

Halton Hills evaluating accessibility of indoor pools

By TED BROWN
Staff Writer

Are the local indoor pools accessible for handicapped?

That's the question Sean Fergus has been asking, since he accepted a contract position with Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department last September.

Sean is part of a pilot program which is co-funded by both the town and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism to study the current aquatic programs offered by the town, and see if they can better include the disabled.

"I've been looking at all aspects of the Georgetown indoor pool, including the parking lots, handicapped doors and level wheelchair access," says Sean, "The facilities

are quite adequate in my mind, to accommodate handicapped people using them."

To properly assess the pool facilities, Sean contacted various agencies around Halton Hills to gain an insight into the needs. Among the groups he talked to included the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped, (NHADH) the Erin Oaks Rehabilitation Centre in Mississauga and the Easter Seals Association.

"The project was undertaken to develop equal participation and support a healthy lifestyle for handicapped persons,"



SEAN FERGUS

says Joanne Bodner, town aquatics supervisor. "The summer camps offered by the town have always been totally integrated, as well as the aquatic programs, but we've never really advertised it."

Bodner hopes to address the special needs of handicapped when it comes time to train staff for programs, and build an awareness among her staff.

"What we're looking for now is feedback," says Bodner, "Sean has gone through the first half of his contract assessing the facilities, and now he needs to hear from the public out there. Perhaps there is something we've overlooked; a problem we never

noticed, and we want to hear from users who have input."

In addition to needing input, Bodner says the town could use more volunteers to help handicapped persons into the dressing rooms or to the pool.

In addition to assessing the pools, Sean has been working of revising the training manual for staff members to give them a better awareness of the needs of handicapped. With the revisions, staff members learn the proper technique to lift handicapped, and improve public relations.

The Recreation and Parks Department wants to hear from any users who have comments of complaints about the existing facilities. Sean Fergus can be contacted by calling the Rec Department at 873-2600.

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Egg Nog Jog

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the Georgetown Runners are calling on all runners to register for the Tenth Annual Egg Nog Jog held at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area 10:30 a.m., Sunday, December 13.

"This is a 10.8 km run for fun with all proceeds from the event going to the United Way," says CVCA community relations spokesperson Robert Peace. "It has become a real tradition drawing runners from throughout southern Ontario."

Organizers are hoping for record attendance this year to help celebrate the tenth year of the event. New facilities have been constructed this year to accommodate more runners.

Registration the day of the race begins at 8:30 a.m. and will be \$15. For those able to pre-register before Tuesday, December 8, a fee of \$10 will apply.

For more information or registration forms please call Robert Peace at the Credit Valley Conservation Authority 670-1615.

Players wanted

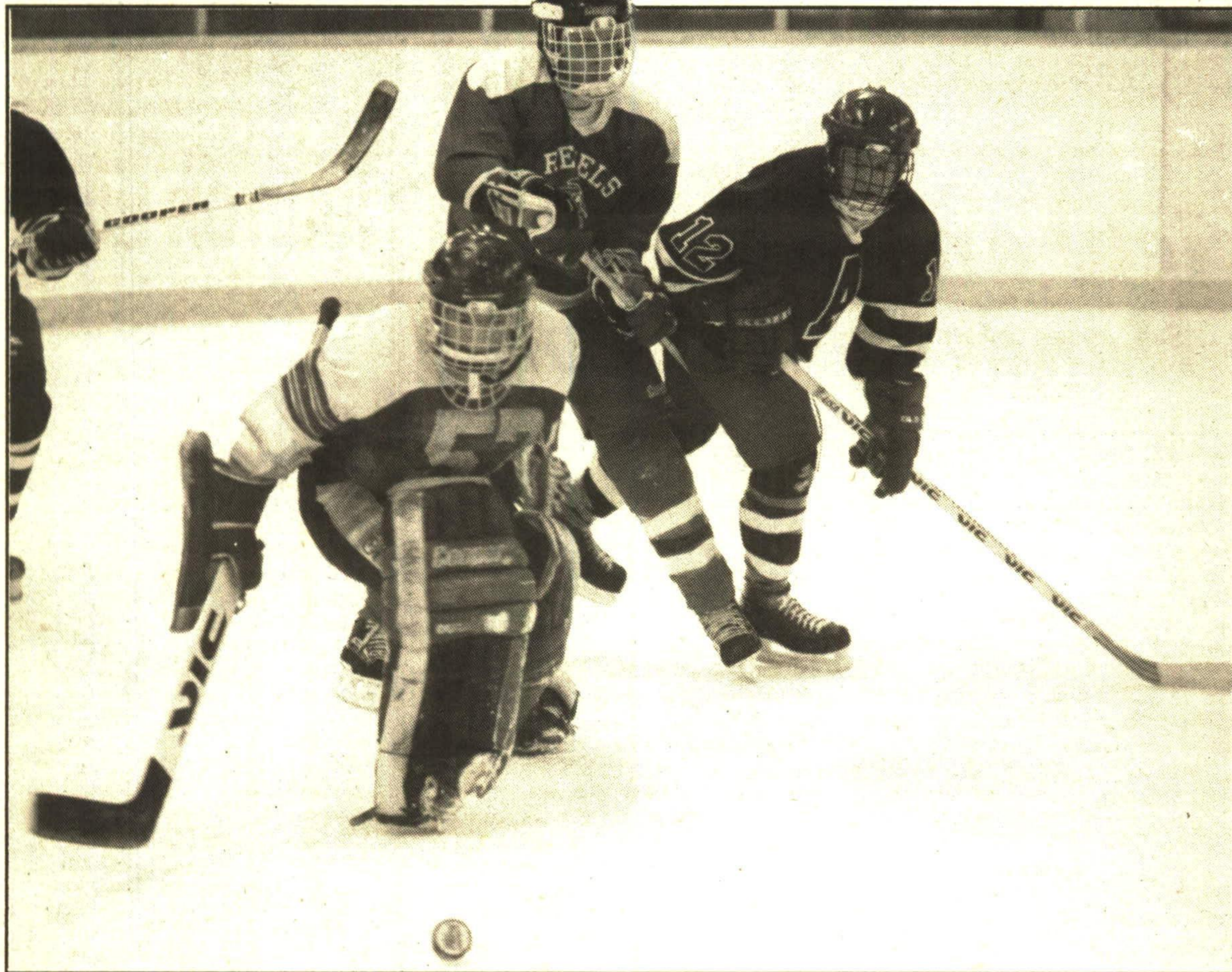
There are openings for a few hockey players in the Georgetown Non-Contact Hovkey League. The 30-plus league plays weeknights at Georgetown Memorial and Gordon Alcott arenas. Anyone interested in more information can call Dale Avery at 877-8912.

