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ADAM POYNTZ, of the GDHS Rebels basketball team, attempts to launch a jump shot over the outstretched arm of Const. Craig "Eddie the Eagle" Smith, during play in the exhibition basketball game last Friday between a Halton Regional Police team and a combined GDHS Rebels junior boys and senior girls team. The police squad impressed an appreciative student audience by posting a convincing 48-30 win. (Herald photo by Colin Gibson)

Rebs handcuffed 48-30

Cops are tops

By COLIN GIBSON
 Herald Sports Editor

A seven-member contingent from Halton Regional Police had a confrontation with students from Georgetown District High School last Friday, at GDHS, but it was a clash with mutual consent in an athletic endeavor aimed at establishing better relations between the police and students.

The seven-member police team (five males and two females) challenged a combined GDHS Rebels junior boys and senior girls basketball team in an exhibition basketball game and the cops came out on top by a 48-30 score.

The game at GDHS was the initial effort in a program instituted by Halton Regional Police to introduce police officers to students in Halton-Region in a setting quite different from the all-too-often confrontational scenario.

It is planned that the police team will visit a number of schools in Halton Region in their guise as basketball players.

Before an appreciative and large audience of students at GDHS, the police team displayed athletic and humorous sides that no doubt a number of students didn't know existed. It is a uniformed officer of the police who is smiling at the camera.

Considering the fact that the team had not even had the benefit of one practice together, prior to taking on the Rebels last Friday, it would be safe to say that their athletic capabilities are now also more appreciated by the students at GDHS.

Displaying a fast-break offense combined with a sticky-fingered defence that produced a number of steals, the police team dominated the contest throughout.

The police team opened up a 13-7 first quarter lead and led at halftime 25-11.

The Rebels fared no better during second half play as the police squad opened up a 33-15 three-quarter lead en route to the 48-30 win.

At halftime, the students were entertained by a slam-dunk contest that saw Const. Craig Smith being applauded for his high-flying efforts and being dubbed "Eddie the Eagle" by the appreciative students.

The police team included Constables Craig Smith (Burlington), Bill Henshaw (Milton), Gonz Couce (Georgetown), Kim Duncan (Milton), Susan Ralph (Burlington), Mark Freeman (Milton) and Drew Scott (Burlington).

Named GDHS Head of Phys. Ed.

Jim Hall returns to the fold

By COLIN GIBSON
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Life-long Georgetown resident, Jim Hall, is the new Head of the Physical Education Department at Georgetown District High School, replacing Susan Orchard, who accepted the position of Physical Education Co-ordinator with the Halton Board of Education. Hall's appointment became effective Feb. 5.

To this writer, the powers-that-be couldn't have made a better choice to oversee and ensure the continuation of the athletic tradition of excellence at GDHS.

During my previous stint as Sports Editor of the Herald in the mid-'70s, I got to know Hall from two perspectives.

As a teacher, at Centennial Public School, Hall was in charge of a number of the school's highly successful sports program and his co-operation in getting his students' feats into the public forum via the newspaper was invaluable.

Similarly, the obvious rapport he established with his young athletes - in terms of dedication to excellence and the insistence on good sportsmanship - was reflected in the respect the youngsters bestowed on Hall.

I also knew Hall as an opponent in the long ago defunct Georgetown Industrial Fastball League and his drive and will to win were legendary.

He also had an innate sense of fair play that served to temper his desire to succeed. As witness the high regard his peers had of him, he also served as president of the Georgetown Industrial Fastball League.

Hall, 40 years old, attended Stewarttown Public School and Georgetown District High School.

He attained his Physical Education Specialist at Waterloo University and immediately went into teaching.

Aside from Centennial Public School, Hall has taught at Sam Sherratt Public School in Milton, Brant Hills Public School in Burlington and for 1 1/2 years prior to his appointment as Head of Physical Education at GDHS, taught at White Oaks High School in Oakville.

He is still active in several sports, including Slo-Pitch softball and squash and plans on coaching his two young sons, Chris 9 and Mike 7, this summer with the Glen Williams Minor Softball Association.

Chris and Mike are also active in hockey and soccer, so Hall and his wife Patty are no strangers to the Georgetown sports community.

Hall is perhaps best known in Halton Hills school circles for the excellence of the wrestling program he established at Centennial Public School, and no wonder.

He was on the wrestling team at GDHS and went on to win two Canadian titles while wrestling at Waterloo University. He has also coached wrestling at the international level.

While he has been involved in the coaching ranks of sports too numerous to mention, one highlight was the two years he coached the Sheridan College women's volleyball team.

The team finished second in OCAA competition both years and Hall coached with former GDHS teacher and volleyball coach, Grant Clatworthy, now Vice-Principal at Mackenzie Smith Public School in Acton.

Having long ago established roots in Georgetown, Hall's immediate application of his

the position of Head of Physical Education at GDHS would become vacant.

"I admit to having had some second thoughts," said Hall in an interview, "but it was too good an opportunity to pass up. I was a part of the Rebels athletic tradition and I wanted it to continue. I've always had a tremendous amount of pride in the school, I know the system, am aware of the feeder schools in Halton Hills and the close community relationship that has developed between athletes at GDHS and the community at large. I want it to continue."

The position of Head of Physical Education at GDHS is mainly an administration position and Hall admits it will take time to adjust to his new role. However, he will also teach physical education classes to Grade 10 and Grade 13 students.

Accepting a new position at a new school in the middle of a semester can also pose problems, but Hall feels these problems are surmountable.

"I'm not coming in to change anything," pointed out Hall. "If anything, at first I'll be learning the ropes. Luckily, we have an excellent physical education staff at GDHS and they have been very supportive. If I have an overall philosophy that I would stress, it's that the students come first."

He feels physical education classes and their resultant fitness awareness aspects should be an

important part of a student's time at school.

"Maybe I'm from the old school of thinking," surmised Hall. "But I still agree with the old saying 'A healthy body, a healthy mind.' Athletics can also help build school and community pride."

While students, at present, are only required to attend one compulsory physical education class, over one semester, during their time in high school, Hall believes students deserve the best.

"In the school system," said Hall, "we must have quality physical education programs. By this I mean not just in regular phys. ed. classes, but through extra-curricular, intramural and interscholastic activities."

"By developing a quality school physical education program, which will appeal to students with different levels of athletic ability, fitness awareness and its importance will increase which in turn will lead to more participation in recreation-oriented sports and eventually to a life-long enjoyment of sports."

Hall was lavish in his praise of the athletic achievements already attained by the current coaching staff at GDHS and he feels his input, through the position of Head of Physical Education at GDHS, should only enhance the school's already formidable athletic reputation.

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