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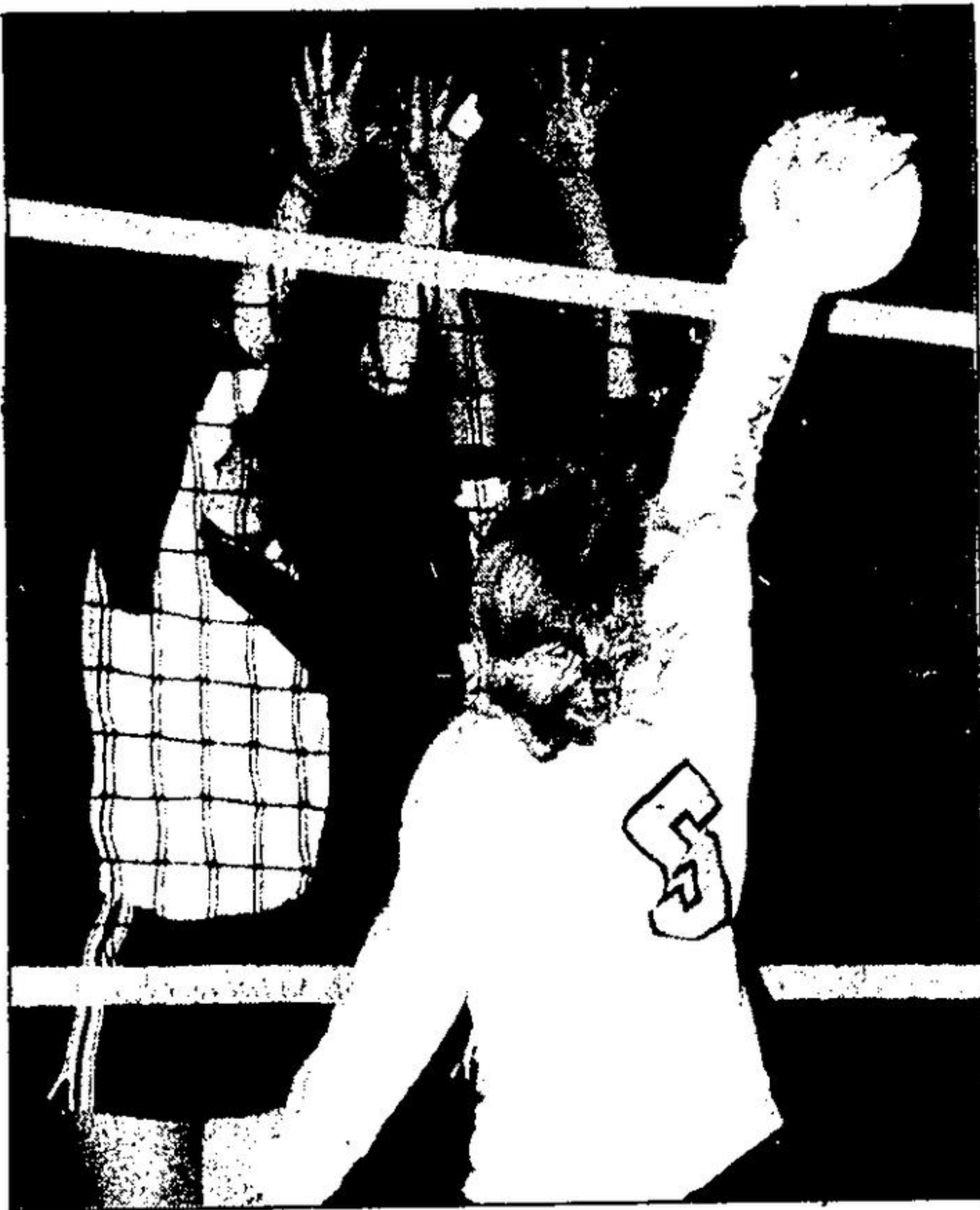
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Rebel volleyball teams host semi-finals



Two Georgetown District High School Rebel senior volleyball players put up a block against an M.M. Robinson attacker during their quarter-final game at GDHS on Tuesday. Both Rebel senior and junior teams won their matches to advance to the semi-finals. (Herald photo)

Injuries may be the only thing that could prevent Georgetown District High School junior and senior volleyball teams from taking the Halton championship.

The junior team, crippled by the absence of six players, was forced to play the full five sets, taking two hours to defeat Nelson in order to advance to the semi-finals.

Though he wouldn't specify which players were hurting, coach John Watson said he was relieved his starting middle setter, Jenn Bottomley, would be returning for Thursday's (yesterday's) game against St. Thomas Aquinas.

"Without her, I had to move some of my players around, going to a 5-1 defence. I lost some power by having to put someone else in the middle."

Watson said having Bottomley back will enable the team to put a more powerful attack up over the net, which wasn't the case in Tuesday's game.

"It wasn't a pretty win. We just played it long and ugly. During the season, 75 per cent of our offence was through the middle. Against Nelson, we just pull the ball up and let them make the mistakes."

Watson said the Nelson team stayed with their starting line-up for the entire match, making no substitutions at all, something he took full advantage of.

