

Georgetown falls short in season opener

By STEVE LeBLANC

Special to the Independent/Free Press

In the game of baseball, it's not always the team who gets the most hits but the team that is able to capitalize on their opportunities that usually scores the victory.

A classic case of this fact was seen Monday afternoon at the Georgetown Fairgrounds when the Georgetown Rebels boys' baseball squad were edged out 4-3 in their exciting season opener by the Aldershot A's of Burlington.

Despite outhitting Aldershot 10 to 5 in the seven inning match-up, the Rebels made three costly errors in the first three innings of competition that gave the A's an early lead and the runs needed to hold on for the win.

"We were hitting the ball pretty well today, but early mistakes cost us the game," said Rebel head coach Fred Kotani.

Aldershot started the scoring in the first inning after an error put Adam Ableman on first and teammate Jamie Jefferson later brought him home on an RBI single off Rebel pitcher Adam Poyntz.

Poyntz held the A's bats at bay in the second inning with some great velocity and good

control. He was replaced in the third by Chris Barrow. Two more errors in the third put Ableman and Jefferson in scoring position and allowed Aldershot pitcher Rich Gill to help out his own cause by knocking out a 2 RBI single to give the A's a 3-0 lead.

Barrow settled down in the fourth and had a three up, three down inning with just four pitches. He came back in the fifth to mow down Aldershot batters as well.

Although they got some good contact on the ball, Georgetown wasn't able to put together any hitting production until the bottom of the fifth when a three hit inning saw Greg Onoprijenko score off a Trevor Elinesky RBI single to right field.

An A's fielder's choice by Steve Brecker scored Jeff Mills in the top of the sixth once again gave Aldershot a three run lead.

An exciting sixth inning was capped off with Georgetown scoring twice on four hits. Collecting RBIs were Greg Dobbin and Derek Ellard, who made a great run to first and beat the throw to bring the Rebels back to within one run.

Rebel pitcher Scott Crawford held Aldershot scoreless in the seventh and gave

Georgetown an opportunity to come back.

