

Rebels miss second chance to claim Halton crown

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Controversy over regional high school sporting regulations proved to be the attention grabber of the week as the Georgetown Rebels girls volleyball teams made their drive towards a pair of Halton Championship titles.

After the Halton finals Tuesday afternoon at Sheridan College in Oakville, which saw the juniors take down the Notre Dame Fighting Irish 2-1 and the seniors fall to the Oakville Trafalgar Red Devils 2-0, senior head coach Bevin Clark logged a formal protest over the use of referees inside the region.

Under the Halton Board of Education rules, referees from outside the region must be used for all championship games.

Clark immediately wrote his protest out following his team's loss Tuesday afternoon and met with

Board officials early Thursday morning. His protest was upheld and the game was rescheduled for Thursday afternoon at 4:30 at Aldershot High School in Burlington.

The rematch didn't go Georgetown's way. After an hour long delay on Oakville Trafalgar's part, the Rebels were taken down once again - this time in a 2-1 match loss.

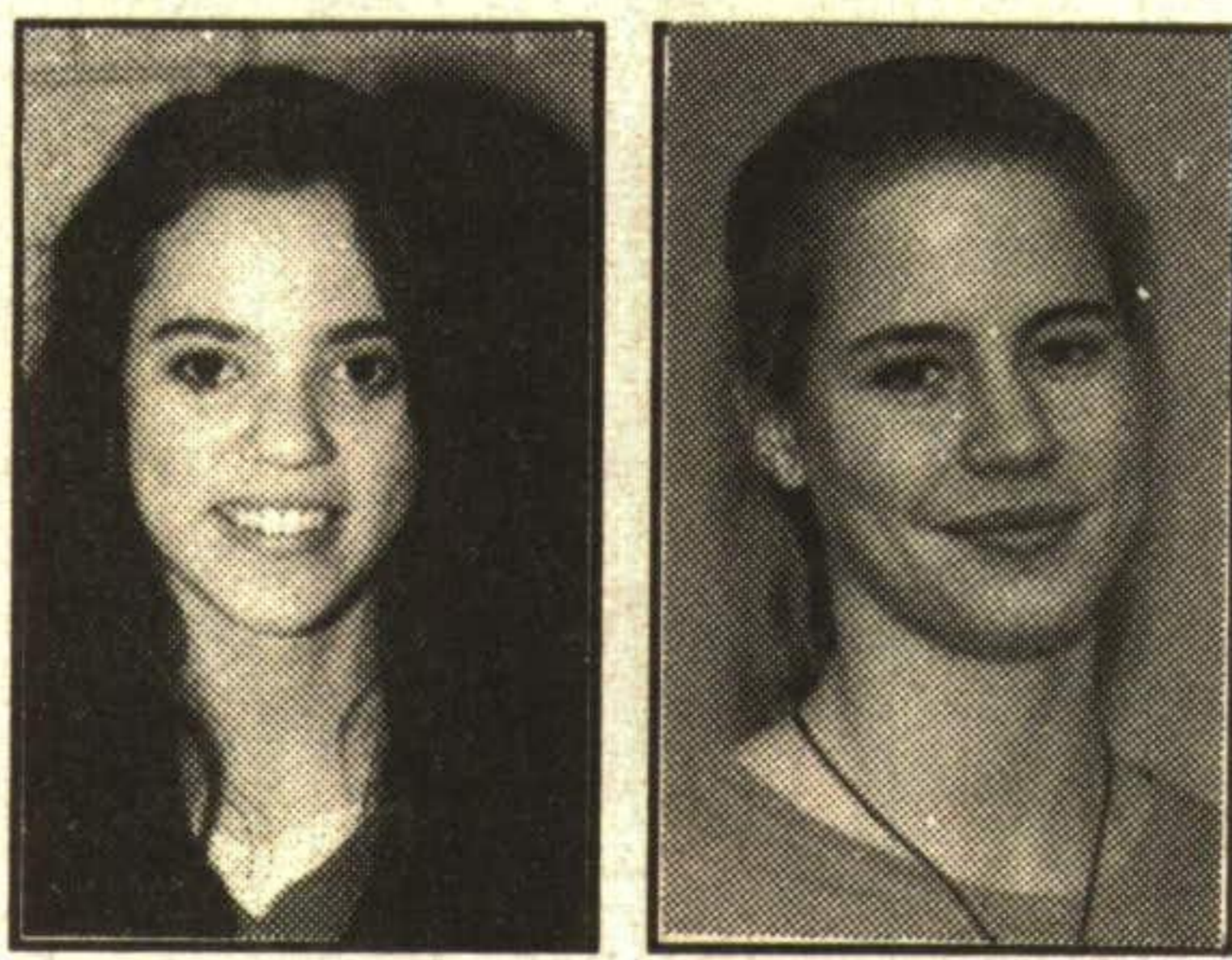
Thursday evening the Rebels posted an early lead in game one but gave up 11 unanswered points to the Devils and went down 15-8. Game two saw Georgetown fight back for a 15-11 come-from-behind victory of their own.

