

1991: A great year in sports in Halton Hills

By STEVEN LeBLANC
The Herald

As a newcomer to the Halton Hills area only a few short months ago, I must say I've been very impressed with the quality of, and dedication to sports in this community - a community small in size but big on sports.

For the brief time I have been in charge of sports at the paper, I have quickly come to realize the vast talent that exists amongst athletes, both young and old, in Halton Hills. 1991 was a year that showed Halton Region and the entire province that athletes in this community can compete with the best Ontario has to offer.

In November, Georgetown's Centennial Middle School took the volleyball scene by storm, with both the female and male volleyball teams capturing the Provincial Cup in Barrie. This was the first time in

provincial competition that a school took both titles.

Coming off this impressive high, the male and female Centennial Chargers went on to add some more hardware to their winnings, both capturing the North-Halton Championships and two weeks later, both claiming the Halton titles against Burlington's Rolling Meadows.

Turning to high school volleyball, the Georgetown District High School Rebels, both junior and senior, had outstanding seasons of their own. The junior squad took an undefeated regular season into the playoffs where they won the Halton finals while the seniors lost only one regular season match up and were beaten in the finals.

Other big GDHS sports news included the senior girl's field hockey team making it to the semi-finals in regional competition and the junior girl's cross-country team, led by

Kristy and Jodie Johnson, captured the Halton title.

1991 was the year the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders Junior B hockey club breath new life into Halton Hills hockey fans and the entire Junior B west division.

After a terrible 1990-91 season, Raider President Finn Poulstrup went hunting for new talent. He acquired long time local coach Charlie Hanman to lead the team and the two added a number of new players to the roster, including a great goaltending combination in Ben Henrich and Carmelo Guirleo.

The Raiders were honored with Organization of the Century by the Ontario Hockey Association during their home opener and also signed an affiliation Guelph Strom - a new Junior A hockey club in the O.H.L.

The Raiders, who were stationed near the basement of the Junior B west division most of last season, now hold a strong record of 14 wins, 9 losses, and four ties and are in third place.

Georgetown triathlete Linda Kirk also made news in 1991, playing a major role in Canada capturing the gold in the World Triathlon Championships in Australia.

Other high lights of the year including youth tennis star Victor Capota representing Ontario in national tennis competition, GDHS student John Jicking being named one of the top 10 athletes for Southern Ontario in the Toronto Star, and Trevor Elinesky competing in both Junior B hockey (member of the Raiders) and high school football. During one football

game, he scored an outstanding four touchdowns and ran for over 200 yards.

1991 also saw a new Georgetown Baseball Association president in Donna Blight, the first female president in league history. It also saw the start of monthly sports cards and comic shows at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena for local card collectors.

At this time, I think it's appropriate to also recognize all the coaches, trainers, referees, coordinators and parents in Halton Hills, all of whom play a vital role in this sports community and without whom, the high level of competition in all sports here would not exist.

1991 has been a great year for sports in Halton Hills and I'm glad to have been part of it and look forward to an exciting and productive 1992 sports year.

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Legion Peewees win series with Brampton

As the end of the regular season draws nearer, the Halton Minor Peewees gear up for the playoffs. The 'storm' team blew Brampton rivals away in Saturday's game at Alcott Arena. Strong netminding by Jason Turvill kept the scoreboard clean for the first period as the Hurricanes warmed up for their second and third period attacks. Jeff Seeds lead the squad with two goals while Adam Bertoli and Mike Roy netted singles as the team shutout Brampton 4-0.

The next night, the Hurricanes were hosted by the Brampton team. After another scoreless first period, Brampton was first to get on the board. The Halton visitors managed to tie the score shortly after. In less than a minute, however, broke the tie.

Eager to prove themselves superior, Halton's Bryan Long tied the game. Ryan Billingham played a great game in net, enabling the Halton players to gain the draw and win the weekend series against Brampton.

Curling news

By ELLEN BURNS
Herald Special

I can't believe the first draw of this season is over already. The two ladies' sections are finished until the new year. I understand there is some "die hard" curling on the 23rd. I hope they have all their Christmas shopping done.

The top team of the Wednesday night Social was skipped by Betty Cox. Vicing was Judy Larocque, second was Cindy Crowell, and lead was Madge Whitfield.

In second place was Gini Bourner, Sandy Peer, Donna Purcell and Grace Rylett.

In third place was Jacky Foskett, Theresa Smith, Judy Robson and Jennifer Thompson. Thanks to Jacky for a great draw, who now has her wrist in a cast, so will be on the side-lines for a few weeks.

Winners of the Tuesday morning ladies were: Alice Frazer, Theresa Smith, Linda Robertson and Shannon Buy. In second place was Mary Wands' team of Mae Cartwright and Joy Noble. Lucky draw winners were Ev McLaren and Ellen Burns.



Relaxing with a skate

While others were knee deep in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, Bruce Dearmude and his son John decided to relax with an afternoon skate and Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. Public skating at the arena is every Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 2:20 p.m. (Herald Photo by Steven LeBlanc)

Acton Sabres drop two late period decisions

Hopes for the Acton Sabres moving up in the Mid Ontario Junior C hockey standings were put on hold last weekend when the Sabres lost two home games, dropping a 8-7 overtime decision to Schomberg Dec. 20 and losing 7-6 the following night against Fergus Dec. 21.

Schomberg jumped ahead to 3-0 lead early Friday evening before Acton's Adam Hilts put the Sabres on the scoreboard at 16:51 of the second. Schomberg scored three more quick goals and then Sabre Steve Henderson followed up with a goal while Hilts rounded out scoring in the second period with two more goals, giving him the natural hat-trick.

Schomberg were able to net two goals in the final period but Acton fought back with three goals to tie

the score and force overtime action. Acton goals in the third were scored by Jay Jasper, Paul Cummings, and Travis Riggan. Hilts assisted on two of these goals giving him a five point evening.

It took Schomberg just over six minutes to dump in the winning goal and end the game.

The next evening, Acton got off to another frustrating start, dropping five goals before they were able to hit the scoreboard. After two period, the score was 6-4 Fergus. Acton goals were scored by Mike Sutherland, Travis Riggan, John Van Dam, and Jason Lucas.

Acton was able to tie the score with two goals in the third by Hilts and Henderson but at 10:50, Fergus ended the Sabres' chances of salvaging weekend play with the winning goal.

Major Novices earn big win in Hamilton

By Beverly Biggs
Herald Special

The major novices have been struggling all season for a big win - last weekend it happened. Saturday's game against Milton was a warm up for Georgetown's win against Hamilton.

Saturday, at the end of the first period, Georgetown led 2-1 with scores by Peter Veltman and Billy Jackman, assisted by Riley McAnemy and Justin Normore respectively. The third period saw the game tied up at 3. Georgetown's goal came from Matt Walinga.

In the third period, Milton got a 5-3 lead until there were two minutes remaining. Peter Veltman got the last goal for his team and Georgetown lost 5-4.

On Sunday night, Georgetown

beat Hamilton 3-1. This game was somewhat of a grudge match because the last game against the team ended with a Hamilton coach and parent thrown out of the arena, many frustrated parents and a draw.

Georgetown scored first with a tally by Greg Bidwell, assisted by Simon Saulnier. Saulnier scored an unassisted second goal. At the end of one the score was 2-0 Georgetown.

Hamilton scored after a scrimmage in front of Georgetown's net late in the second. The pressure was on for the novices and Greg Bidwell responded with the third goal for Georgetown.

Both goalies, Simon Deely and Stephan Paulin, were chosen as the stars of the game - each stopping some 23 shots on net.