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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**



Brydon Butterworth played a key role in a recent win by his GMHA tyke house league team. The six-year-old skater scored seven goals to help lead the Trio Mart team to a close 9-7 win over the Terra Cotta Cookies.

**Swimathon for Matthew**

A trust fund recently established for injured Acton swimmer Matthew Fleet should receive a booster shot on Monday, Mar. 6.

A swim-a-thon has been scheduled for that date at the Acton Indoor Pool with all proceeds to be directed to the Matthew Fleet trust fund.

Matthew, a 17-year-old Grade 12 student at AHS, was injured in a swimming accident while on vacation in the Dominican Republic with his family about six weeks ago. He is currently recovering from spinal surgery at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto.

The swim-a-thon is open to all individuals or groups and sponsor sheets are available at AHS and the Acton Indoor Pool. Swimmers will be required to swim for a minimum duration of 30 minutes.

The fundraising swim will run on Mar. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and more information is available by calling Lyn Fountain at the Acton Indoor Pool at 853-3140.

**Local runners in torch relay**

Memories of the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympic Games Torch Relay will be rekindled next week as 12 local runners help kick off the 1989 Ontario Winter Games.

As part of the festivities leading up to the opening ceremonies of the 1989 provincial Winter Games in North Bay on Mar. 9, runners from along the route from last year's Winter Games site in Hamilton to this year's site in North Bay will participate in a torch relay similar to the one that crossed Canada with the Olympic flame, last year.

Locally, the torch is scheduled to arrive at Acton High School on Monday, Mar. 6 at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Local runners who will carry the torch on part of its journey in this area are: Daniel Bonnell, Lisa Nikifork, Jason Vidler, Ellen Piehl, Trevor Lewis, Jim Sale, Amanda Bogart, David Thorpe, Jake Mashinter, Brendon Cleary, Bob Donker, Warren Daniell, Doug Daniell and Jennifer Wood.

The 1989 Ontario Winter Games in North Bay will run from Mar. 9 until Mar. 12.

**Senior, junior GDHS girls win Halton crowns**  
**Double gold for volleyball Rebels**

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The dynasty continues.

Just three months after the GDHS junior boys volleyball team captured its fourth straight Halton County title the Rebel senior girls also made it four in a row with a 3-0 sweep of Aldershot Lions in the Halton final on Monday night at Georgetown.

And that's not all.

The GDHS junior girls made it a home-court double gold ceremony on Monday as they outlasted Lord Elgin Lancers in a five-game thriller to capture their first Halton crown in recent memory.

"They have an excellent tradition with a strong feeder system and a good junior program," said Aldershot coach Juri Hrdlicka after the senior final in probably as good a summation of the Rebel spiking dynasty as anyone could offer. "I only saw Georgetown once this year but I know they're always good."

While coach Bevin Clarke's senior Rebs showed Hrdlicka's charges no mercy in rolling to their fourth consecutive Halton gold medal in three straight games (15-8, 15-8 and 15-11), Shirley White's junior squad kept fans on the edge of their seats by winning it the hard way in five nailbiting games.

