

Kings predicted to take home Stanley Cup

With the start of the National Hockey League playoffs, it's once again time for sports writers the world over to make their loopy predictions. (Of course, come June, it will be time for most of us to stop shaking our heads in disbelief.)

Adams Division

Boston opened post season play against Hartford, who spent most of the season trying to catch Buffalo so they wouldn't have to play the Bruins in the first round. Hartford won't be advancing. Who have they got? They traded their best player, Ron Francis and got almost nothing in return. Boston outscored all this divisional opponents and were second only to Montreal in goals against. Hartford were just ahead of

Quebec in scoring and goals against.

The Buffalo television sportscasters are blatant in their support of the Sabres and always predict, "they're going to do better this year." Hah! I respect their biased opinions so little that I always predict the opposite and usually am right.

A lot of people are picking Boston to go all the way, but I'm going out on a bit of a limb and say Habs will take this division in six or seven games.

Patrick Division

Pittsburgh is definitely going all the way to win this division. After never finishing first in team history, Penguins have the players and the desire to come out on top.



Risky Business
by
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Rangers are still in a season ending slump, which will continue through the playoffs. New Jersey and Washington have always grinded their way through this division and will again be too pooped to put up much of a fight.

Norris Division

Without the Leafs in there to go wild like they usually do when they qualify for post season play and eliminate the first place team, a semi-final showdown between St. Louis and Chicago is inevitable.

Blues have Brett Hull and Adam Oates, but once you get past that line, you don't have much. Chicago is going to put up a hell of a fight for the Campbell Conference title with a formidable line-up of scorers, but more importantly, the best goals against numbers in the league.

Smythe Division

I was lucky enough to live in Edmonton during the height of Oilers power and just remember-

ing the announcer saying, "Gretzky to Kurri, to Messier, back to Coffey at the point ..." you just knew there was chaos in the other team's end.

However, those days are gone, with Gretzky leading a new crop of hungry hockey players. Being an Oiler fan, I'm dedicated to the perpetual downfall of Calgary Flames, so I'm predicting an Oilers-Kings showdown, with L.A. having the edge.

Once past the Smythe Division, Kings should be able to handle Chicago. Montreal is likely to be Canada's last hope of keeping the Stanley Cup north of the border, but I believe Kings are likely to have the bigger thirst for the 1991 vintage champagne.

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Georgetown Rebels continue to succeed

Georgetown District High School Rebels wrestling and badminton teams continued their successful seasons last week by qualifying several players for further playoff competition.

At the Halton wrestling championships, held Thursday at GDHS, Rebels finished third overall with 59 points, being E.C. Drury (118 points) and White Oaks (115) out of the 12 team competition.

The top four finishers in each weight division qualified for the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference championships, being held tomorrow (Thursday) in Hamilton, to which Georgetown managed to send 10 competitors.

The following athletes will be representing GDHS and will all be seeking to finish first or second in order to advance to the Ontario finals later this month: Bruce Ryan (first in 97 lbs. class), Steve Scarlett (first in 169 lbs.), Aaron Gooding (second in 169 lbs.), Kevin Spear (third in 97 lbs.), Steve Brown (third in 141 lbs.), Stew Teetzel (third in 149 lbs.), Trevor Brent (third in 185 lbs.), Jason Denny (third in 84 lbs.), Ian Cox (104 lbs.), Colin Day (134 lbs.) and Mike Lange (141 lbs.) placed fifth but were

also allowed to advance to Hamilton.

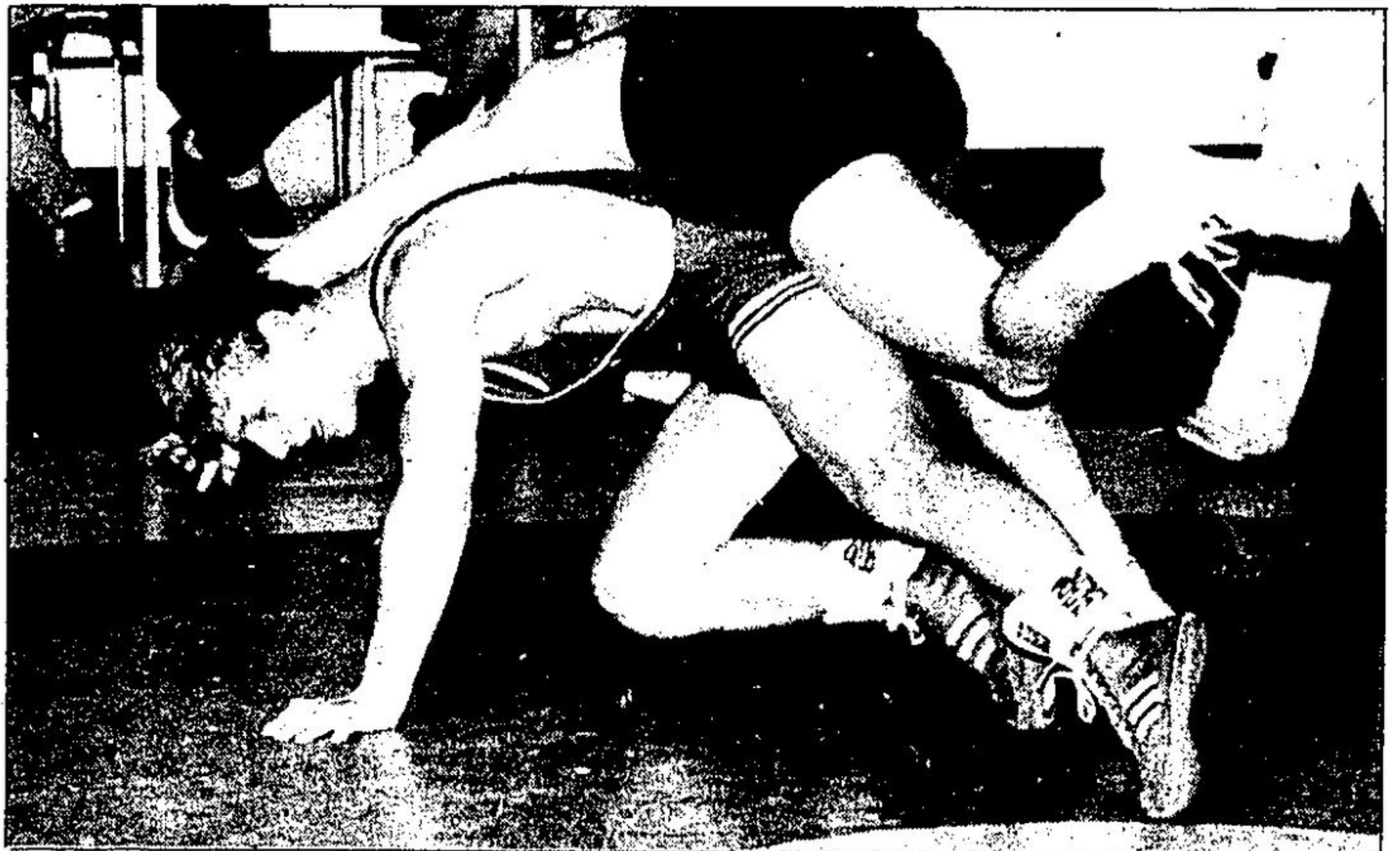
In the Halton Richardson division closed tournament, held at Notre Dame on Friday, Rebels qualified 10 players for the Halton championships to be held Friday at Loyola.