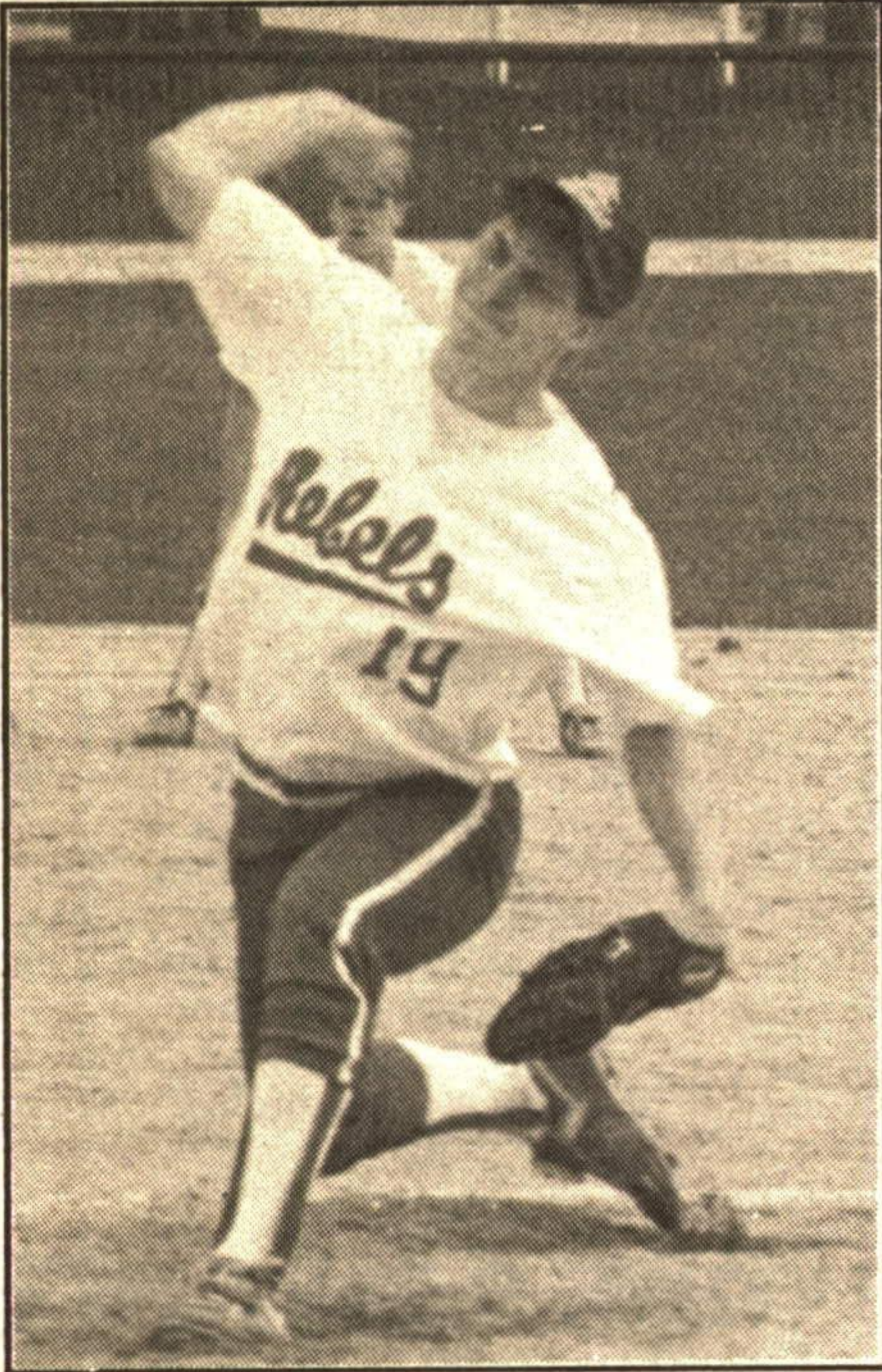
Poyntz got things rolling for the Rebels with a one out single followed by a stolen base which put the tying run in scoring position. Teammate Ken Kosziwka knocked out another single and a sacrifice fly by Troy Gardiner moved Poyntz to third. However, their efforts came to a halt after the next batter, Ellard, flied out to first base to end the game.

Turning in multi-hit games for the Rebels Monday afternoon were Trevor Elinesky, Derek Ellard, and Greg Dobbin.

The Georgetown Rebels girls' softball squad had hot bats and cool pitching this week and scored two major victories to start off their regular season play. They first took down Notre Dame 5-1 Monday afternoon at the Georgetown Fairgrounds and later destroyed Burlington Central 17-4 Wednesday in Burlington.

The Rebels girls' softball team were Halton champions last season and will be looking to recapture their title come playoff time early next month.

Sherie Peacock was the winning pitcher Wednesday afternoon while Shannon Morris got the win during the season opener.



Rebels pitcher Chris Barrow was flawless in an inning of work during the Rebels season opener. Despite Barrow's efforts the Rebels fell 4-3.

HALTON HILLS WEEKEND SPORTS

ACADIAN POOLS & SPAS
VISIT OUR SPA SHOWROOM
134 GUELPH STREET
873-3320

Carl's Catering
Company Limited
Bino Brampton 457-2813 Since
Dalli Georgetown 873-2277 1959

Sports

SHORTS

Fitness in the Park

Did you know that there is a fully equipped fitness trail in Cedarvale Park? If you are interested in either a fitness or walking program while enjoying the great outdoors then we want to hear from you. Call the Recreation and Parks Department at 873-2600.

Let's Go Hiking

This three-week "back-to-nature" style program is a great way for children to learn about the great outdoors! Come and explore a variety of environments - streams, fields and forest, where you'll learn about plants, animals, insects and the food chain. Commencing Saturday, May 29 - June 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 7-9 years. Call the Recreation and Parks Department at 873-2600, ext. 275 for more information.

Lawn Bowling Fun!

Why not discover this interesting sport of fun, skill and sociability in a pleasant outdoor setting. (Flat soled shoes are required.) This is a great game for all ages! Wednesdays, May 19 to June 9, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call the Recreation and Parks Department at 873-2600, ext. 268 for registration information.

