

Jans helps Canada to sixth at World Squash Championships

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Georgetown teen Melanie Jans and the Canadian Women's Squash team did themselves and their country proud earlier this month at the Women's World Squash Championships in Vancouver, October 5 to 18.

Nineteen-year-old Melanie qualified to compete at the world's best in May when she took a third place finish at the National Women's Squash Championships in Edmonton, Alberta. Hundreds of participants representing 18 countries across the globe battled for top honors at this month's international event.

In singles' competition during the first week, Melanie (who was ranked third on the Canadian team) went up against South Africa's Claire Nitch, who was ranked 17th in the world, in the opening round.

Melanie put in a great performance but lost to Claire in three games.

"This was my first experience at the worlds and I was really nervous the first day," said Melanie, a first-year physical education student at the University of Toronto, "After my first match I felt a lot better."

In consolation action, Melanie went on to defeat Sabine Baum of Germany three games to two. Sabine was ranked third in

Germany (a strong country in the squash scene) and this was a tremendous win for Melanie.

The following week in team competition, each country put their top three competitors up against the world's best.

While Melanie was defeated in five games by Sabine Baum, her teammates won their matches and brought home a 6th place finish for



MELANIE JANS

Canada.

"When we had begun training, we had set a goal of finishing in the top eight. The competition was terrific and this was a great showing for Canada," explained Melanie.

Team standings at the worlds were as follows: 1. Australia, 2. New Zealand, 3. England, 4. Holland, 5. South Africa, 6. Canada.

Also highlighting Canada's showings at the worlds was Ottawa's Heather Wallace, who took an incredible 6th place finish.

"This competition was so helpful for our team members," said Melanie, "We're so happy to be getting more opportunities to play against other countries."

Canada's head coach is Ian Payton, who will be working towards maintaining a competitive national squad for the 1994 World Championships, which will be held in Australia.

Melanie trains in Toronto and is part of the school squash team at U of T. She plans to play as much squash as she can and work her way back to the worlds in two years' time. The worlds are held every second year.

Melanie has worked her way up the ranks of international competition in just a few short years and her skill and love for the sport of squash should help her keep climbing the ladder of success.

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Power skating

The Acton Figure Skating Club is sponsoring a Power Skating Program at the Acton Community Centre on Friday mornings for the 1992-93 season.

The classes will take place on Friday mornings with 12 and over taking to the ice at 6:30 a.m. while 11 and under skate at 7:30 a.m.

The program will run for eight weeks with Tracy Wilson of the Milton figure Skating Club working as the instructor.

For further information contact Marilyn Miller at 853-3354 or Leah Sheehan at 853-3226.

