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## Solid contenders

The Georgetown Bantam Selects volleyball team captured 2nd in the provincial Bantam Ontario Volleyball Championships (for the second year in a row) the weekend of February 13 in Scarborough. These girls, aged 12, 13, and 14 competed against 13 other teams from across Ontario. They are pictured here with coaches Brian Cosgrove and Jim Atkinson.

## Raiders scale the heights

By Colin Gibson

From out of the depths of despair to a playoff lair, the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders have scaled the heights in the central Ontario Jr. A West Division.

In must-win situations - in order to ensure a post-season berth - the Raiders picked up two crucial weekend wins to lockup the West Division's seventh (and final) play-off spot, effectively closing out Royal York Rangers 1992-93 shiny season.

Raiders traveled to Oakville Friday night and posted a solid 4-2 win over the Blades.

Saturday night in the friendly confines of Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, the Raiders turned aside Brampton Capitals 7-5 to post a four-point weekend. The twin wins give the Raiders 22 points, with three games to play, while Royal York was winless in two outings last week and with only 17 points and two games to play, the Rangers are toast.

Quite a turn around for a team seemingly destined for the post-season obituary column heading into the 1993 portion of their schedule.

A buoyant Finn Poulstrup, Raider president, deflected praise for the successful playoff run to the players and the coaches.

"It feels great", enthused Poulstrup. "It feels really good to see the player's personal pride come out when it was needed and over the last three or four weeks, they have

been a very game group of hockey players.

"A lot of the credit for the turnaround must also go to head coach, Gary Ford and assistants Jay Anderson and Tony Reis," continued Poulstrup.

"They instituted a solid defensive system, the players adapted and it has really paid off."

Poulstrup also singled out goaltender Jason Sirota for picking up the pace after Christmas.

"He played some great games after Christmas," said Poulstrup. He gave the team some breathing space and the way he was playing, the guys felt they were always in the game."

Sirota anchored the Oakville win by making 19 saves in the first period alone, Friday, and 40 overall.

The game was deadlocked 1-1 heading into the third period, then the Raiders popped two power-play goals and an empty-netter to salt away the win.

Trevor Brandt opened the scoring for the Raiders with Ante Galic, Dean Roberts and Ian Ellis rounding out the Raider scoring.

Brandt and Ellis had single helpers, as did Jeff Charney, David Bouskill and Steve Davis.

Steve Weisher picked up two assists.

Dan Delmonte and Matt Enterbartolo scored for Oakville.

Dave Kennedy started in the Georgetown nets against Brampton Saturday and allowed the Raiders to

move in front 3-1 after the first period.

Brampton roared back with three markers in the second period - to but a single reply from the Raiders to tie the game, and Sirota got the nod to man the nets for the third frame.

Kennedy made 23 saves over two periods.

The insertion of Sirota seemed to inject new life into the Raiders who proceeded to outscore Brampton 3-1 in the third to sew up the 7-5 win.

Trevor Brandt and Steve Davis each scored twice for Georgetown, with singles going to Randy Bond, Ian Ellis and Jeff Charney.

Brandt added two assists for a four-point performance, while Davis also collected a helper.

Bryan Gendron and Jonathan McKee had a pair of assists, with single assists going to Colin Hooper, Trevor Elinesky, Ellis, Charney, Andy Pazevar and Ante Galic.

Raiders have three games on tap this week.

Tomorrow night (Thursday) Raiders trek to Caledon for a joust with the Canadiens, while on Saturday, 7:30 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, Georgetown plays host to Burlington Cougars.

Raiders run out the string for the 1992-93 regular season with an away game against Mississauga this Sunday.

## All-girls soccer

The Acton and Georgetown Soccer Clubs have announced the formation of a All Girls Soccer Division to be made up of girls from both Acton and Georgetown.

It was pointed out that this is not an Acton or Georgetown league but a united soccer league committed to girls soccer.

This commitment means providing the girls of both towns with a league of their own to have fun and establish new friendships. The Under 9 girls will play 7 a-side, while the older girls will play 11 a-side soccer. All girls are welcome to sign up at any of the following registration locations:

Georgetown at Alcott arena  
Saturday February 27th - 1 to 4 pm  
Wednesday March 10th - 6 to 9 pm  
Acton at Acton Arena  
Saturday March 20th - 9 to 12 am  
Wednesday March 25th - 6 to 9 pm

Beginning this year, all girls whose birth dates fall into the age categories listed below will be eligible for play.

Under 9 August 1, 1984 to July 31, 1986

Under 11 August 1, 1982 to July

31, 1984

Under 13 August 1, 1980 to July 31, 1982

Under 15 August 1, 1978 to July 31, 1980

Under 17 August 1, 1976 to July 31, 1978

Under 19 August 1, 1974 to July 31, 1976

(Please note this league does not include girls in the under 7 age category for Acton residents. These teams will remain in the regular Acton house league.)

Where numbers permit all scheduled games will be played and divided as evenly as possible between both towns, field availability permitting.

Select teams will also be offered to all age categories giving everyone a chance to experience Tournament play and further improve their soccer skills.

The new division is looking for coaches, assistants and managers from Acton and Georgetown. For further information contact

Roger Roy, Georgetown board 877-6709 or Mike Petkoff, Acton board 853-0104

## Kate a pace-setter

by Rod Beaumont

Hats off to Kate Pace. This North Bay resident recently won a gold medal at the world downhill Skiing Championships in Japan.

Having broken her wrist in her previous competition, a special cast was fitted so Kate could compete in the worlds. Winning a gold medal is an achievement in itself, but to do so with a broken wrist is remarkable.

I feel this best exemplifies the true meaning of athletic pride and desire to compete and do one's best, in an era where it is so easy not to play due to an injury. Some high priced professionals should take a long look in the mirror, sit up and take notice of the example set by Kate Pace.

Last week I wrote about playoffs and a new lease on life. The Georgetown Minor Novice Raiders fit that bill. Winning and tying just one game all year this group of eight-year-olds could easily have played dead come playoffs, but haven't.

Having eliminated Flamborough, these boys are now up against a heavily favored team and if not for a ten-minute bout of Dundas Blues, they have held their own.

This alone should make coach and parents alike proud. With another game against Dundas last evening, at press time I hope these future NHLers fared better.

## Rodent's racket

In any case, congratulations on your long-awaited success.

Every week local dart players turn to the Sports Page to see the individual and team statistics of last week's action in our two area dart leagues. But the question remains is darts a sport or a pass-time. I would like to answer that now "Yes" - it's both.

Got a beef or thought on the week in sports? Write or call me care of Halton Hills This Week 232 Guelph St., Georgetown, 873-2254. If it makes me put a finger to my temple and go Hmmm, I'll discuss it next week.

## Oversight

In last Wednesday's edition of Halton Hills This Week, we featured the 1993 Town of Halton Hills Municipal Awards evening.

One very deserving team was overlooked in our article.

That team was the Georgetown Select Bantam Girls volleyball team.

The team, coached by Jim Atkinson and Brian Cosgrove, were silver medal winners at last year's All Ontario championships.

Team members include: Rachel Inglis, Courtney O'Brien, Cheryl Rivard, Bridget Campbell, Lisa MacDonald, Julie Bottomley, Mary Donnelly and Haley Brown.

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