Golf Scramble

The Optimist Club of Georgetown is holding the second annual Optimist Mayor Russ Miller Golf Scramble, July 13, Georgetown Golf and Country club. Contact Shell Lawr, 877-9109 or John Fendley, 877-6901.

Chess Club

Halton Hills Community Chess Club invites chess players of all ages and levels to attend our spring season. Meetings held every Wednesday evening 7-10:30 p.m. at the Georgetown District High School. Both casual and tournament play. For further information call Dave Bowman, 877-9924 or Peter Welling, 877-4154.

Colts lead

The Barrie Colts of the Central Ontario Junior B Hockey League are two wins away from claiming the Ontario title. The Colts are up 2-0 on the defending Sutherland Cup champion Kitchener Dutchmen in the OHA championship series.

16 schools compete Rebels run off with top honors at relays

By STEVE LeBLANC

Special to the Independent/Free Press

It was victory day for members of the Georgetown Rebels track and field team Tuesday as the host team of the annual Rebel Relays took home first place honors with outstanding performances all day long.

The local track crew collected an amazing 465 point total finish on the day, over 200 points ahead of the second place Bishop Reding team of Milton, who had 199 points during competition.

Taking third place honors was White Oaks of Oakville with 175 points while close behind was Barton High School of Hamilton with 170 points. Taking fifth spot was Milton District with a point total of 163.

A total of 16 teams from Halton Hills, Oakville, Burlington, Milton and Hamilton participated at the track and field meet.

The Rebels had an impressive meet in both individual and team events. Darrin Finlayson scored a 2nd place finish in the midget boys' discus throw with a 33.64 metre hurl.

In junior discus competition, Stephanie McDonald finished 4th with a 19.28 metre throw, less than half a metre behind Acton's Julie Robinson who placed 3rd. GDHS' Kevin Taylor and Matt Brain took the one and two spots for the boys with 35.65 and 33.56m throws respectively.

In senior action, Anabelle Parkinson came in 6th with a 16.25m throw while Mike Coutts placed 3rd for the boys with a 37.35m hurl.

In shot put action, GDHS' Kate Potosky took 2nd place for the midget girls with a 7.52m throw after getting edged out by winner Heather Trotter of Acton who threw for 7.57 metres.

In junior girls competition, Tanya Humeniski came 5th with a 7.60 metre effort while Acton's Julie Robinson placed 3rd with a

7.76m performance.

Taking the one and two spots for the junior boys were Matt Brain and Andrew Elinesky, with 11.85 and 11.57 metre throws.

Anabelle Parkinson came 6th in the senior girls division with a 6.08m throw while Mike Coutts took 2nd for the senior boys with a 13.07m performance.

Taking 3rd and 5th place honors in the midget girls' javelin throw were Lisa MacDonald and Kate Potosky, with 19.72 and 15.26m throws while Heather Trotter of Acton took 4th with a 15.28m showing.

Pete Mashinter threw for 32 metres and placed 4th of the midget boys while teammate Mike Komorowski placed 6th with a 24.55m effort.

Becky Cowling took 4th for the senior girls in the long jump with a 4.30m showing while Scott Hobbs leaped for 5.96 metres and came first for the senior boys.

GDHS cleaned up in the triple jump competition, grabbing first place honors in three of the six age groups. Taking firsts were Karin Walker (midget girls, 9.50m), Paul Ingram (junior boys, 12.12) and Scott Hobbs (senior boys, 11.88m).

