

Raiders earn 3-3 draw with Royal York

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Five nights after a heartbreaking third period loss to Royal York, the Georgetown Junior A Raiders exacted a little revenge. A revenge of sorts, anyway.

While unable to get their second win of the season, the Raiders managed to get their first point in 11

games with a hard-fought 3-3 draw Wednesday at Mimico Arena.

Led by a strong effort by newly acquired goaltender Jim Hibbert, Georgetown fought back from two one-goal deficits through the first two periods.

The Raiders took a 3-2 lead at 11:32 of the final frame, but the Rangers evened things up in the final three minutes of regulation

time. The five-minute sudden death overtime period was indecisive.

Scoring in the second period for Georgetown were Shane O'Connor and Mike McKnight while Rocky Florio potted the team's third period marker.

Shaun Healy chipped in with two assists and Brian Farrugia and McKnight recorded single assists.

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Wassilyn and Pat Hanlon fired in goals for Royal York while Bill Velliaris contributed with two assists. Keegan Dunn worked the net for the Rangers.

The Raiders took on Brampton Friday and Streetsville Saturday night at home.

The next home game is Saturday, December 17 against the Burlington Cougars.

Tickets available

Tickets for the Georgetown Junior 'A' Raiders exhibition tilt against the Russian Central Red Army Juniors on January 2 are going fast. All tickets for the event are \$7 and can be purchased at Georgetown Marketplace Lotto Centre, Halton Hills Firestone, Johnson & Associates, Halton Cable, the Raider box office, Feminine Way, MVP, or M&M Pro Sports.

HALTON HILLS
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SPORTS

Darts

ALEX TOUGH

Kirby stuns rival players

Paul Kirby went on a tear last Monday in Halton League darts with a stunning 17 points in undefeated play with Legion Three over Charleys One. The players moves into 7th place in the individual standings. Trevor Campbell continues to lead the way ahead of Jeff Richardson, Chris Scutt, Larry Hunt and Brad Youmans.

Moving into a three point lead are last season's defending titleholders, Brackys Brew Crew with a solid 11-3 win over Legion Four, a match which was expected to be much closer. Holding down second place are the partly surprising Charleys Two, 8-6 winners over Time Out Two. Time Out One took out Legion Two by 8-6 and Legion One dropped Brackys Tapsters by 9-5.

Terry Hancock scored the only 180 of the night in his 10 point night. Chris Scutt also scored 10 points. Alex Tough, Jeff Richardson, Erwin See, Doug Bennett and Ken Gritten were 8 point scorers. Paul Kirby notched five 140s, Jeff Richardson scored four with three others scoring three 140s in a big scoring evening.

Wednesday's Industrial League carried on with league play at the Legion as usual. Gasketman handed Dream Team their second loss of the season by a single set. Hustlers lost by the same score to in from Lost Boys. Westenders also won by the popular margin of the night over Teamsters. Panthers did likewise with Bullsitters and Aces took independents the same way. Ensigns were difference in winning 7-2 over luckless Bandits.

Brian Hicks started high with 105 and teammate Dennis Thorogood closed the high of the night with 83.

Brad Youmans won the opening Darts Ontario Zone Shoot in men's singles at Burlington's Legion, the site of all four qualifying rounds. The next session is on Sunday 8th January. No more details are known at this time, folks. The competition is for mixed doubles, male and female singles.

Bulldogs set to take bite out of rivals

Junior B lacrosse here

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Five hundred years ago, Indians first took up lacrosse in tribes and communities across Canada. Today, our national sport takes centre stage once again in Halton Hills - in the form of a Junior B franchise.

During a special press conference at Alcott Arena Wednesday evening, president Barry Trood officially announced his intentions to move his lacrosse club to Georgetown.