"It got really hot in there for the players. Every one of our girls got a lot of court time that day. Basically it was a new line

set of players going in for each game, which helped keep us fresher."

Watson gave his players full credit for their efforts, filling in for some of their starters and not giving up after losing the second and third sets.

"It was a real character builder for them and hopefully it will help us on Thursday. We're hanging in there."

Rebel seniors had an easier time against M.M. Robinson, defeating the visitors in three straight sets, 15-5, 15-10 and 15-6.

Though all the seniors were playing, coach Neil Cotton said three of his starters were "walking wounded" and is hopeful they will continue to heal as the playoffs progress.

"We didn't play one of our better games against Robinson. They weren't putting a lot of power at us, so when that happens, it's tough getting our tempo going."

Similar to the junior game, the seniors were content to keep the ball in play and wait for their open opponents to give Rebels the point.

Seniors played yesterday against Burlington Central, but results were unavailable at press time. The other surviving Richardson Division team, Bishop Reding, is playing Lord Elgin in junior and senior semi-final action. The winners will play the finals at the schools with the best record on Tuesday, which would be Georgetown if their teams advance.

SPORT SHORTS

Judo Silver



Cara Kato

Cara Kato, a Glen Williams resident, won a silver medal in Judo's 52-56 kilogram class at the Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island on Monday.

Kato, 16, is one of three local athletes among 300 Ontario competitors and coaches defending the games' title against 2,200 challengers from other provinces.

The other two athletes are Tracey Bayles of Terra Cotta, competing in women's fencing and Angela Stiles, 12, of Georgetown, in gymnastics.

Acton Sabres

Acton Jr. C Sabres are up 2-0 on Schomberg in their best-of-seven semi-final Mid-Ontario playoff series. Sabres played game three at Schomberg last night (results unavailable at press time) and are facing off in game four at Acton Arena tonight at 8:00 p.m. If necessary, game five will be played Monday in Schomberg.

Bridge Club

Georgetown's Duplicate Bridge Club's top winners this week were 1. Mike Lorusso and Blayne Millock. 2. Cora Fairbridge and Adele Gladicic. 3. Judy Rivers and Earl Ryder.

Baseball sign-up

All children between the ages of 5-17 will be able to sign up for either house league or rep teams, with the first day being March 2 between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Other sign-ups are: March 21 from 7:00-9:00 p.m., March 27 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and April 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Tyke rep team is holding a separate sign-up and tryout on March 4 at Joseph Gibbons School gym. For more information about the tyke team, call Terry Jones at 873-6610 or Murray McClung at 877-7800.

Soccer meeting

The Georgetown Soccer Club is holding its spring annual general meeting on Wednesday at Gordon Alcott Arena to begin its upcoming season. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and all those interested in soccer are welcome to attend.

Baseball president looks toward new year

Jean Aubin, last year's sponsorship chairman of the Georgetown Baseball Association, is looking forward to the start of the 1991 season.

The new year will feature a minor and major peewee rep team as well as a rep T-Ball team. Aubin said registration is also expected to increase.



Jean Aubin

"We've been getting bigger numbers each season, going from about 500 when I started two years ago to over 600 this year. We'll have close to 40 teams with that many signed up."

Aubin said one of the biggest signs of the association's growth was the ability to have their own peewee team, instead of having the younger children combined with bantams and midgets.

"It was very tough for the young ones because that ball was really coming at them when playing against the bigger guys. Competing against people their own age really made a difference."

Aubin said one of his goals is to make sure that trend continues, gathering more players in order to help improve the quality of the association's teams.

"T-Ball is a good example of how well things are going. We had 11 teams in house league, so getting a rep team was the next step. We don't have a junior team this year, but we gained one with the addition of T-Ball and the other peewee team."

Aubin said the other major goal for him this year is to find more volunteers to help coach the teams and umpire the games, as well as gathering sponsors.

"Volunteers are our biggest need. Without them, we can't run the games. It's not a lot of work, requiring coaches to be at about two games a week and maybe one practice if the team is keen for it."

Aubin stressed that umpires are also in short supply and would welcome anyone wishing to help out in that area this year. He said the returning umpires know their business and would be looking forward to helping new people learn the ropes.

"Getting sponsors won't be too difficult. The ones we've had are really great, with about 85 per cent of them coming back again. We're always looking for new people though."

Aubin said registration begins March 2 at the Georgetown District High School from 9:30-11:30 a.m. with other dates to follow. Anyone interested in coaching, umpiring or have other questions are invited to call Donna Blight (registration) at 877-8379 or Dave Beaven (volunteers) at 877-6425.

Local football player honored by province

By ROBERT RISK
 Herald Sports Editor

Frank Bruno, a player in the Georgetown Men's Flag Football League, was chosen as Ontario's Disabled Athlete of the Year by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation last week.

Over six years ago, Bruno had starred in many different college sports when he suffered a head injury in an industrial accident. As a result, he was left able to function at only 70 per cent of his pre-accident capacity.

After rehabilitation, Bruno's determination enabled him to compete at the highest levels in disabled sport, setting national and world records at home and abroad.

