sunday.

Teams participating will represent the Northern Ontario, and Metro Toronto Associations, and the OMHA, and the Georgetown M and M Pro Sports Bantams will be competing as the host team.

Last season, Georgetown hosted a successful Juvenile championship series.

It was also disclosed at the meeting Sunday that Orangeville will host the OHA Midget "A" championship tournament, and Burlington will have the honor of hosting the Juvenile "AAA" provincial series, which will give local hockey enthusiasts the opportunity to see some high-calibre championship hockey in the area.



The St. Francis of Assisi girls' volleyball team captured their second straight Halton Roman Catholic Schools championship title recently, as they bettered five other finalist schools. Members of the team are, front row, from left, Michelle Doyle, Christina Lane, Tracy Fowler, and Joanne Maloney. Second row, Tony

Hansen (Coach), Alison Lipp, Melissa Dobbus, Alison Ternoway, and Nancy Fowler (Coach). Third row, Moira McGuinness, Kelly Campbell, Diane Benito, Lisa Fitzpatrick, and Kristi Kanapka. Absent for the picture were Andrea Cameron, Erin Travers, and Karen Funk. (Herald photo)

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