However, it just wasn't meant to be for the Rebels this season as they went down 15-6 in the third game to end their season, and their hopes for a trip to OFSAA.

Two days earlier, the senior Rebels lost 2-0 to OT in straight 16-

14 decision. Erinn Steringa led the way for her squad in both matches with great defense and exciting spiking action.

Jenn Murray and Carrie Schenk also provided some heavy hitting



HALEY BROWN ERINN STERINGA

while Kim Wiltshire, Deanne Guignard and Stephanie O'Brien all had strong efforts on the court.

"They (OT) played two strong matches, I'll give them that," said head coach Bevin Clark.

While a formal protest could have been logged for the junior game as well, Notre Dame's coaching staff chose not to replay the championship match.

The junior Rebels brought home the Halton crown after a four-year absence in Georgetown. While the Irish fought back with a 16-14 win in game two, the Rebels never strayed from their game plan and scored the victory.

Replacement Haley Brown proved to be the big star in the third game. Brown came in and blew two ace serves past Notre Dame defenders and collected five points for Georgetown with some devastating spikes that sent Georgetown fans into a frenzy.

The Rebels scored a 15-10 win in the opening contest.

Shannon Nolan and Julie Bottomley turned in great defense and solid hitting in the opening game, with Nolan serving up her

team's final point for the win.

Allison Lewis and Brigitte Campbell also provided strong spiking action while Courtney O'Brien was the most effective server Tuesday. Tanya Osborne was also hot with some big digs and Susie Jones came in during game three and made some big plays as well.

"Wow, those were three very close games today (Tuesday). We had heard Notre Dame was a scrappy team and they lived up to their reputation. However, we made less mistakes than they did and were able to score the win," explained junior Rebels head coach Fred Kotani.

Assistant Shirley White added "We were able to stick to our game plan, even after the loss in game two. It's sure nice to bring the title back to Georgetown after four years."

Both teams finished the regular season with perfect 8-0 records.

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Singles and doubles champions crowned

Singles and doubles at the Legions' District Championships last weekend saw local players Ron Scarlett and Bruce Hope/Ian McDonald challenge for honors.

Scarlett reached the last four after victory in his round robin section by two clear wins ahead of his nearest opponent. In the finals he finished in third place well satisfied with the result. Scarlett has qualified for the Provincial championships in mid-April in Chatham.

At this moment no news of the doubles entry, next week should have a report on the outcome.

The Halton league is closing in on the final week of league play. Brackys have forged ahead to a ten point lead going in to the last match. Legion Three, who held first place for many weeks, through to mid January in fact, are still in second place. Brackys need five points to win the championship from their visit to Time Out. Legion Three are hoping for a slip by Brackys and a big performance from their players in the match up with Legion Two.

As matches went last week Brackys took full points at Charleys Two whilst Legion took ten from Legion One. Legion Four closed in on third place McGibbon with a fourteen point night as the "Gib" won 9-5. Royal Pizza defeated Charleys One in the sixth and fifth place battle. Last, and not least, Copper Kettle and Time Out Two fought out a tie in the Glen.

The Industrial league on Wednesday saw a change at the bottom of the standings.

All season long Bandits had stayed out of last place, where they usually reside. A few teams hovered around and none more so than last place Firemen, until last week. Firemen moved ahead to second last spot as Bandits moved on down to familiar territory. And, I omitted to point this out in the last column.

Dream Team and Hustlers recorded maximum points and Westenders made a close match of it all with a 5-4 win over Steeprock to remain in third place. Gasketman dropped the decision to Ensigns by the odd point in the nine available.