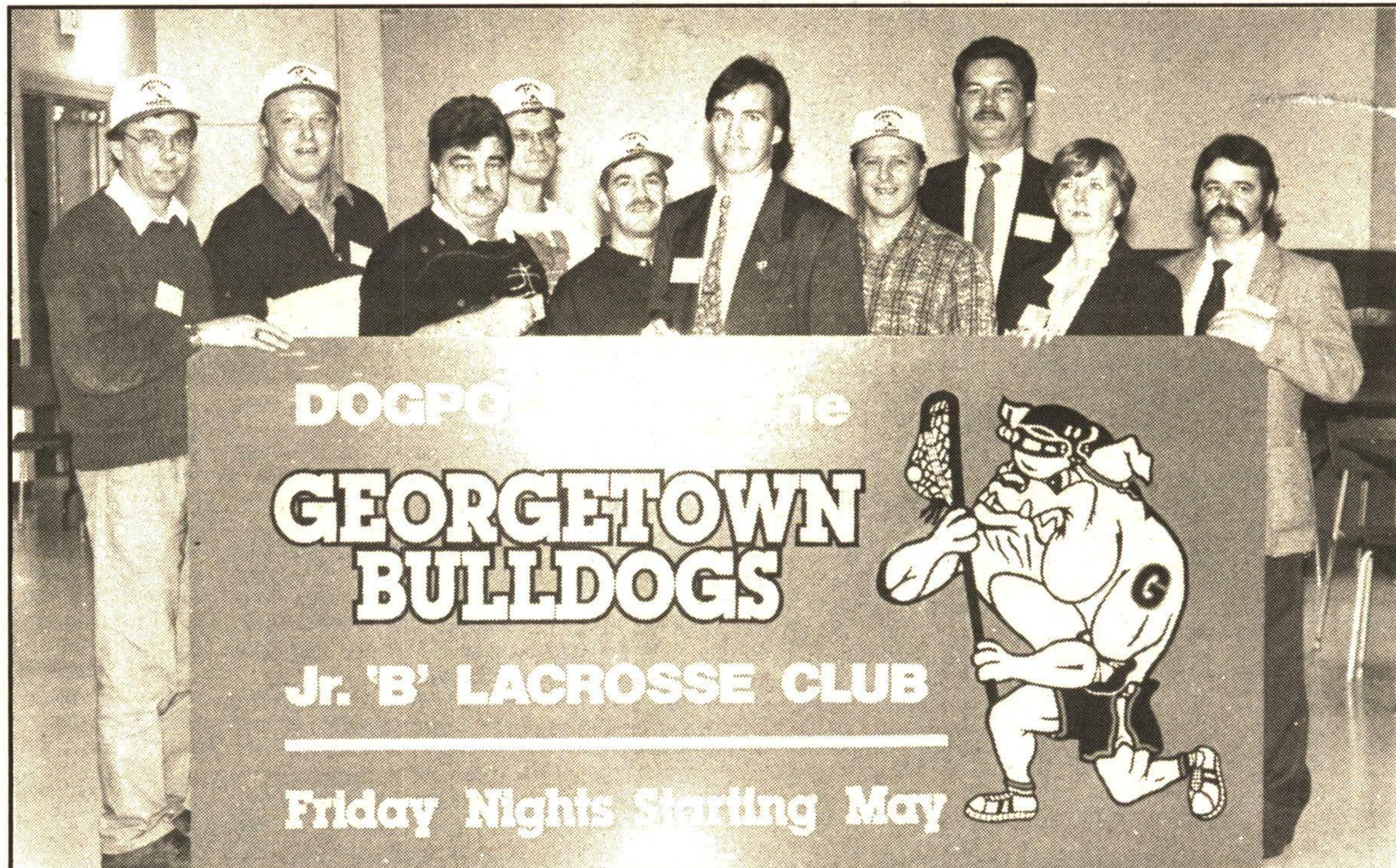
The hour-long presentation, which included an interesting look at the history of the game, was attended by members of the recreation and parks department, the local lacrosse leagues, members of town council and Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson.

