

### Clear the track

Runners from Harrison Public School of Georgetown found the cross country course much to their liking last Thursday at the fifth Annual Georgetown Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion public schools cross country meet staged at Cedarvale Park.

photo by Simon Wulson/HHTW

## Senior Rebs lose heartbreaker to OTHS

By Mike Zrostek

Like a child reaching for the cookie jar that is just out of reach might best describe how the senior Rebels football team must have felt after losing another close game Friday, this time at home to Oakville Trafalgar, 18-12. The loss drops the Rebs record to 0-2.

"We outplayed them. Both the offense and defense played well. We just gave up a touchdown on a blocked punt and we fumbled near the goal line. It happens! You can't blame anyone, said coach Paul Marinangeli.

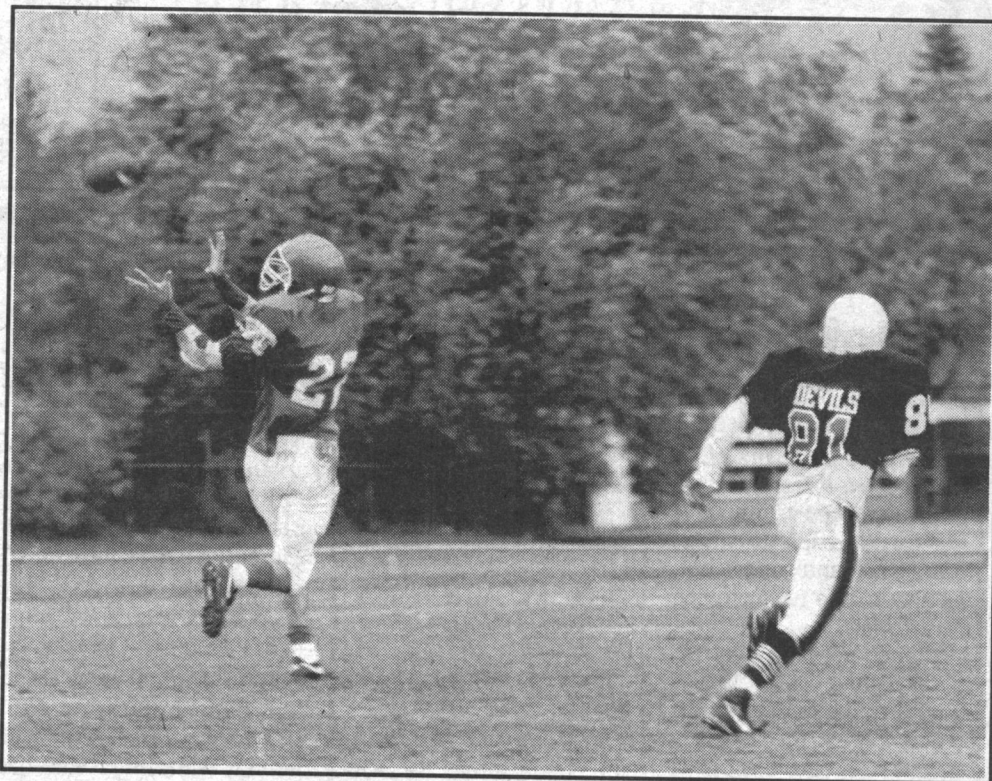
The Rebels amassed 300 yards of offense, including a nice catch from Jason Walker in the end zone for a TD with a two-point conversion made by Randy Bond. GDHS added a field goal and single by Bruce Davison to round out their scoring.

"They were able to run on us more than Loyola by hiding the runner. A couple times we went after the wrong guy," said Marinangeli. "But the O.T. offense was harder to defend against and to read. But overall, we stuffed them pretty well."

Marinangeli points out that with a couple of breaks the Rebels could easily be 2-0.

Unfortunately, you have to wait a week to play your next game, unlike baseball where you go at it again the next day, and the Rebel mentor admits a few players are a bit down.

"We have to make the



GDHS Rebels slotback Ian Sinclair corralled this toss from quarterback Paul Ingram which eventually led to a Rebel major last Friday in the senior football game against Oakville-Trafalgar High School at GDHS. Unfortunately for the hometown supporters, OTHS held on for an 18-12 win. photo by Simon Wulson/HHTW

next game a big one because the upcoming games are against Q.E. Park and White Oaks; they're going to be tough."

Marinangeli realistically thinks the Rebels will wind up in the Tier II playoffs saying they are not far off

4th place and think Tier II would be better.

"We're trying to build a program here so I don't know if it would be good to finish fourth and then get beat by Q.E. 25-6. Finishing in Tier II and possibly winning it would probably be

better." Look for the Rebels to win Friday's game against St. Thomas Aquinas of Oakville, (3:45 p.m. at GDHS) led by quarterback Paul Ingram who Marinangeli says has played great so far.

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## Redmen impress at Spike classic

Acton High's junior boys volleyball squad traveled to Lester B. Person High School on Friday to compete in the Spike Classic Volleyball Tournament.

The Redmen jumped off to a quick start by defeating the host team from Pearson 15-0.

Acton power-hitter Steve White, Acton's MVP for the day, strung out 12 straight service points in this match. Coach Ken Ellis said he had looked forward to this kind of start to rebound from Thursday Night's regular season opener in which Acton's service errors contributed greatly to a loss. Juggling the line-up for the second game, Ellis watched his Redmen storm from behind to again claim a win, this time by a score of 15-11.

Acton's impressive start put them in the championship round where unfortunately they met the tournament consolation champions, M.M. Robinson and lost two

matches by scores of 15-8 and 15-7.

All in all, it was a good performance according to the coach.

"I was pleased to see them bounce back from Thursday's loss and play with confidence," said Ellis. "The team is playing with excellent morale and spirit. We now have to concentrate on our blocking and our black coverage for the home-opener on Thursday (tomorrow) against Lord Elgin."

Last Thursday, the Redmen dropped their opening league matches 15-10 and 15-4 before rebounding to close out 15-9 winners.

Coach Ken Ellis felt his team had suffered from a week's layoff because two-thirds of his team missed a

week of practices as the Grade 10 classes spent time at Terra Cotta in Outdoor Education.

"I could see that a number of them were really quite tired," he said, "and some were suffering the effects of colds. I think the key factor though was the lack of practice which definitely affected their timing and team play."

The junior Redmen just couldn't seem to get an organized attack going and control the ball with any consistency. Said Ellis, "The most obvious sign of layoff's effect was in our serving. We lost a total of 14 serves either hitting the net, or going out of bounds."

The junior Redmen play their home-opener tomorrow (Thursday).

## Players and parents get hockey educated

By Mike Zrostek

You never have enough knowledge in life and that goes for hockey life as well. Players and parents were filled in on this and other hockey information when the Halton 'AAA' Minor Hockey Alliance held an education night.

The evening, which was held at Centennial Middle School, had players from minor novice to midget, and their parents, in different classrooms being shown the various aspects of hockey.

Everything from hockey

skills to what is available from over 3,000 colleges and universities as far as scholarships for hockey players, was shown and discussed.

Young players were shown what each position player should be doing on face-offs, offensive passing and back checking. Also shown were shooting tips, as well as improving offensive and scoring abilities.

Older minor hockey players received tips on a four-step progression method on checking and the transition game. The techniques were shown through books, video and speakers.

Parents got valuable information on recent rule changes, how player selection process works, the contribution of the Ontario Hockey League and updates on the OMHA (Ontario Minor Hockey Association) and the CAHA (Canadian Amateur Hockey Association).

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