The Georgetown junior boys bowling team was unbeatable at the recent Four Steps Youth Bowling Council zone finals. The local team topped all area squads to earn the right to compete at the Provincial finals, and a possible berth at Nationals. Team members include Michael Cluney, David King, Paul Larocque, Ryan Boyer, Matthew Rogers, Adam Scuralli and coach Gord Lane.



The Bantam boys team from Georgetown Bowl were zone finalists as they recently competed in the Four Steps zone finals. They will be advancing to the provincial finals on March 20, with an eye on competing at the nationals in Edmonton. Team members include, from left, Richard Gostlin, William Walker, Blake Mandarin, Alex Foster, Gordon Everett and coach Brinley Hole.

Georgetown bowlers turn in medal effort and earn right to compete at provincials

Georgetown Youth Bowlers again joined the rush for precious medals. Adding to last week's successes, they struck gold, silver and bronze at the zone finals.

The junior girls' team were 218 pins behind the leading Brampton team, 853 to 1071, after the first game. In the second game, the girls cut the lead to 148 pins. But depending on "bowling the right way - the champion way", the girls continued to fight back and bombed Brampton

by 183 pins to win the gold by 37. This team, Janice Somers, Heather Sanderson, Sara Pegg, Jennifer Cabral and Lynn Moreland rose to that occasion by the experienced leadership of coach Wendy Parent.

The bantam boys' team struck the motherlode also. In the second game, the Georgetown team rolled 959, a tremendous 250 pins above their average, to capture the lead over Avondale by 86 pins. This output was put forth by Gordon

Fverett, Blake Mandarin, Alex Foster, Will Walker and Richard Gostlin. Keeping this young team together was coach Brinley Hole.

The silver was struck by the bantam girls' singles shooter, in her first attempt at this status, Kelly Kliamsiak. The bronze medal was won by the senior girls' singles, who took over that position since the start of the new year and rose to the occasion, Sharon Shapcott.

Taking 7 medals out of a possible

11, proves the efforts and abilities of all the coaches at Georgetown Bowl, Ralph Miller, Dee Dee Haynes, Carolyn and Gord Lane, Wendy & Andy Parent, Debbie and Brinley Hole, Bob Felker and Rob Harrison including the parents. Now, they will be tuning their charges for prospecting at the Provincial Championships.

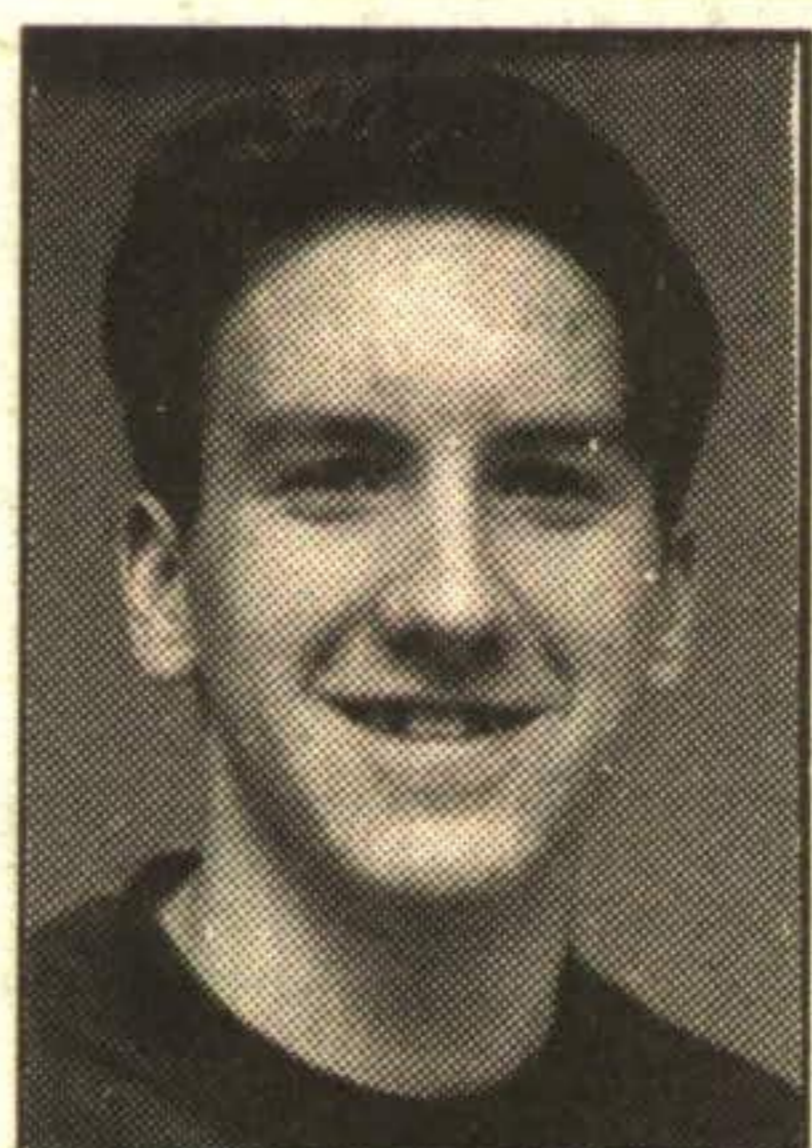
The next mining expedition is the Master-Bantam Championships this week.