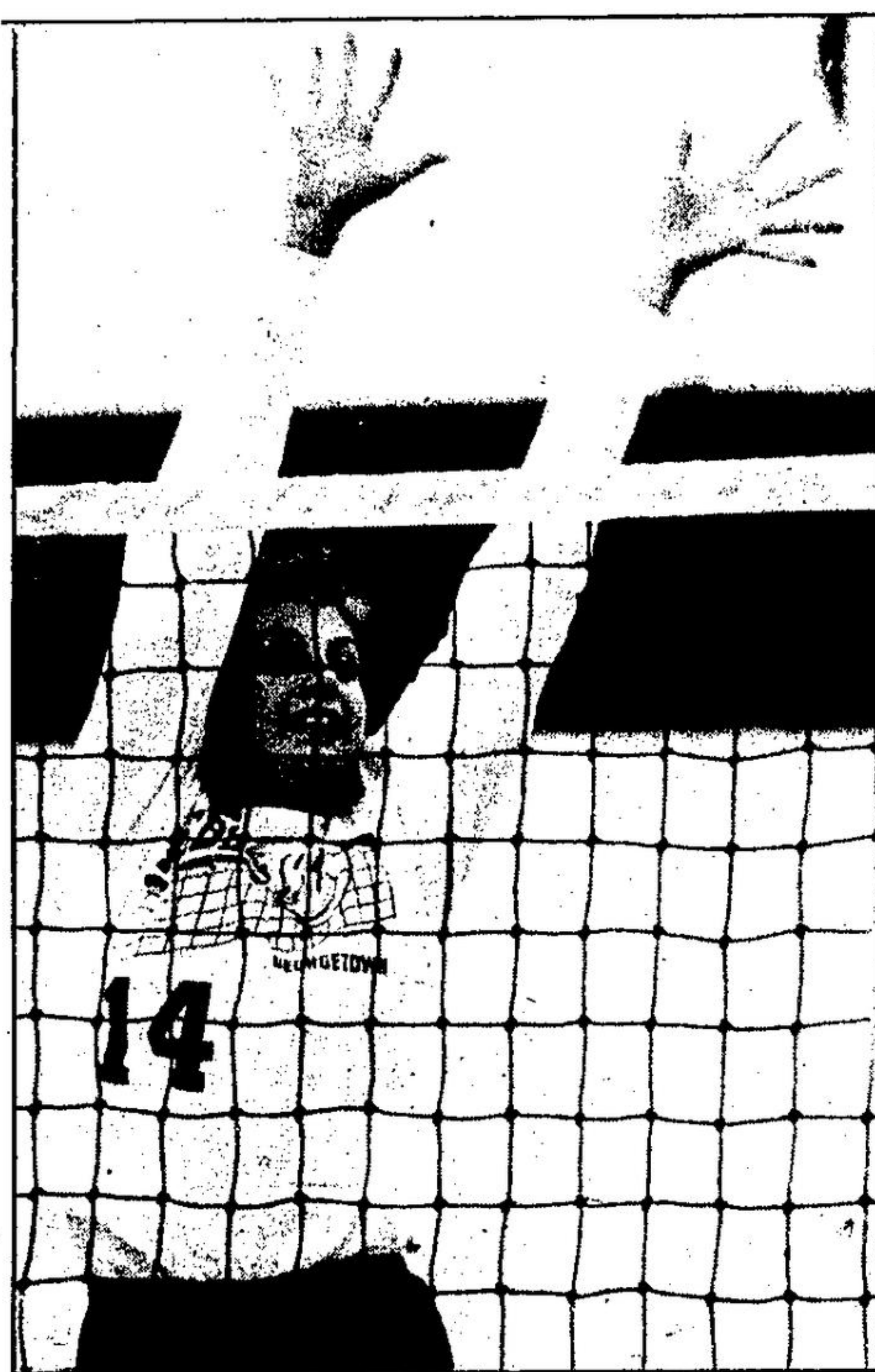
"It feels good, especially since it went five games," said White after the junior Rebs received their gold medals. "The momentum in volleyball can go back and forth but we knew we could win it after the fourth game."

Indeed, the junior Rebs' biggest margin of victory in the five-game set came in game four with a 15-6 win. That followed an opening game loss of 8-15, a game two rebound of 15-8 and a close 10-15 loss in game three.

Georgetown came out flying in the final tilt to build up a 6-0 score with the catalyst being the strong spiking of Holly Sones. Lord Elgin fought back to within one point of Georgetown at 7-6 but the Rebels took control again and were never behind in the entire game as they posted a 15-8 final.

"We knew we had a fight on our hands, but we felt good coming in," said Lord Elgin coach Elli Armstrong. "Our girls really played hard."

Meanwhile, Clarke was



**Reaching for the top**

Holly Sones, shown here going up for a block during Monday's Halton junior girls volleyball title match at GDHS, was a pillar of strength for the Rebels as they outlasted Lord Elgin Lancers (8-15, 15-8, 10-15, 15-6, 15-8) to capture the county crown in an exciting five-game final match. (Herald photo)

delighted that his senior Rebels picked playoff time to develop some consistency in their play. Despite a strong regular season the GDHS squad had been plagued with some occasional bouts of erratic play.

"If we had a problem all year it was inconsistency," said Clarke. "But we started (playing consistently) against Oakville-Trafalgar and we did even better today."

Senior Rebel co-captains Tara Burroughs and Jen Irwin echoed their mentor's comments. "We

had no lapses today," said Burroughs, whose presence at the net was a constant thorn in Aldershot's side throughout the three-game final. "We were very consistent today."

"We were pretty motivated," said Irwin, who agreed that Clarke's contagious cheerleader-style of coaching helped fire up the Halton champs.