Municipal Awards

On Wednesday, February 10, we plan 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.

Youth Activity Night

Calling all students in Grades 6, 7 and 8! The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is offering a weekly drop-in program just for you! Youth Activity Night runs Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at Ecole Sacre Coeur. Our fall program is quickly running out. Drop by and check it out or call 873-2600, ext. 268, for more info.



Puck wars

This Georgetown Rebel netminder didn't rely on his defense to get the job done in Halton High School hockey action last week at Alcott, taking it upon himself to clear

the puck as the Rebels dropped a 5-2 decision to Burlington Assumption. The Rebels fell behind 4-1 early and couldn't catch up. TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

Raider novices unbeaten

By MARA FANTEGROSSI

Special to the Independent/Free Press

This past week the Beaver Lumber Major Novice Raiders continued to amass points, bringing their season record to an astounding 11-0-4.

Last Sunday Georgetown hosted Milton at Memorial. These two teams are well matched as they tied at their only other meeting two weeks ago, and as the score indicated throughout Sunday's game.

The first period ended scoreless. In the second, Milton scored first with a hard shot into the slot. Mark Fantegrossi got the Raiders back into the game with less than two minutes left in the period by taking the puck up the wing all alone and shooting to the far side for an unassisted goal.

Midway into the third, Brandon Valente tipped in Kyle Hotham's shot to give Georgetown the edge. The Raiders did a good job of holding off Milton until, with 51 seconds remaining, the visitors tied it up for a 2-2 final.

On Tuesday night the Raiders had the unprecedented treat of hosting a game at Gordon Alcott Arena. The visiting Chinguacousy Blues were blasted 7-0 by Georgetown who delivered a strong team effort to not only attack offensively but also to muzzle the Blues' offence as they were outshot 31-5.

Ronny Larocque led the Raider onslaught with his first hat trick, while Valente, Hotham, Graham McCulloch and Kevin Binsell each had single goals. Hotham had three assists, Valente and Martin Lefebvre each had two, while Ryan Busby, Larocque, Binsell, and Alex Durham had single helpers. Goalie Ryan LaRose collected his second shutout of the season, but as coach Paul LaRose said after the game, it was a team effort shutout.

Season complete for Redmen squads

The Acton Redmen athletes faced a tough fall season of boys' volleyball and girls' basketball competition.

While sporting a competitive squad this season, head coach Kevin Wendling and the junior boys' volleyball team ended the regular season with a 2-8 season record and were beat out 2-1 in the Halton Regional quarter-finals to Assumption High School of Burlington.

In girls' basketball action, the juniors were able to muster their first and only win of the season during their final match-up against Assumption on the last Monday of the season, winning 30-26. The seniors lost to Assumption 39-20 and finished with an 0-10 season record.

The junior girls recently hosted a tournament where they lost 34-22 to the Georgetown Rebels in the consolation finals.

In round-robin play, the girls lost

34-20 to Queen Elizabeth Park and then defeated Turner Fenton 32-21.