Athletes of the Week

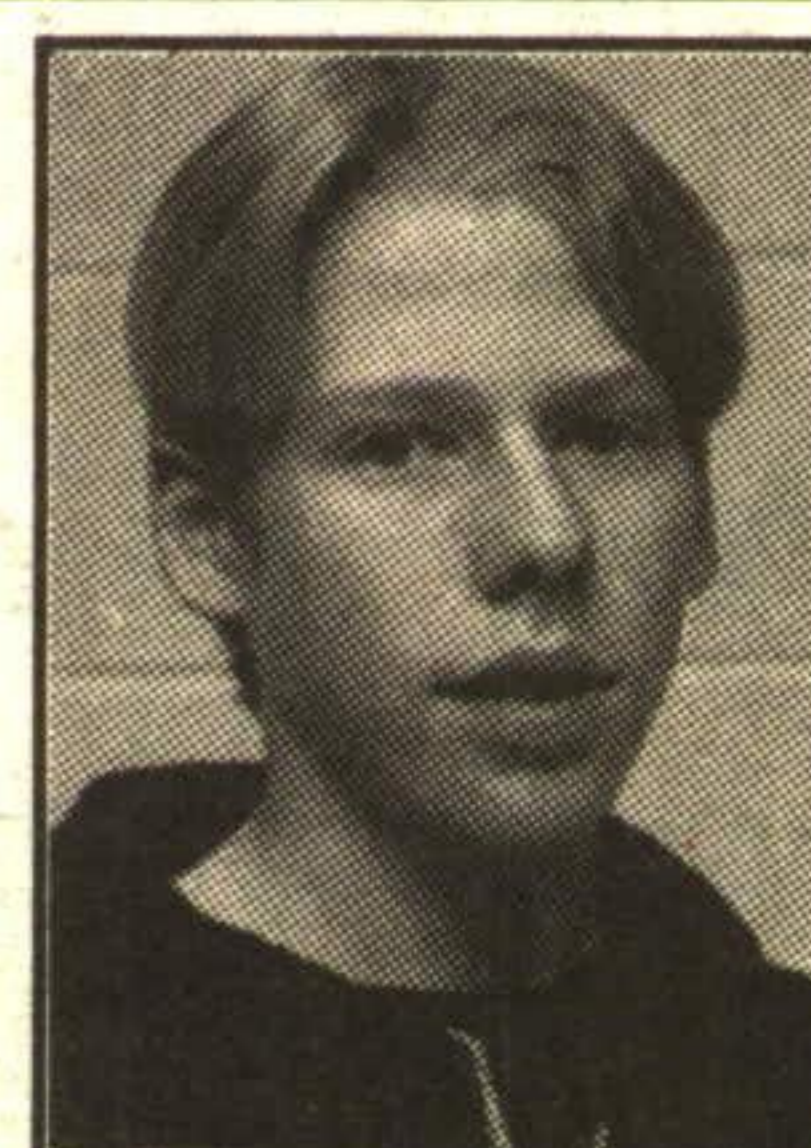
Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Deanna Guignard and Matt Todd. Deanna was chosen for her contribution to the senior Rebels volleyball team, who reached the Halton finals. Matt, captain and centre forward of the midget Rebels basketball team has regularly given a solid performance to the team. Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Chris Young and Heather Trotter. Chris was chosen for his contribution to the midget Redmen basketball team, and is the leading scorer on the team. Heather, who plays middle on the junior Redmen volleyball team, helped advance the girls to the semi-finals, where they fell to Georgetown.



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