But while the junior Rebels can now savor their Halton crown until next season, the senior Rebels are right back in the spiking wars today at the GHAC tournament being hosted by Milton's E.C. Drury Secondary School.

Georgetown will meet Hamilton's Brebeuf in one GHAC preliminary game while Aldershot meets Scott Park in the other. Clarke acknowledged a couple of strong players on the Brebeuf roster but says his squad is better. "If we play our controlled game we know we can win," he said.

Today's GHAC contest between GDHS and Brebeuf gets under way at ECD beginning at 6 p.m.

Meanwhile, White will be working with an entirely new squad next year as her undefeated 1989 junior proteges (10-0) move up the ladder to senior ball in 1989-90. Among that group will be Sones, who still has a year of junior eligibility remaining, and Kelly Cotton and Natalie Goldson, who both shone in Monday's final.


White says she has a standout midget team stepping up next year and with the current juniors moving en masse into the senior section, the chances of a Georgetown Rebel volleyball dynasty continuing in 1990 look very healthy.

Members of the 1989 Halton champion GDHS senior Rebels are: Tara Burroughs, Jen Irwin, Lisa Carter, Julie Ross, Anna Toone, Shanna Long, Carolyn Stewart, Kyla Drever, Sheril Cave, Kelly Grummett, Teri Korzack, Sheri Nairn, Cindy Kallo, Bevin Clarke (coach) and Andreas Schirm (assistant coach).

Members of the 1989 Halton champion GDHS junior Rebels are: Kelly Cotton (co-captain), Holly Sones (co-captain), Trisha Harkey, Heather Bouwman, Kim Mizener, Leah Nord, Natalie Goldson, Deanna Finlayson, Cindy Carter, Linda Hamilton, Shirley White (coach) and John Watson (assistant coach).

**Sturgeon positive despite second early exit**

**Paul's Call**



**Paul Svobeda**  
Herald Sports Editor

The mood outside the Georgetown Raider dressing room was a sombre one.

The Raiders had just been eliminated by the Oakville Blades and head coach Peter Sturgeon was pacing the hallway.

Occasionally, Sturgeon would wander back into the dressing room. He chatted briefly with assistant coaches Jay Anderson and Jim Storr.

But mainly he paced. No doubt wondering about a season that might have been.

Later, standing by the player's

exit, Sturgeon spoke of his disappointment in being sidelined - in four straight games - by the same Oakville Blade club that turned the same trick on the Gemini last season.

He spoke of missed opportunities. He obviously wasn't doing cartwheels over the officiating in the series, but he stood by his game plan. He stood by his offence and a young, but enthusiastic, defence that the Raiders had earlier in the season decided to live or die with.

One by one, Raider players filed out of the dressing room and headed for the team bus. Sturgeon had a word of encouragement for each of them. "Nice game, J.P." "Tough one, Dancer. Good work, Braz."

As the immediacy of the loss began to pass, Sturgeon turned his mind to brighter thoughts.

"Sure, I'm disappointed in the loss, but you've got to look at the

positive aspects of the season," he said. "Hey, I have to."

Sturgeon mentioned a turnaround season. A move up the west division standings from sixth place to fourth. An increase in points from 21 to 44. A cut in goals against from 323 to 214.

He spoke of players, like Travis Cole, wanting to come back to Georgetown from college to play with the revamped Raiders. He talked of individuals developing. Guys like Trent Cull and Rod Pasma who'll likely be high picks in the upcoming OHL midget priority draft.

He thought of graduating players like Don Cruise, Chuck Loreto and Todd King who stand to be rewarded for their hard work by being offered hockey scholarships next season to U.S. schools.

He talked of next season when about 10 members of the '88-89 crew should be returning to Georgetown to provide a solid nucleus for another run.

In the end, Sturgeon was the kind of coach, the kind of person, he's been all season. A realist, a straight-shooter. But a positive one.

Future Raiders can only benefit from that.

**RAIDER RAMBLINGS:**

Goaltender Curtis Green will rejoin the Guelph Platers for likely the remainder of their OHL season once he rests a sore knee. Green got a look by the Platers in a game last month in Niagara Falls and the OHL club was impressed enough to invite him back after the Raiders season was over.

While several OHL clubs have expressed interest in young Raider rearguards Cull and Pasma, it seems Kingston Raiders are most interested in Cull while the Kitchener Rangers covet Pasma.