In ladies doubles, Julie Purvis and Hilary Wiese placed first, while Jenn Ryan and Allison Purvis placed fourth, qualifying both teams for the Halton finals.

Mike Bosman and Chris Cambouris placed first in men's doubles to allow them to advance, while Mason Lavs and Owen Jones placed sixth. Sherri Nairn and Ryan Robinson placed fourth in mixed doubles, while Loel Morgan and Alistair Kermack placed fifth.

In women's singles, Kelly Cotton placed third, followed by Holly Sones in fifth. Rob Ross took the men's singles title, while teammate Jim Brown placed seventh.

Georgetown has dominated the badminton standings over the last few years, having lost overall Halton title to E.C. Drury by just one point last year. The previous two years, Rebels had laid claim to the title and are looking to regain it this season.



Rebels' Mike Large gives Assumption's Chris Brownlee a quick ride during their wrestling match competition in Hamilton this Thursday. (Herald photo)

Georgetown athletes honored by province

Fifteen Georgetown athletes are among over 1,000 people being honored by Ontario's Ministry of Tourism and Recreation for their excellence in amateur sport in 1990.

The winners of the Ontario Sports Awards program will be officially recognized at a ceremony being held this Friday at the Hamilton Convention Centre by Peter North, Minister of Tourism and Recreation for Ontario, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Local winners include Ken Nicholls and Mike Corman for their efforts in archery this past year. Nicholls won the traditional equipment category at the Canadian Archery championships, held in Caledon last July, while Corman won the professional category at the same competition.

Liz Gillham, Debbie Hole, Helen Humphries and Marily Stephens are being recognized for becoming the Canadian five-pin bowling champions. The same group was recently honored

by the Town of Halton Hills for those achievements as well.

Other Georgetown recipients of the ministry's awards include Chrissy Power, Dee Ann Sequillon, Cynthia Denouden, Tracy Doiron, Deanne Guignard, Tim King and Gwen Martin for baton twirling and David Sands and Randy Bond for excellence in volleyball.

Frank Bruno of Downsview, a member of the Georgetown Men's Flag Football League and a former resident, won the Doctor Robert Jackson Award as the Disabled Athlete of the Year. Bruno picked up five gold medals and set two world records at the World Championships and Games held in Assen, the Netherlands in 1990.

Created in 1965, the Ontario Sports Awards Program honors excellence in fitness and amateur sport and is sponsored by the Premier of Ontario and administered by the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation.

House league hockey champs

Georgetown Minor Hockey Association house league's Day of Champions on Saturday at Alcott Arena concluded the 1990-91 season for the organization, resulting in a new crop of winners.

Curwood Packaging captured the Bantam division crown with a 5-2 win over Georgetown Honda at the beginning of the day, followed by the Bronze Tyke bronze championship, won 10-1 by Eagle Landscaping over McFarlane Masonry.

Peewee champions for this season were Georgetown Rental, which doubled Georgetown Firefighters 6-3. Montego Construction took the Tyke silver trophy, beating Armstrong Insurance 8-5.

Dave's Service Centre edged out Tim Horton's 4-3, for the Atom division title, followed by Terra Cotta Cookies, which won the Tyke gold championship by overcoming J.V. Clothing 7-3. Barrager's Cleaners claimed the Novice trophy with a 4-2 win over Kinsmen and Freestone Construction beat Don's Sign Service 5-4 for the Midget/Juvenile championship.



Valuable baseball

John Williams, a Georgetown resident who collects and sells mainly sports cards, holds up one of his prized possessions, a baseball autographed by former New York Yankee manager Billy Martin and player Ricky Henderson. Williams was one of the people operating a booth at the Sport Card and Collectable Show in Georgetown on Sunday, which was organized by another local resident, Ray Eckert. (Herald photo)