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## Rebel wrestling on the rebound

By **ROBERT RISK**  
Herald Sports Editor

The 1990-91 season has marked the return of Rebel wrestling to Georgetown District High School - with a vengeance.

The school has had a 20-year tradition of being a force to be reckoned with across the province. After a three-year absence, GDHS has taken Halton by storm, most recently winning the Halton Junior Championships at Bishop Reding on March 28.

Jim Hall, head of the Physical Education department at GDHS, is in charge of the wrestling program, which has more than equalled the success he expected this year.

"My goal was to win the junior championships, which we did. I was a little concerned because most of the team had never wrestled before. Now, I'm hoping to finish in the top four (in the Halton Championships last Thursday at GDHS) and advance to the GHAC (Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference)."

Hall said he was very happy with the response he received when he started getting the wrestling program going again. A core of 25 students joined up and have stuck with it all the way through.

"They've been great. One of the reasons we've done so well is the commitment they've had, coming out to all the practices and working hard all the time."

Hall also credited assistant coaches Jeff Moon, Tim Dixon and Dave Power for their contributions to the team. All three are former Rebel wrestlers

themselves, with Dixon also having been a Canadian champion.

Hall is also a key part of the team's success this year, having wrestled nationally and internationally. A former Rebel wrestler himself, Hall has also coached the sport in different parts of the United States.

Hall said he has high hopes for

next year's team, since only a few of his athletes will be graduating and many more new ones can be added.

"After things got going this year, I had a lot of guys telling me they were interested, but it was too late for them to join up. It's likely we'll have a very good team next year."

Something else Hall believes will make Georgetown wrestling even stronger is the re-establishment of wrestling in the local elementary schools.

"It gets a lot of the kids more familiarized with the sport earlier, making them even more competitive in high school. We're working on that with Centennial and Stewarttown."



Byron Luff (below) gets a close look at the mat while Ryan Hutchins puts a hold on him during wrestling practice at Georgetown District High School on Wednesday. Rebel wrestling team was

practising for the Halton Championships, held Thursday at GDHS. Results will be in Wednesday's Herald. (Herald photo)

## SPORT SHORTS

### Crushers advance

Orangeville Crushers, - last year's All-Ontario Jr. C champions, are favored to repeat that accomplishment this year after defeating Port Dover Clippers four games to one on Wednesday in Port Dover.

Crushers begin their best of seven semi-final series on the road against Uxbridge Bruins today (Friday) and will play game two at home on Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

### House League

The Georgetown Minor Hockey Association is holding its house league Day of Champions on Saturday at Alcott Arena.

Eight games will be played to decide this year's champions for each division, beginning with Bantams at 8:00 a.m., featuring Curwood Packaging against Georgetown Honda.

Also playing are: Tyke (bronze championships) at 10:00 a.m. - McFarlane Masonry vs. Eagle Landscaping; Peewee at 11:30 a.m. - Georgetown Firefighters vs. Georgetown Rental; Tyke (silver championship) at 1:30 p.m. - Armstrong Insurance vs. Montego Construction; Atom at 3:00 p.m. - Tim Horton Donuts vs. Dave's Service Centre; Tyke (gold championship) at 5:00 p.m. - Terra Cotta Cookies vs. J.V. Clothing; Novice at 6:30 p.m. - Kinsmen Club vs. Barragers Cleaners; Midget/Juvenile at 8:00 p.m. - Don's Sign Service vs. Freestone Construction.

The GMHA is asking all of its players to bring an item of food for the Georgetown Food Bank. The association will also be drawing winners for its Second Annual "Beef It Up" draw. Tickets are \$2 each and will be available all day at the Alcott Arena.

### Coach's Tips

Starting today, The Halton Hills Herald sports section will be running "Coach Donohue's Tips" every Friday as a way of helping local coaches organize and improve their teams further. Jack Donohue was coach of Canada's basketball team from 1972-88 and is a nationally recognized coaching expert.

### Bridge Club

Georgetown's Duplicate Bridge Club's winners at the Legion this week were: 1. Blaine Hillock and Mike Lorusso. 2. Tied (three ways) were Jack Kaarsemaker and Jack Bosman, Diane Johnson and Diane Adams, and Rene March and Karol Tobiasz.

## Local player helps dream come true

By **ROBERT RISK**  
Herald Sports Editor

In different ways, the Timmy Tyke Tournament, held every year at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, helps dreams come true, as it did for at least one Georgetown hockey player last Saturday.

Derrick Elliott, 9, a member of

the Georgetown Beaver Lumber Major Novice team, sold 25 books of tickets (\$1,300) to make sure him and his teammates would qualify to play in the grand old building in downtown Hogtown.

Allan Stuttard, an assistant coach of Elliott's, explained that the top four teams who raise the most money in each age group

(from six to nine in age) get to play an exhibition game.

"Derrick's contribution was the most of anyone who took part. Our team raised \$4,000 altogether, also the most of any team, all of which went to help the (Ontario) Easter Seals Society. Another Georgetown team from a few years ago holds the

most ever raised - about \$9,000."

Derrick's father Rick said his son was very eager to sell the raffle tickets, a trip for two to Florida for one week, as soon as he received them.

"He really wanted to be able to play in Toronto. He's always been good at selling. Last year Derrick finished third selling tickets for the hockey beef draw."

Derrick showed his experience as a ticket seller when it came to choosing where he would locate himself when asking people to buy into the raffle.

"I figured I would do alright at the beer store because a lot of people go there, especially on Thursdays and Fridays. Sometimes we'd go to Zellers too, but it's not as good," said Derrick.

Rick Elliott said they would go out two or three times a week to sell tickets, taking them approximately a month to raise the \$1,300.

Stuttard said the team didn't take part in the tournament last year, making this season the only chance for the team to make the trip to Maple Leaf Gardens since the age limit for participants is nine.

"It was great being able to go. It was a big thrill for me as it was for the kids. We did a good job, finishing \$300 ahead of the second place team," he said, adding that the team made the most of their exhibition game, beating Toronto 9-0.

The other kids benefitting from this dream are the ones the money that is raised goes to - the province's handicapped children.



Georgetown Beaver Lumber Major Novices posed for a group picture with the trophy they won for beating Toronto 9-0 in their game during the Timmy Tyke Tournament, held at Maple Leaf Gardens on Saturday. From left to right, back row, are coaches Allan Stuttard, Jeff Sargent and Bob O'Driscoll.

Middle row, left to right, are Jason Campbell, Brent McClung, Roddy Heluz, Dan Smith, Derrick Elliott, Scott Ellis, Ryan Bobor and Matt Hotham. Front row, left to right are Josh Travers, Jamie Larocque, Trevor Cash, Tyler Pearce, Ryan Carter, Bryan Stuttard and Jason Hayes. (Photo submitted)