

Vanderbyl's clutch hit lifts Rebels to baseball victory

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Down by one run, bottom of the last inning, two outs with the bases loaded and a full-count - the situation couldn't have been any more dramatic for Georgetown Rebels' clean-up man Dave Vanderbyl.

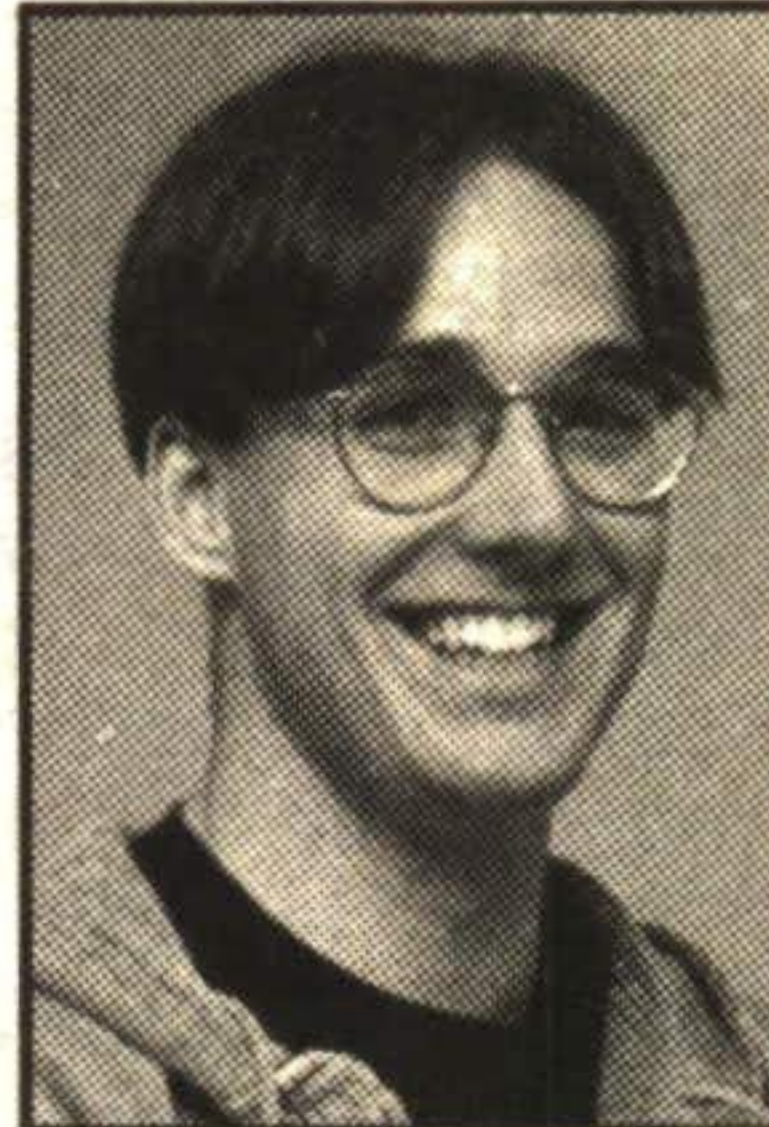
And in typical hero fashion, the GDHS first-baseman launched a fastball into shallow left field that brought home two runs and gave his team an exciting 3-2 victory in their home opener Wednesday afternoon against the Burlington Central Trojans.

Vanderbyl's game winning single made up

for an earlier 6-5 loss to the Milton District Mustangs on Monday in their season opener.

"I thought it was a good solid 3-2 victory for this early in the season," said head coach Moe Leeking, "Both teams had great defense and I was worried we had blown our chances earlier in the game. Fortunately we hung in there and got the win."

While scoring the victory, the Rebels were out hit 8-3 by the Trojans. Central's third-baseman Craig Joyce collected two RBIs in the first on a single that scored both of his team's runs.



DAVE VANDERBYL

Georgetown's other run came on a bases-loaded walk to Brett Desouza that brought home Joe Stephens.

While Vanderbyl was the game hero Wednesday, pitchers Paul Ingram and Scott Crawford stood out as the stars, as did shortstop Joe Stephens.

After a shaky first inning, Ingram settled down, collected three strike-outs and delivered three innings of scoreless ball. He then turned the ball over to Crawford who retired six straight hitters in the fifth and

sixth innings.

