

# Georgetown trio lead Mauraders to national finals

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Georgetown's Julie Ross, Sheri Nairn and Sarah Cunningham may find it difficult to show some teeth after last weekend.

But the three McMaster University students have plenty to smile about as members of the school's varsity women's soccer team.

The threesome returned from Montreal Sunday after competing in the national university championships where the McMaster

Mauraders failed to qualify for the medal round of the six-team tournament. Missing the medal competition was new for the three women - they were part of the squad that won gold in 1991 and finished fourth last year in two previous trips to the national event.

Ross, 22, and Nairn, 21, both physical education students, graduated from Georgetown District High School where they played soccer together as part of coach Ken Castledine's Georgetown Rebels.

Since then, Ross led McMaster in scoring for three straight sea-

sons, tallying a career-high nine goals this year and being named a first-team All-Canadian.

For Nairn, her third year with the team has been very different from the previous two when she saw very limited playing time. "I got to step on the field this year," she said. "I know what the grass feels like."

"Three years at Mac have really improved her play," Ross said of Nairn. "It's been a matter of experience and coaching."

This past season, the two were housemates and both said they benefited from living with another

member of the team.

"We experience the same stress modes when there's not enough time because of what school and soccer require," said Nairn.

"When we get back from practice, everyone else is done dinner so it's nice to have someone to sit down with and talk," Ross said.

Apart from being a leader on the scoreboard, Ross has also been the team's co-captain for the last two seasons and considered it an honor.

"I liked the role as a leader. I like to get the team up for the game," she said. "It certainly has

made the last two years more memorable."

Twenty-three year-old Sarah Cunningham, a fifth-year engineering and management student, joined the powerful Georgetown force when she moved to the city from Ottawa this past summer.

This weekend held special sentiment for both she and Ross as they played their final games. "I wanted it more than I wanted it last year," Ross said of this year's championship. "There was a sense of desperation because it was my last year."

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##### Andy's on track

The Acton Andy's Restaurant Novice II Sabres upped their season record to 9-4-1 last week with two more wins in Tri-County hockey action.

The Sabres destroyed Arthur 8-1 Saturday and then beat Elora 3-1 the following day.

Colin Sheehan led the scoring attack for Acton Saturday with two goals and two assists while Matt Bronizewski, Brian Field and Kyle Strong contributed with a goal and two assists each. Also scoring against Arthur were Chad Henry, Darryl Wright and Mike Borg.

Peter Glatt scored twice against Elora, including one on a penalty shot, while Darryl Wright netted the other marker and Chad Henry, Brian Field and Joe Dunbar picked up assists.

##### Win in Brantford

The McNally Construction Minor Novice Raiders earned a win and suffered two losses in local Tri-County hockey last week. The Raiders dropped a 6-2 decision against a strong Oakville squad on November 10. Bradley Norton and Matt Hilts scored for the Raiders with Jordan Cole picking up a pair of assists. Norton and Hilts each earned single helpers. Good hustling by Matt (Digger) Velten and a good effort between the pipes by Alex MacLeod and Jason Armstrong.

The Raiders traveled to Brantford on November 13 and came home with a 4-2 victory. Bradley Norton netted a pair with assists going to Matt Hilts (pair), Jordan Cole and Lucas Arnold. Steven Kogon and Ryan Hirtle each scored unassisted singles. Solid defence by Eric Eutenier, Jordan Armstrong, Kyle Kennery and Daryl Veltman.

The Raiders put in a respectable effort in Elmira on November 14 but were shut-out by a tough Woolwich team.

The Raiders net home game is Sunday November 21, 5:00 p.m. at Memorial Arena.

##### Aquatic Registration

Registrations for Winter swimming lessons will be accepted at the Civic Centre at any time by mail, drop-off or fax, however they will not be processed until the deadline of Tuesday, November 30 at noon.