Operating out of Bolton Community Centre, Trood and his Caledon Bandits showed significant improvement since joining the O.L.A. (Ontario Lacrosse Association) three years ago but failed to gain the support of the town.

Due to this poor financial situation, Trood has moved his club to Halton Hills, changed the name to the Georgetown Bulldogs and is ready to introduce some competitive junior level lacrosse to local fans.

"We had been steadily improving, but the support in Caledon just wasn't there. There were a number of sites we considered moving the team to, and we chose Georgetown and Halton Hills for two reasons.

"First, because minor lacrosse has started up again in Georgetown and has a strong program in Acton as well. And second, Alcott Arena provides facilities that are more than suitable for the team. That is why we chose to come here," explained Trood, an Orangeville native.



Members of the Georgetown Minor Lacrosse Association (GMLA) were on hand at Alcott Wednesday to officially welcome executive members of the new Georgetown Junior B Bulldogs, who recently moved from Caledon. From left are Brian Reynolds (GMLA), Gerald Veltman

(GMLA President), Zeny Lipinski (Bulldog head coach), Jack Wallinga (GMLA), Michael Bland (GMLA), Barry Trood (Bulldog President), Ken Kenney (GMLA), Warren Welner (Bulldog GM), Cathy Hames (Bulldog Assistant GM) and Bill Gies (Bulldog Vice President).

Added Trood, "the response from the community so far (including the minor lacrosse programs and recreation and parks department) has been just great".

While the club has changed its name, logo and team colors, the key ingredients that have made the team successful are still in the mix. Coach Zeny Lipinski will lead the squad for the third year while several veteran players will be returning to the fold including Larry Wilson, Jason Baxter, Cory Fearon, Brad Fletcher, Darren Boyle, Keith Welner, Nate Hames and league rookie-of-the-year Zeny Lipinski Jr.

Making up the rest of the executive will be Bill Gies (Vice-President), Warren Welner (General Manager) and Cathy Hames (Assistant GM).

The Bulldogs will play in the

Central Division of the OLA with the Brampton Excelsiors, Owen Sound Dutchmen, Huntsville Hawks and Orillia Kings. The league awarded three new franchises last month and will now include 15 teams in three divisions.

After finishing last place in their opening season (1992), the team worked their way to eighth place and a playoff spot in '93 and moved up to seventh place this past summer.

Georgetown will play a 22-game schedule (which runs from May until August) with two of their 11 home games at Acton Arena - in an effort to include all of Halton Hills.

"We will be affiliated with both lacrosse programs in Acton and Georgetown. While there are no lacrosse players in town old enough

to play this coming season, we want to have a strong connection with the minor league teams and give these young players something to work towards," said Trood.

