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### the HERALD ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Dave Thorpe of AHS won the men's singles title at the Halton Open badminton championships on Friday in Georgetown.

The win was a sweet one for Thorpe, who finished second in the Halton Closed finals two weeks ago. He'll compete in the GHAC tournament tomorrow in Hamilton.

## Thorpe's on top

Dave Thorpe of AHS will lead a strong field of Halton Hills high school badminton players into the GHAC finals tomorrow in Hamilton.

Thorpe bounced back from a second place finish at the Halton Closed championships two weeks ago to capture first overall in the men's singles competition at the Halton Open badminton meet at GDHS last Friday.

Mixed doubles partners Bill Tutt and Julie Purvis of Georgetown joined Thorpe on the gold medal podium Friday as they also finished first in their category.

Other local athletes who'll travel to Hamilton for GHAC include mixed doubles partners Meredith Hamp and Owen Jones of GDHS, who finished fourth on Friday and Melanie Jans who took third in ladies' singles.

## Rebel spikers miss gold

The Canadian midget men's club volleyball championship in Newfoundland last weekend had an ironic twist for a couple of Georgetown players, and it's one they would rather have done without.

John Jickling and Peter Gombocz, both members of Oakville's West Side Volleyball Club, were in the lineup as the Ontario champion club side met Scarborough Lunatics in the national final in Gander on Sunday. West Side had defeated Scarborough to win the provincial title but on Sunday it was the Lunatics' turn for revenge.

In a see-saw battle that Canadian volleyball officials called one of the best finals in the past four years, Scarborough outlasted West Side in a 90-minute marathon session, winning the Canadian title 16-14, 10-15, 17-15.

West Side head coach John Burt said the final was, "most entertaining with very strong offense on both teams." He cited Jickling, who played despite an injured ankle, and Gombocz for their strong play throughout the tournament in which West Side entered the semi-finals with a spotless 5-0 record. They defeated a Montreal select side 15-12, 15-3 to earn their final berth.

## Georgetown twirler spins to Ontario title

By PAUL SVOBODA  
Herald Sports Editor

A Georgetown girl has earned a trip to British Columbia after being crowned the top junior baton-twirler in Ontario at the provincial baton championships in Scarborough last weekend.

Deanna Guignard, 13, won a gold medal in the junior women's division of the freestyle event at Level A, the highest elite level of competition, to earn top spot in a group of five finalists who will compete for Ontario at the Canadian baton championships in Vancouver in July.

"Deanna was just outstanding," raved Batons East head coach Darlene King on Monday. Deanna also added a second gold medal to her weekend outing by helping the eight-member Batons East junior twirling team gain top spot in the team competition.

Deanna was not the only Georgetown athlete to shine in Scarborough, however, as Andrea Chisholm and Danay Guignard (Deanna's sister) also put on spectacular shows.

Andrea, 11, won gold in the Level B freestyle competition and thus qualified to attend the Eastern Canadian Championships in May. If the Georgetown twirler places

among the top five in that competition, she'll accompany Deanna west to the Canadian finals.

Danay, 10, was a key member of Batons East provincial title-winning juvenile twirl team and also placed seventh overall in a field of 10 girls. All this in her first year of competition. "Danay's only a beginner and she was just terrific," said King.

Andrea's performance was even more outstanding in that she won first place in all of the three "builder" events at the juvenile competition, a very rare occurrence according to King. Andrea took top position in the solo dance-twirl, solo twirl (a stationary twirling competition) and medley twirl. Her field consisted of 28 other competitors from across Ontario.

Deanna won provincial gold in solo dance and bronze in solo twirl, to add to her overall golds in a competitive field of 26 girls.

"I'm ecstatic, this is just the best provincial championships we've ever had, especially for the kids from Georgetown," said King. Of the five girls who qualified in the junior division for the Canadian championships, four of them hailed from King's Burlington-based Batons East club which holds training sessions regularly in Georgetown.

Meanwhile, if Deanna makes the grade at the Canadian championships she could be just starting to travel. The top four finishers in the Canadian junior finals will wing their way to Switzerland in August for the World Baton Championships. King says Deanna has a good chance at cracking the Canadian lineup and apparently some Ontario twirling officials agree.