Registration forms are randomly selected by our computer following the deadline date. Confirmations will be mailed to all participants after Dec 17. The Winter session begins the week of Jan 3rd.

# Rebels claim Halton crown

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The jinx has ended, the Georgetown Rebels senior boys' volleyball team are 1993 Halton Champions!

After three straight years of coming home empty-handed from the Regional finals, the senior Rebels finally pulled it all together and brought the title back to Georgetown Tuesday night. The team had last won the championship in 1989.

While at times it wasn't pretty, Georgetown distinguished themselves as the best team in Halton early Tuesday evening at Sheridan College in Oakville where they beat the M.M. Robinson Rams of Burlington in two straight 15-10 decisions.

The championship victory was that much sweeter as the Rams were the only team to beat the Rebels in regular season play this year.

"The jinx has ended," said Rebel team captain David Sands, clutching the Halton trophy minutes after his team's win, "We started off well today but as per usual, we lost our momentum and gave up a string of points. Fortunately, we were able to rebound and take the match. After being injured for the past two seasons, it was really nice to be healthy for the playoffs this year."

Appropriately, it was Sands who nailed down the final spike to give Georgetown its first Halton crown in four years. With a number of the players in their senior year at GDHS, this was the last chance many of the veterans had to win the title and they made the most of their opportunity.

"This team set their goals early in the season to get back to the Halton finals," explained head coach Bob McKay, "We played a good game and were more successful at blocking their cross-shots compared with our last match against these guys. I've been here (Halton finals) five years in a row now and this victory is a very special one for me and these players."

The Rebels broke out to an early 11-2 lead in the opening game with some big hitting by Sands, Matt Deruchie and Martin Sommer and effective setting by Matt Brain.

However, the Rams stopped Georgetown's offensive attack for several minutes and brought themselves back to within two points with strong serving and hitting. The Rebels got things rolling again as Ron Harrison and Matt Brain made some good blocks and Andrew Elliot put the game away with two big final serves.

It was Georgetown's turn to make the comeback in game two as Robinson capitalized on a disorganized Rebel squad and mounted an early 7-3 lead.

Jim Katsilieris came in for Elliot shortly after and made some big hits and serves and helped his team slowly chip away at the Rams' lead and tie the score 9-9.

The Rebels allowed the Rams just one more point before chocking up six unanswered points for the match victory.