While Crawford gave up back-to-back singles in the top of the seventh, he pitched his way out of the jam to keep Georgetown in the game.

Along with putting out half-a-dozen runners with some solid defense, Stephens collected one of the Rebels three hits and also crossed the plate for his team's winning run.

The team's other hit came on a sixth inning single by catcher Steve Onoprijenko.

The Rebels boys' baseball team will look to start a winning streak when they face the Bishop Reding Royals at the Georgetown Fairgrounds tomorrow (Monday) at 3:30 p.m.

HALTON HILLS WEEKEND

SPORTS

Sports

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ParticipACTION Challenge

Get ready for the ParticipACTION Challenge Wed, June 1st. This year the event has a new twist. Instead of challenging another community, we are challenging ourselves to see if we can encourage more residents to get active than in 1990 (our highest participation ever). The objective is to motivate as many people as possible to register their participation in 15 minutes of continuous physical activity such as gardening, walking, cycling or mowing the lawn. Our goal is to try and beat our 1990 record when we had over 14,000 residents get active.

After the activity, the next important step is to register your participation by calling 873-2600, between 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Session 4

The Halton Hills Gymnastics Club is currently in Session four of their annual program. Some opening are still available. Call Paula Geniole at 877-4330 for details.

In the swing

Golf season has finally arrived! Don't miss this opportunity to improve your game. Our summer lessons take place Monday evenings beginning May 30 for 6 weeks at Holy Cross School East Campus. Call the Recreation and Parks department for all the details 873-2600 ext. 275.

Tennis lessons

If you LOVE this game or would like to learn how to play, there are still spaces available for our spring and summer tennis programs. Adult and youth, beginner and intermediate classes are offered in Acton and Georgetown. For more information please call Recreation and Parks at 873-2600 ext. 275.

Lawn bowling

Lawn Bowling provides the whole family the opportunity to learn a 500 year old sport of fun, skill and sociability in a pleasant outdoor setting. This really is a great game for all ages! Come on out and give it a try, Wednesday, evenings May 18 to June 8, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club. Call Recreation and Parks at 873-2600 ext. 275 for more info.

After school kids crafts

This four week after school creative craft and activity program is for children 8-12 years on Mondays and 5-7 years on Wednesday from 3:45 to 5:45 at Robert Little Public School in Acton. Call 873-2600 ext. 275 for details.



Blue Fins Swim Team members who competed in a recent three day Ottawa home lots of honors for the local swim club., including four gold medal performances by Laurie Anne Crocker. TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

Four gold medals

Crocker leads Blue Fins swim contingent

Twenty-five Halton Hills Blue Fins traveled to Ottawa recently for their annual Division III Championship swim meet.

The three day meet was held at the Nepean Sports Complex with 35 teams from all over Ontario competing.

The Halton Hills Blue Fins swam their way to an impressive 13th place finish, averaging more personal bests (92) than any other participating club.

An outstanding performance was given by Laurie Anne Crocker winning four gold medals in the 50 free, 100 free, 200 free, 100 back with a heart stopping second place finish in the 200 IM making her High

Point Winner overall in the girls 13/14 age group. Laurie Anne also achieved five provincial time and set five new club records.

A top performance was also turned in by Aaron Scarlett, 12, with two gold medals in the 100 and 200 breast; two bronze in the 50 free and 200 IM; an eighth place finish in 100 free, as well as one new club record and two provincial times.

Other highlights of the meet were: Heather Cunningham, 10, won silver in the 100 back, fourth in 50 back and 200 free, fifth in 50 free,

seventh in 100 free, two provincial times and one club record; Danny Collins, 11, won silver in the 100 back, fifth in 100 and 200 free, sixth in 100 fly, seventh in 50 free, two club records and one provincial time; Christianne Lent, 12, placed sixth in the 100 back with a provincial time; Alex Main, 12, came seventh in the 100 fly; James Moore, nine, placed eighth in the 100 back and Matthew Hardstaff set two club records.