The Acton swim team won a three-school meet recently in Burlington where they came away team champions against Aldershot and E.C. Drury.

The local squad earned 651 points for the win.

A new season begins next week at Acton High School when the girls switch over to volleyball and the boys take to the basketball court.

Rebel volleyballers selected to all-star squad

By STEVE LeBLANC

Special to the Independent/Free Press

While head coach Bob McKay had a squad full of talented volleyball players this season, two Rebel senior boys' volleyball players stood out this season and were chosen to play in the first Halton All-Star game - Adam Poyntz and Ryan Brain.

The top athletes from both the Richardson and Volpe Divisions did battle at Oakville Trafalgar High School last week during the all-star game. Ryan and Adam represented the Richardson Division, who lost 2-0, in 15-13, 15-13 decisions.

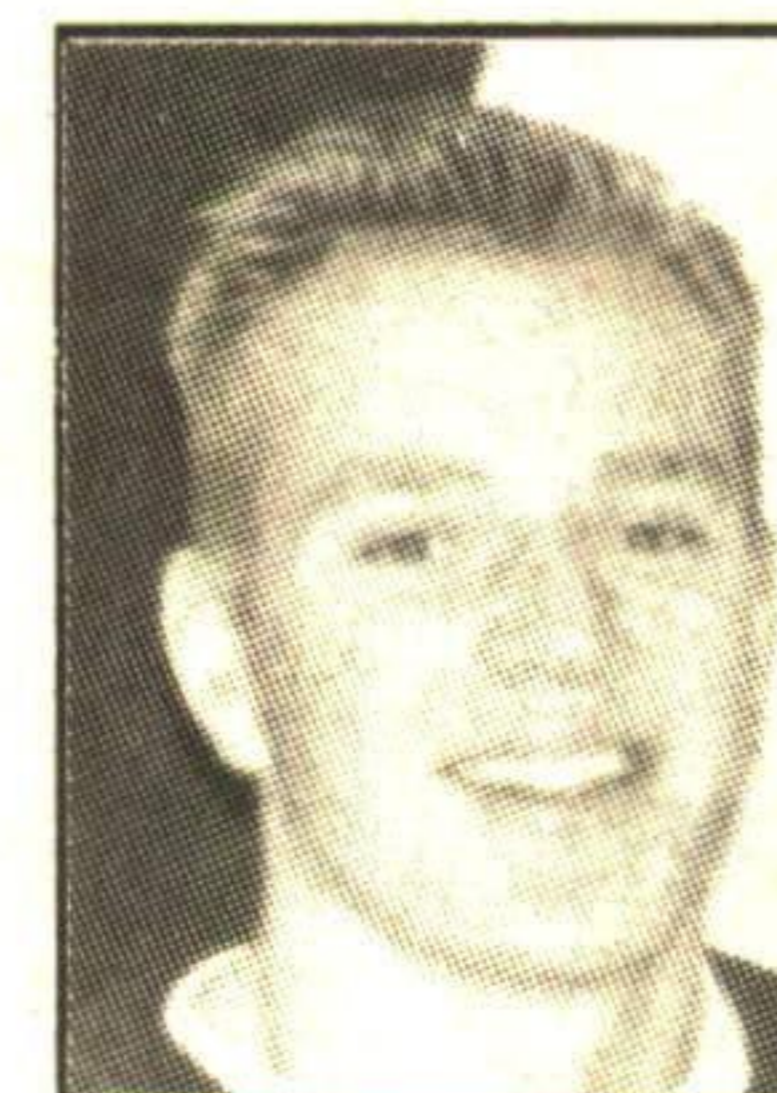
The two local players turned in outstanding performances last

week as they have all season long. Setter Ryan was named M.V.P. for the Richardson Division during the all-star game and Adam, who's specialty is middle blocker/middle hitter, won the Serve-Off Award.

"Both Adam and Ryan are exceptional volleyball players," said McKay, "Adam was far and away our most consistent player this season on both offence and defence and from mid-season on,



ADAM POYNTZ



RYAN BRAIN

Also named to the team was coach Bob McKay, who was selected as one of the league's top coaches.

Seventeen-year-old Ryan Brain has been playing volleyball at GDHS for four years. His great movement on the court and ability

Ryan established himself as one of the top setters in the league. If he wasn't the best setter, then he was certainly the second best. Both players deserved to be there."

to set up Rebel hitters at any given moment was second to none this season, including great performances in play-off action.

"I felt really good (about being named to the all-star game)," said Ryan, "It was a great honor. I think the Volpe Division had a little more talent on their team this year but the games were close and we were right in there."

Adam Poyntz, 18, has also been playing high school volleyball for four years along with basketball, badminton and baseball - a well-rounded athlete to say the least.

His speed and strength on the volleyball court, including his great blocking and hitting skills, were surpassed by very few in Halton Region this season.