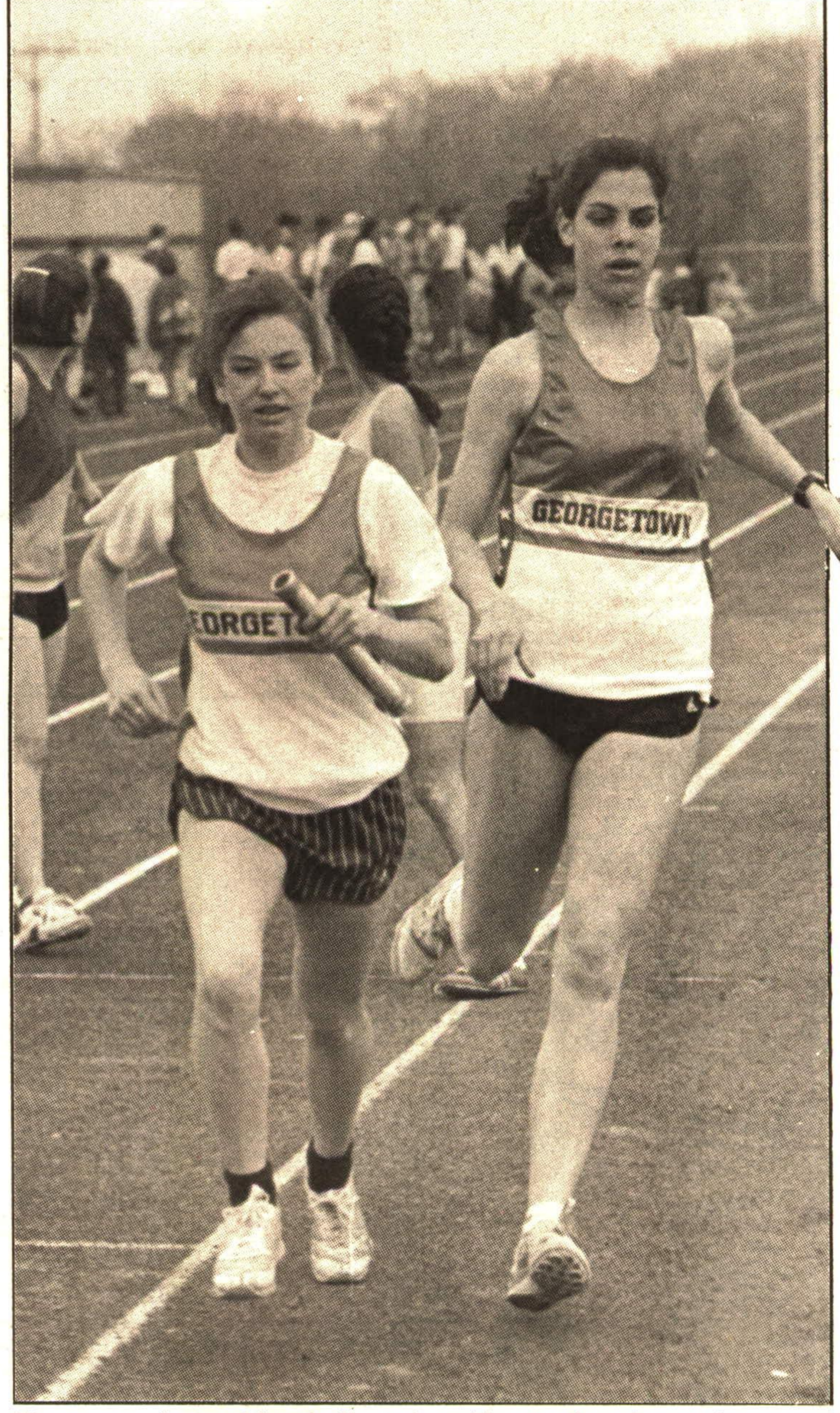
Kim Wiltshire placed 2nd for the junior girls with a 8.67m jump.

In the high jump competition, Ryan Howitt came 4th with a 1.50 metre jump for the midget boys while Matt Brain placed 2nd in the junior boys division with a 1.80 metre jump.

GDHS relay teams also collected several impressive performances in both boys and girls action. The local track team collected six first place finishes, 10 second place showings and 11 third place efforts.

The GDHS track and field squad will try to repeat their strong showings again next week at the Halton Championships, which are set for Tuesday and Friday at Nelson in Burlington.