Last summer, Bruno competed in the Disabled World Track and Field Championships in Assen, Holland, winning five gold medals and two silvers. He also set a pair of world records in winning the 200 and 400 metre races in the Cerebral Palsy class eight division.

Last weekend at the Windsor Indoor Classic Games for the Physically Disabled, Bruno earned four first place finishes and one second, beating his own Canadian record in the shot put.

"I had set it last year at 10.4 metres and I went to 10.97 in Windsor. I'm hoping to get it up to 12 metres by September and to 14 before Barcelona."

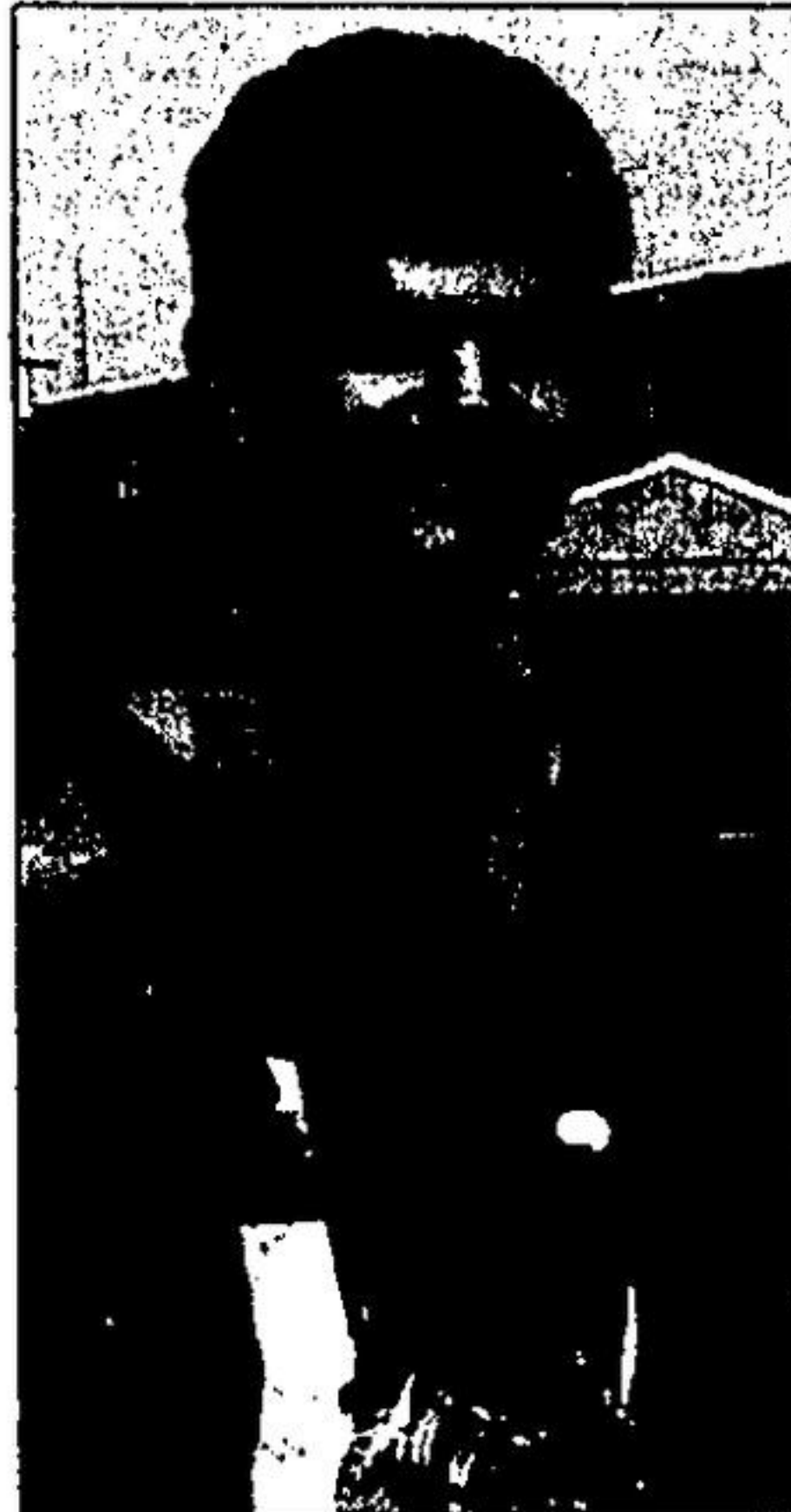
By Barcelona, Bruno was referring to the 1992 Disabled Olympics, which are run two weeks after the traditional Olympics at the same facilities. He said that doing well in those games is very important for him.

"I've set a goal of winning four

golds and four world records. Anything less than that would be a disappointment. I won't be competing in the long jump anymore because it hurts my back for the other events, so that should help me."

Bruno also hopes the recognition he receives from the ministry's award, being presented at Hamilton's Convention Centre on April 12, will enable him to find a sponsor.

"It's expensive travelling around and competing, especially trying to get ready for the Olympics. It would be great to get somebody to help out."



Frank Bruno