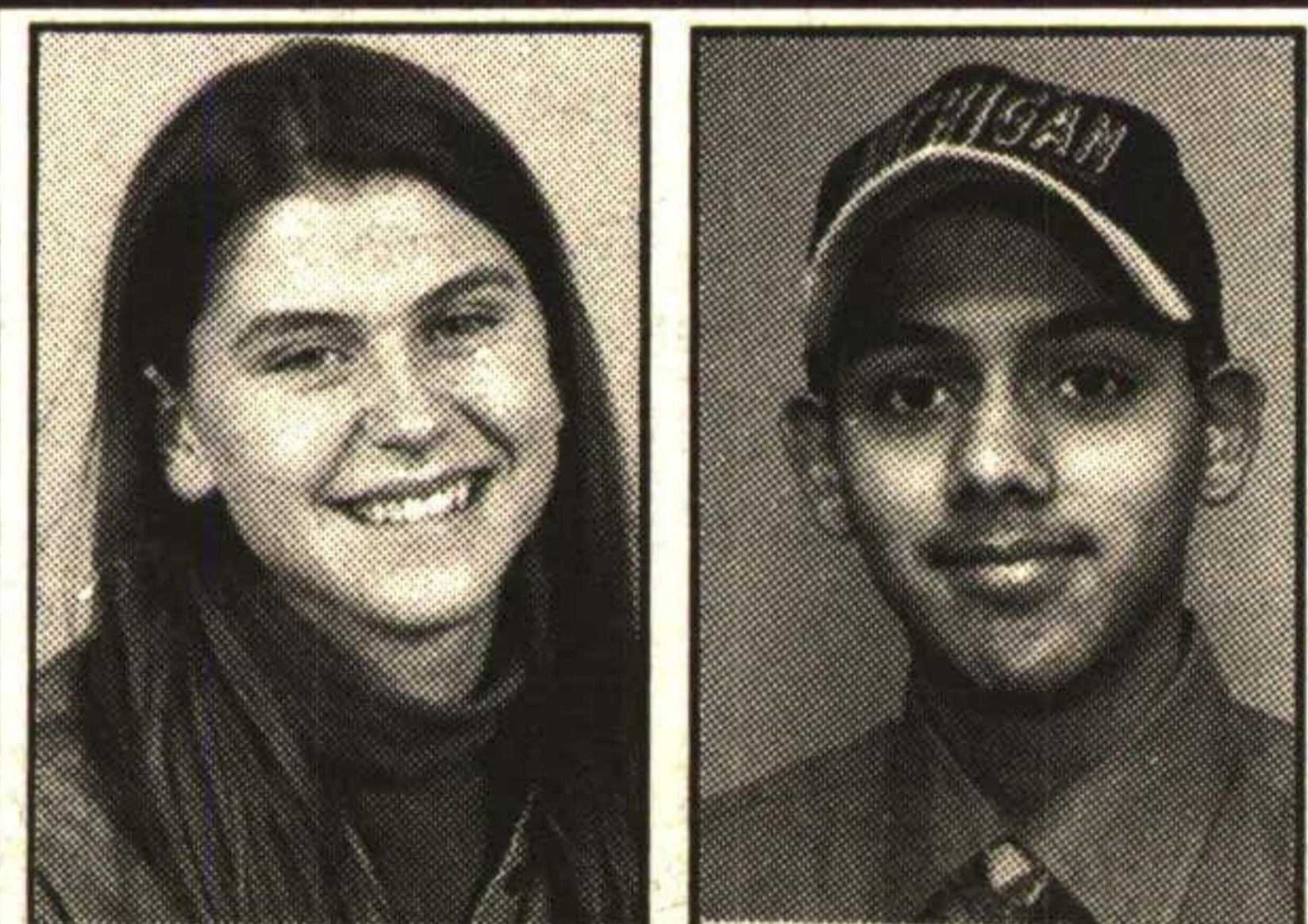
Coach Lipinski added that "we want to go with kids from town as much as possible."

Home games will be played Friday nights at Alcott, or the 'Dogpound' as it will be referred to during the summer months.

Admission will be around \$4 or \$5, comparative with the average cost of most junior hockey games.

Trood and Gies will now seek sponsorship from local businesses in order to fund the club. "We're looking for support from local businesses right now, but the early outlook is promising," Gies stated.

The executive is also looking for volunteers for the coming season.