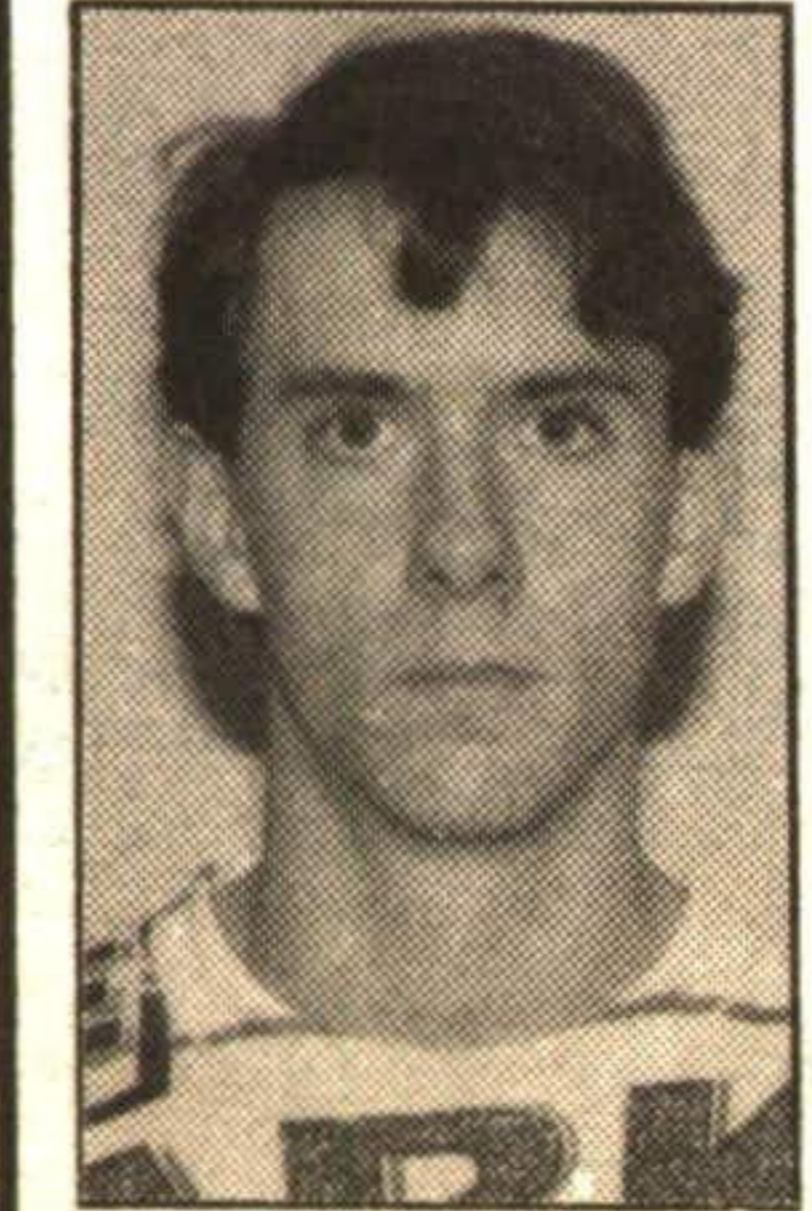
See REDMEN RESULTS, page



There was plenty of hand-offs and exciting track action at the annual Georgetown Rebel Relays Tuesday at GDHS. The host Rebels took a first place team finish. Here Alexis Kerr passes off to Ellen-Louise Matthews in one of several girls' relay events.

TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

Athletes of the Week



TOM FORD



AMANDA BONNELL

Acton Redmen senior boys' soccer forward TOM FORD, 18, had an impressive showing last Thursday during the team's season opener against Assumption. AMANDA BONNELL, 14, is a track and field athlete who was named top female athlete during the Midget Invitational Championships at Burlington Central last Thursday. Amanda was first in the 200 and 400 metre runs, second in the high jump and was part of the 4x100m relay team that placed second. The GDHS McDonald's/MVP Distributing Athletes of the Week are RICK VIVIAN and MELISSA WATTS. Rick, 15, is a track athlete who turned in big showings at the Midget Invitational at Burlington Central last Thursday, taking first at 1,500 metres and helping GDHS to first in the 1,500 metre medley relay. A centre-forward with the senior girls' soccer squad, Melissa, 16, scored three goals during the Rebels' 6-0 home opening victory over Burlington Central.



RICK VIVIAN



MELISSA WATTS