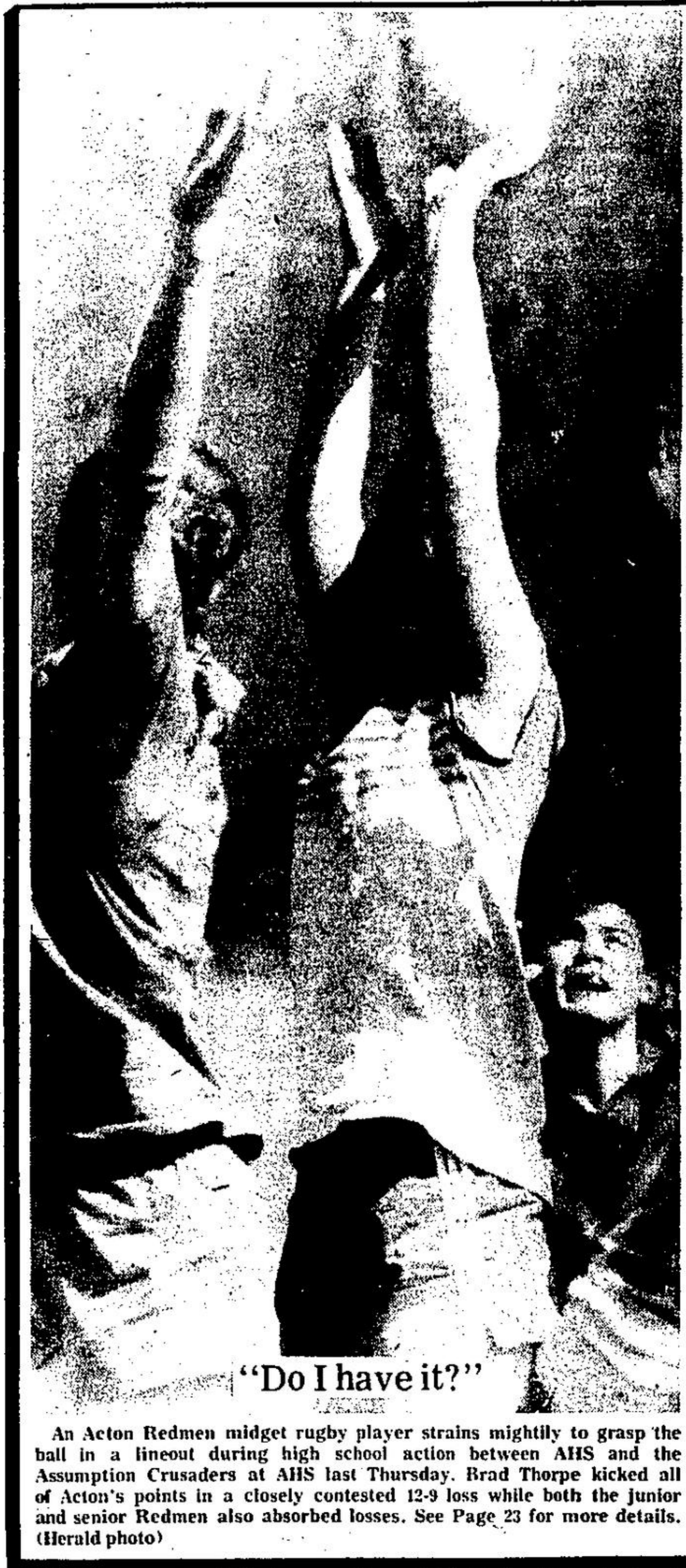
"One of the women on the Ontario Baton Twirling Board asked me if Deanna would be available to go to Switzerland," said King. "She thinks Deanna has an excellent chance to qualify for the Worlds."

There's certainly no pressure on Deanna as she heads to Vancouver. She's the youngest (by one year) of all the competitors in the Under-14 division and has another full year of eligibility in her category.

While King believes Deanna can make the Canadian top five, she says her goal will be to make at least the top seven placings.



Danay Guignard (left), Deanna Guignard (centre) and Andrea Chisholm were winners at the recent Ontario Baton Championships in Scarboro. (Herald photo)



An Acton Redmen midget rugby player strains mightily to grasp the ball in a lineout during high school action between AHS and the Assumption Crusaders at AHS last Thursday. Brad Thorpe kicked all of Acton's points in a closely contested 12-9 loss while both the junior and senior Redmen also absorbed losses. See Page 23 for more details. (Herald photo)

## Do nasty colors really make a team more mean?



### Paul's Call

Paul Svobeda  
Herald Sports Editor

Do dark colors really make an athlete more aggressive? Would the Oakland Raiders (I still refuse to accept their move to Lotustand) be half as intimidating if they wore lime green jerseys?

That time-honored psychological argument, which has been bantered about in bar-rooms since Pavlov's dog first salivated, was the premise behind an interesting article in last week's Sports Illustrated.

The piece suggested that teams wearing predominantly black

uniforms, or suits with a lot of black in them, are perceived as more aggressive and more often than not, play that way.

In football, the Raiders were cited as examples of this theory and in hockey, of course, who else but the big bad Bruins and Philly's Broad Street Bullies.

But the article went on to suggest that teams switching to black more often show the greatest increase in aggressive behavior during the first season of their color change. Both the Pittsburgh Penguins and Los Angeles Kings (R.I.P.) were shown to have jumped considerably in penalty minutes during their first year in black suits.

So how does that theory relate to our own Jr. B Raiders? Let's just say Dave Schultz would be happy.

In 1988-89 after switching from green and gold to red and black, the Raiders had the largest single

increase in penalty minutes per game than any of their Central league west division rivals.

Raiders leapt from a per game average of 20 penalty minutes in 1987-88 to one of 29 this past season. Their closest rival was Burlington, which went up by six minutes per game.

Raiders also went from the least penalized team in the west (a mere 884 minutes) to the fifth highest at 1233, an increase of 349 minutes in two fewer regular season games (42 from 44).

Individually, feisty centre Kevin Dance was the torch-bearer for the new-look Raiders, accumulating 283 minutes in the sin bin while finishing ninth in the division scoring race with 63 points.

But, interestingly enough, the other three teams in the division that wear black - Milton, Streetsville and Mimico - all dropped in total penalty minutes

and minutes per game in 1988-89.

Go figure it.  
**PLATERS MOVING?** From the "just when you thought it was safe to buy season's tickets" department, rumors have the OHL Guelph Platers, with whom the Raiders had a working agreement last season, selling to interests that would move the franchise to St. Catharines, Buffalo or Welland. Stay tuned.

**BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY:** GDHS Rebel rugby coach Bill Bingham said he found it a difficult assignment, but he's advised Trent Cull (arguably the best athlete on the field during Georgetown's midget rugby loss to powerhouse O-T last week) to leave the rugby team and stick to track for the spring season. "With his commitment to hockey we thought it would be best if Trent avoided the chance of getting injured and stayed with track," said Bingham.