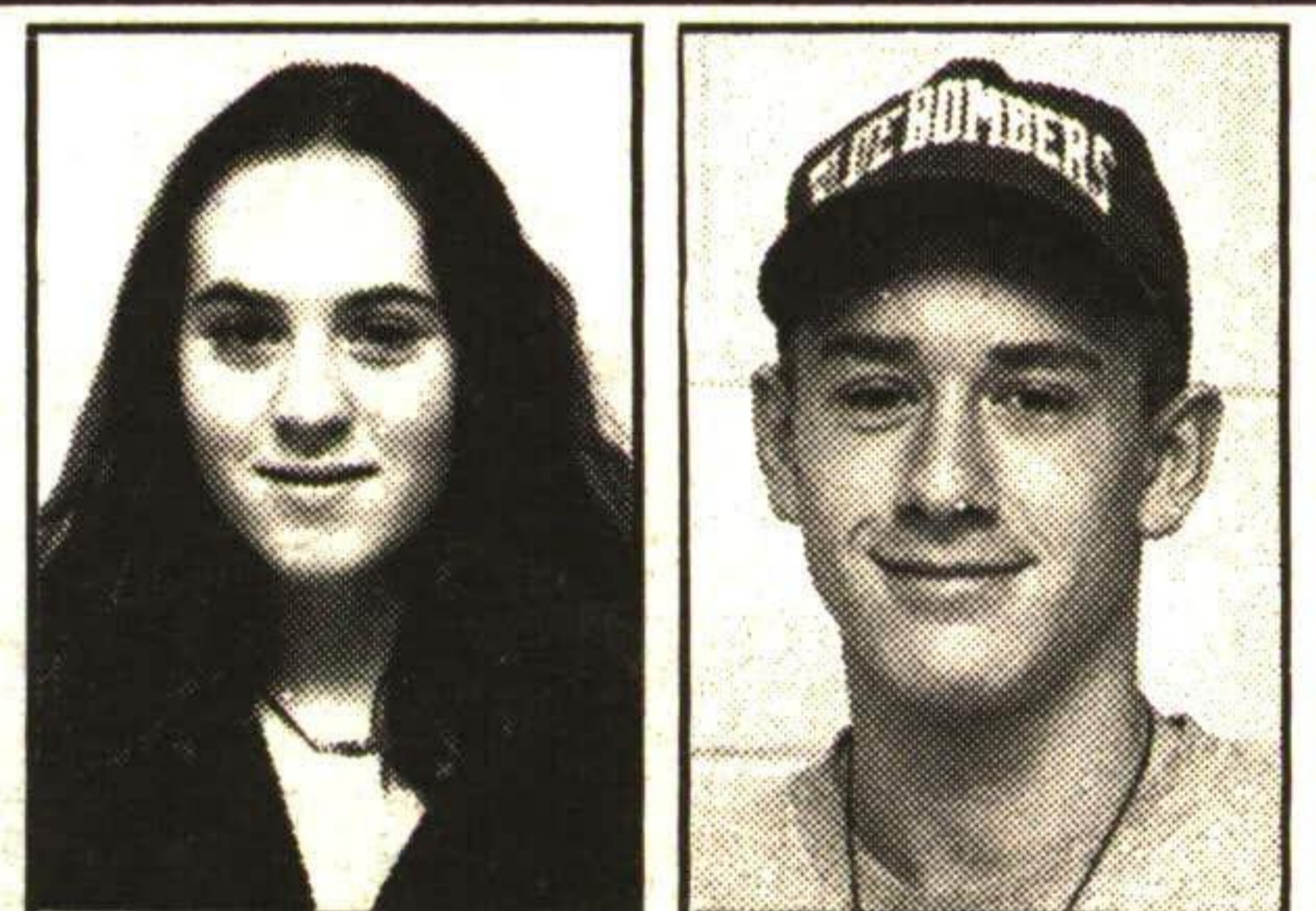
JEN MURRAY

ORINIK SARMA

High school

Athletes of the Week

This week's Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Jen Murray and Orinik Sarma. Jen was selected for her contribution to the senior Rebels girls volleyball team at the recent Rebel Tournament. Orinik was chosen for scoring 23 points on the midget Rebels basketball team in a game against Iroquois Ridge High School. Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Shelby Daponte and Dave Dolliver. Shelby was selected for her hustle on the court of the senior Redmen girls volleyball team at a recent GDHS tournament. Dave was recognized for his performance on the junior Redmen basketball team in an exhibition game against Erin.



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