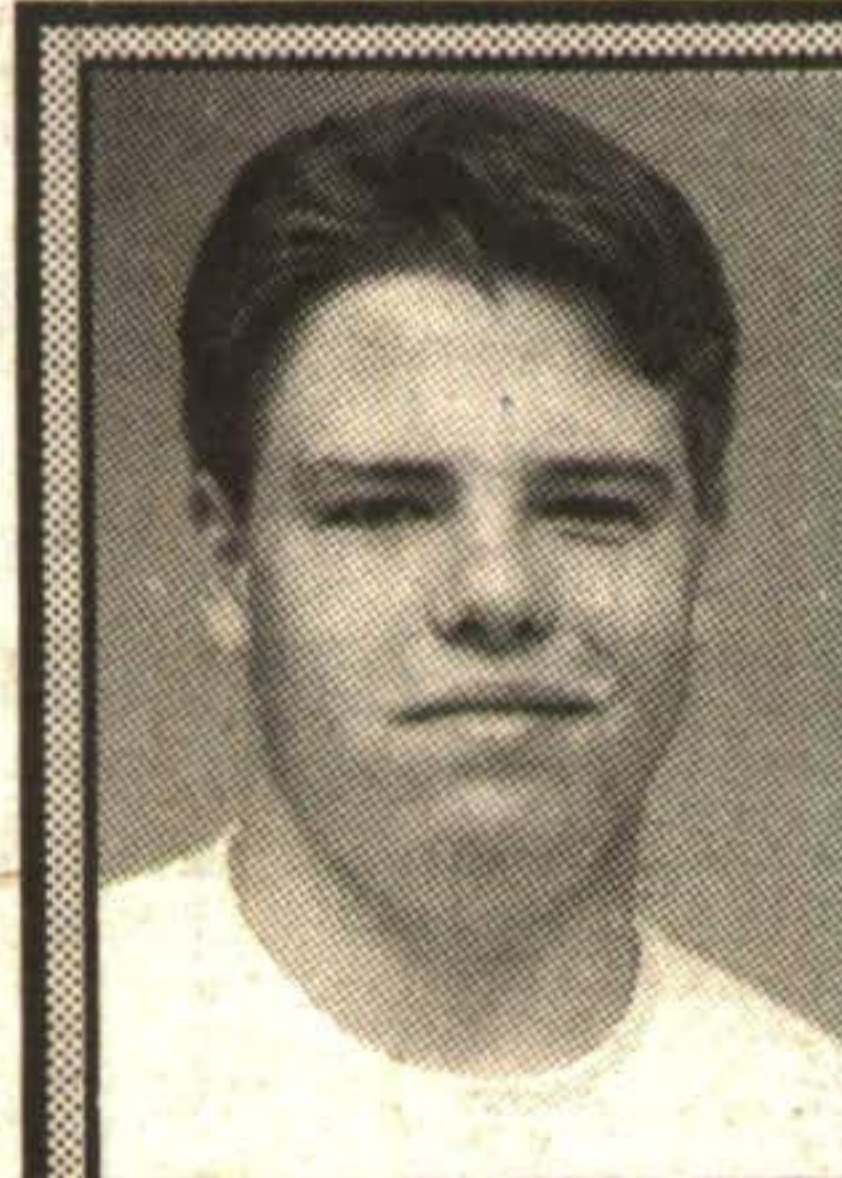
The 11/12 boys 200 free relay

(Brian Cole, Matt Jameson, Danny Collins, Aaron Scarlett) won silver as did the 11/12 boys 200 medley relay (Patrick Potosky, Alex Main, Aaron Scarlett, Danny Collins). The 13/14 girls 200 free relay (Jackie Grant, Alison Duby, Shirley Grant, Laurie Anne Crocker) won the bronze and the medley relay (Elaine Collins, Laurie Anne Crocker, Shirley Grant, Alison Duby) placed seventh.

Also having excellent swims with personal best times were Audrey Lookman, Shannon Sommerville, Jeff Van Raven, Scott Willson, Dan Hardstaff, Ian Cunningham, Cory Constant, John Scott, Nick Jamotte and Michael White.



LAURIE ANNE CROCKER



BRAD DENSOMRE



HELEN RAYNARD

Athletes of the Week

Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Brad Densmore and Helen Raynard. Brad was chosen for his performance on the midget Rebels rugby team in a recent game against Notre Dame, while Helen gave a good performance at a recent track meet at Burlington Central.

Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Amanda Thompson and Giancarlo Scappin. Amanda was chosen for her contribution to the Redmen girls softball team, while Giancarlo was very effective on the Redmen rugby team in a recent game against GDHS.



AMANDA THOMPSON



GIANCARLO SCAPPIN