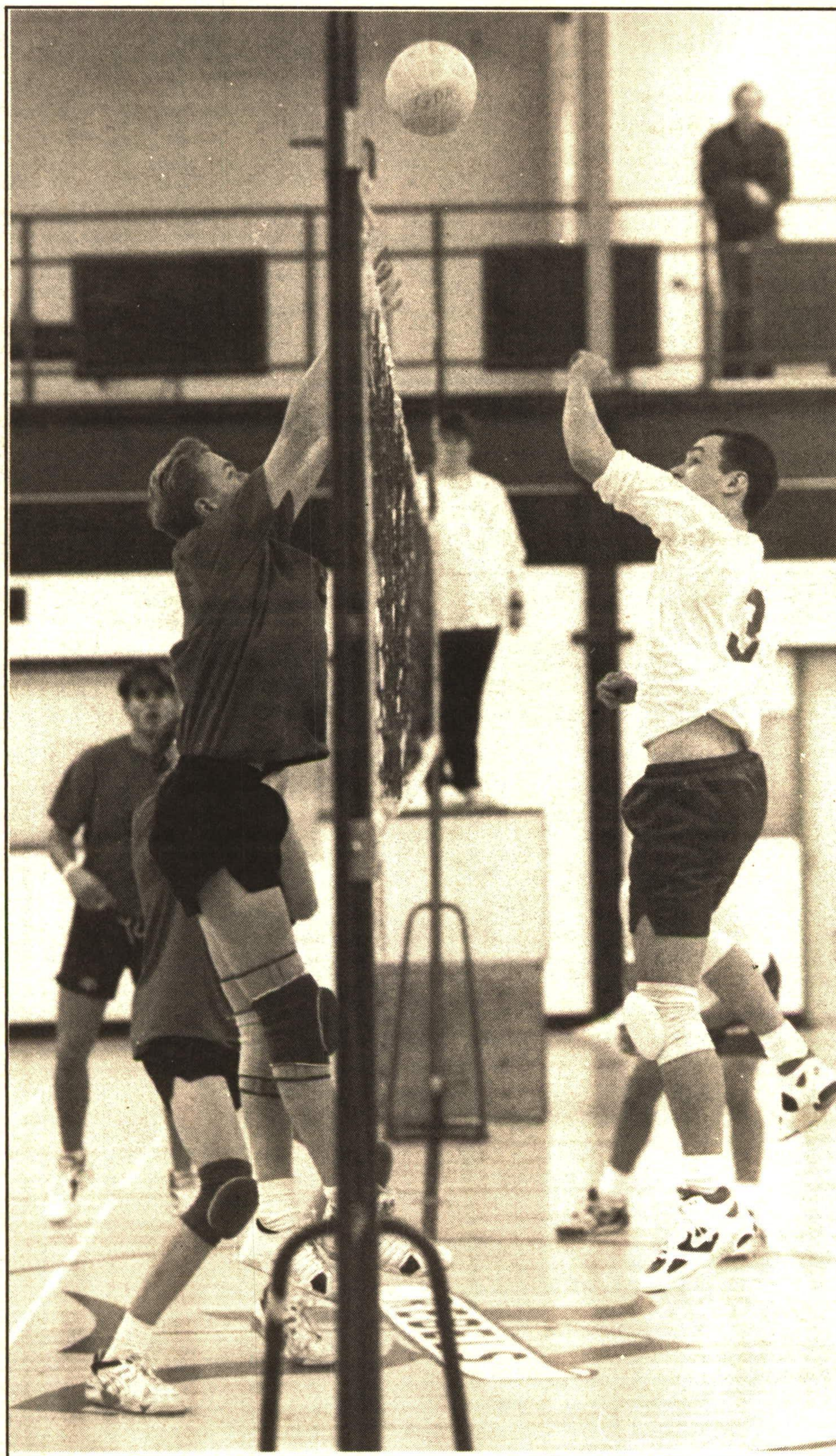
Municipal Awards

On Wednesday, February 10, 1993, The Town of Halton Hills plans to recognize individuals, groups or teams who have brought recognition to our community in 1992 and/or who have achieved provincial fame or better in an activity unrelated to their means of livelihood. If you are aware of anyone who has excelled in the above area, please assist The Town of Halton Hills, by nominating them before Friday, December 4, 1992. Nomination forms are available at the Recreation and Parks Department Office, 1 Halton Hills Drive, Georgetown, and at the Acton Indoor Pool, 69 Acton Blvd., Acton. For more information call 873-2600, ext. 267.

Open house

Promar Karate will be holding an open house on Nov. 7 in Georgetown at Cedarvale Gym. The action gets underway at 1 p.m. and continues until 5. The public is invited to watch several karate demonstrations; there will also be free self-defence seminars for women and children.

For a schedule of the free seminars call 519-928-5624.



Net games

Georgetown senior volleyballer Ryan Brain blocks a spike attempt from the Nelson Lords during Halton High School action last week. The Rebels emerged with a 15-6 and 15-12 victory.

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Ski club taking to the road again

For the fifth year, a group of enthusiastic skiers from Oakville, Milton, Halton Hills, Erin/Hillsburgh and Guelph invite you to join their touring alpine ski club.

Their schedule takes them to a variety of Collingwood area ski clubs on Thursdays during January and February 1993. They will be chauffeured in style aboard a Denny's Bus Lines highway coach to Blue Mountain, Alpine, Osler Bluff, Craigeleith, Georgian

Peaks and Devil's Glen.

The advantages of mid-week skiing are being able to avoid line ups, enjoying preferred lift ticket rates and skiing uncrowded areas including many of the private clubs.

Departures from Oakville, Georgetown and Erin/Hillsburgh.

For information please call Hazel Hancock at (416) 827-3927 or Sydney Young at (416) 873-2592.

First win for Royal York Raiders fall to Rangers

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders had hoped to end their Central Ontario Junior A losing skid in Royal York on Wednesday evening against the winless Rangers, but somebody forgot to tell the home side.

The winless Rangers rallied from a 3-0 first period deficit to claim their first win in 12 outings this year, disposing of the Raiders 6-4. The Raiders won their first three games of the season but haven't been able to claim a point in their last eight games.

Coach Charlie Hanman was not pleased with the results of the contest. "We were up 3-0 and a little Royal York set in," stated Hanman. "Some of the guys decided to take the night off."

And Hanman wasn't making excuses for his team. "I could give a bunch of excuses," added the coach, "but we got beat by the worst team in the league."

The Raiders scored early and often in the contest, getting goals from Justin Humeniuk, Trevor Brandt and Randy Bond before the game was ten minutes old. Steve Weishar earned two assists in the period.

Royal York made a goaltending change at that point and it seemed to fire up the Rangers. They got one back before the first ended and pulled to within one in the second, tying the contest on the powerplay with 12 minutes remaining.

In the final four minutes the Rangers counted three goals while Jim English countered from netminder Jason Sirota and Britton Taylor for the Raiders.

"We could have been up 8-0 in the first and we let them come back," said Hanman. "We have to hope we claw out way back to .500. We're not broken yet—just badly bent."

Hurricanes claim three victories

The Halton JDP Computer Minor Bantam Hurricanes have three wins and a loss after recent league play. They outthrusted Oakville Rangers 5-2 on Thursday before splitting a weekend pair with Chinguacousy Blues.

In the Oakville game Justin Davis put Halton on the scoresheet with passes from Robert Haringa and Peter Mashinter. Mashinter got a goal moments later with an assist from Darin Finlayson. Oakville made it 2-1 before Tom Baynton banged in a shot off a goal mouth scramble with Steve Roy and Matt Rimmer assisting. In the third period Davis slapped in a long shot from Stuart Colvin to make it 4-2. A great face off goal by Roy with help from Rimmer wrapped up the scoring in a very chippy game.

The weekend games were again penalty filled and some alternate players were brought up to replace injured centre Matt Rimmer and goalie Jeff Langille. Jim Leeworthy, goal, and Darryl VanLoosen both from Milton, will fill in where necessary.

Ching won Saturday's game 3-0 as the Hurricanes were continually frustrated by their hot goalie. Next day's rematch saw Halton spot Ching another 3-0 lead before storming back to a 5-4 win. Peter Mashinter hanged in a rebound at 5:09 of the second period to ignite the comeback with assists from Roy and Baynton. Moments later Mashinter, ever the opportunist, flipped in his second with help again from Baynton and Haringa.

The third period began with Ching swarming the Halton goal to take a 4-2 lead. Three power play goals won the game for Halton as VanLoosen popped in a goal from Matt Vervoorn and Davis. A minute later Roy hammered in the tying marker with help from Finlayson and Mashinter. The winner was a rebound pumped in by Davis on shots from Baynton and Mashinter.