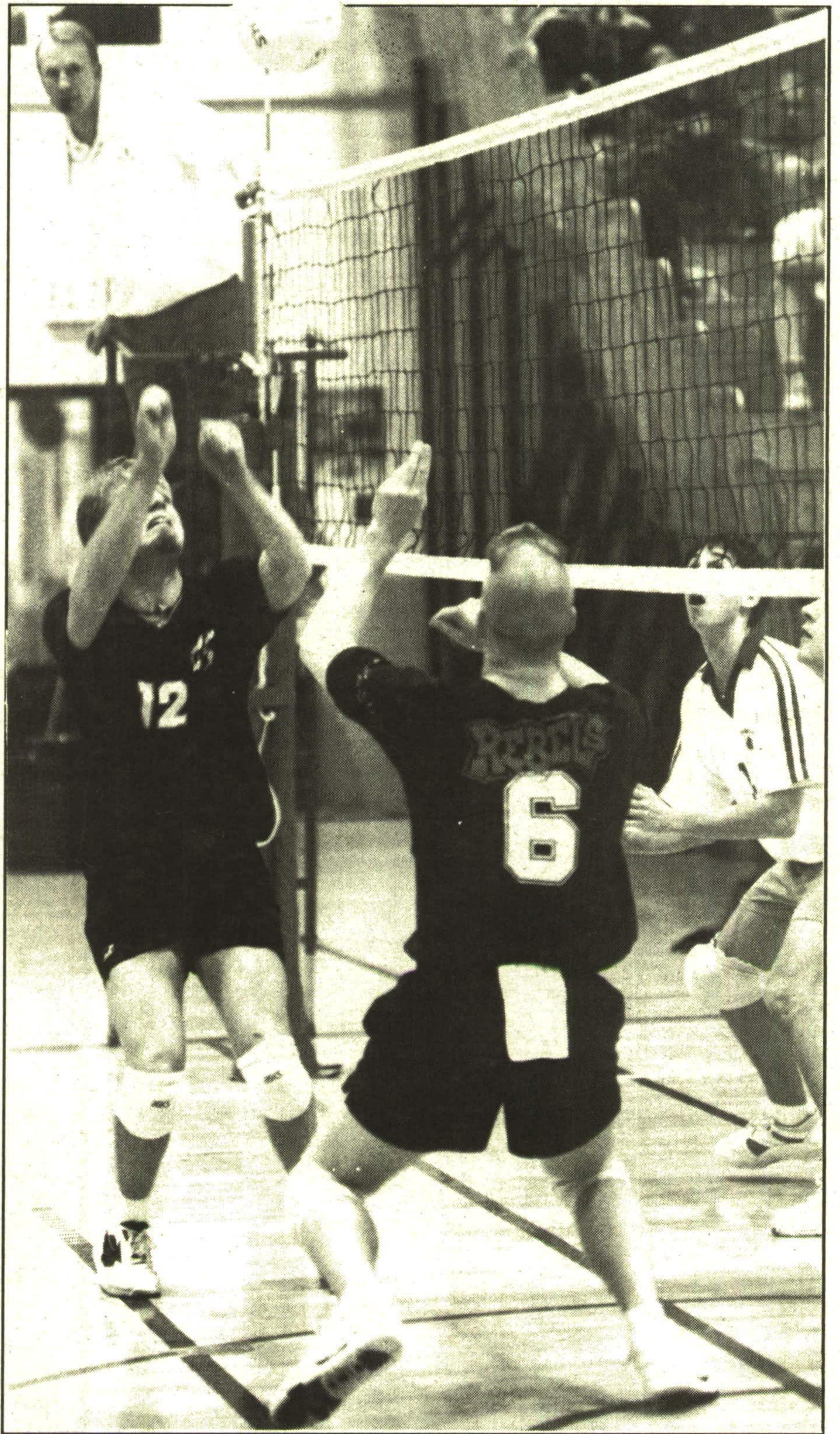
Deruchie had some trouble executing his hits in game two but nailed one and made a couple of diving saves after coming back in late in the game before Katsilieris and Harrison made a big block for the second last point and Sands blew his winning spike past Robinson defenders for the win.

First-year senior Sean Peasgood also came in during game two and made some solid plays including some effective serving.

Also part of the 10-player crew this season are first-year seniors Craig Johnston and Gavin Glaser who played key roles in getting the team back to the finals.

Georgetown was at Bishop Ryan Secondary School in Hamilton on Friday night to take on Barton High School in the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) finals.

If successful at winning GHAC, the senior Rebels will advance to the OFSAA championships in London this Friday and Saturday where 16 of the top teams in the province will battle to out for the All-Ontario title.



The Georgetown Rebels senior volleyball squad advanced to the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference championship with a pair of 15-10 wins over M.M. Robinson. Here, setter Matt Brain (6) puts one up for David Sands (12) at the Halton final. Photo by STEVE LeBLANC

## Athletes of the Week

Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Alfred Tsang and Shannon Nolan. Alfred was chosen for his contribution to the junior volleyball team, in a recent E.C. Drury tournament in which GDHS was knocked out in the semis. Shannon, who plays point guard on the junior basketball team, put in a great game as GDHS recently defeated E.C. Drury 42-36. Acton High School Athletes of the Week include Shari Patenaude and Chris Kilmer. Shari was recognized for her steady performance throughout the season as captain of the senior basketball team, while Chris has been a prominent player on the midget boys volleyball team.



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