

Melisaa Gervais (left) and Michelle Melhuish challenged the odds and tried out for Oakville's White Oaks junior football team. Melissa found the going a bit tough, but Michelle made the team as a back-up defensive back.

photo by Tony Maraschiello

## Times changing in sports

By Mike Zrostek

Two girls from Oakville did what many others thought of years ago. That is, try out for a boys athletic team. Well, not only did they try out, one of them has made the team.

Michelle Melhuish, 15 has made the Oakville White Oaks junior football team as a second string defensive back making her one of only a handful of girls in recent memory to play high school football in Halton region.

"We actually had three girls trying out at the beginning of practises," said coach Al Tanner. "One girl dropped out after the contact started and Melissa Gervais, 13 didn't have the skill level. But she will try again next year because she has a few years left of junior."

Tanner says that both Gervais and Melhuish were not given a hard time by the other players on the team.

"(The players) were quite receptive to the girls. They may have been wondering about the contact and there was some skepticism, but once the girls showed what they could do, there wasn't a problem," said Tanner.

"I've been working hard all summer and I think I've got a pretty good attitude," said Melhuish. "But right now I'm in a lot of pain."

She offered this insight after a tough practice session.

"What makes it a little easier is the guys on the team are really supportive."

The pain aspect is a bit of concern to Tanner who feels that safety is obviously a concern.

"I think it's easier and safer to play junior than it would be senior because the skill level and the size is smaller. Also, there are limited positions girls can play in foot-

ball. But I wouldn't keep Michelle if I didn't think she could play," added Tanner.

Coaches for both the GDHS Rebels junior and senior football teams can't recall a female trying out for their squads, but insist there are no barriers preventing females from trying to make the teams.

# Senior Rebels get blown-out

By Mike Zrostek

After losing their first two games on last minute plays, the Georgetown District High School senior football team seemed ready to take a step into the win column. Instead, they got stepped on.

St. Thomas Aquinas of Oakville beat GDHS 23-0 at GDHS last Friday as the Rebels had a rough day on the gridiron dropping passes and missing assignments. Coach Randy Marinangeli went into the game thinking his team was ready.

"We had a good practices this week," he said. "I felt good about us winning this one especially after our last two games when we were so close."

They didn't do anything



Randy Marinangeli

right at all. You name it we didn't do it. No execution dropped passes and we were blown right off the line all game," said the disappointed coach.

The senior squad is now 0-3 and play Friday at Milton in a must-win game for the Rebels.

## Major Novice Raiders off to 3-0 start

The Georgetown Beaver Lumber Major Novice Raiders are hot early in their 1993/94 hockey season after winning their first three games over Milton, Guelph and Brampton.

In the opener against Milton the Raiders won 4-2 thanks to two-goal efforts by both Brett Velten and Kevin Oulds.

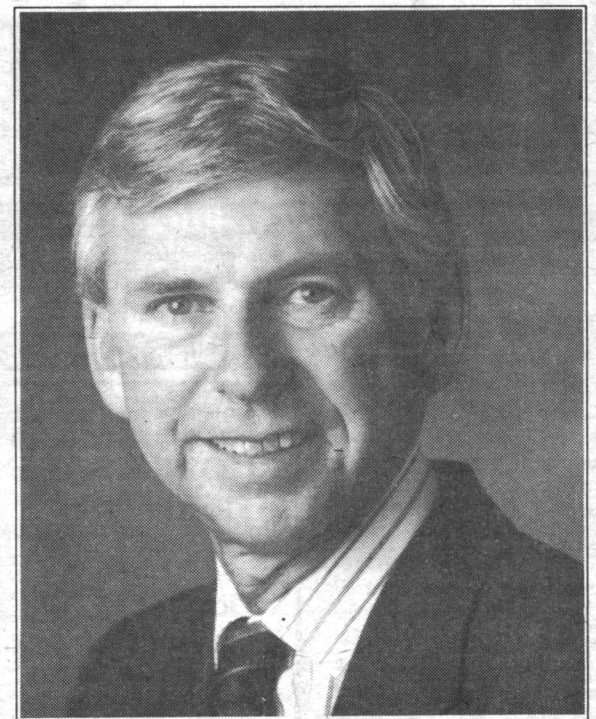
Brent Beaumont, Jeff Boyce, Andy Burns, Billy McDonald and Andrew McGourty assisted on the goals.

At home in their second

game, Georgetown edged Guelph 2-1 on goals by Boyce and Beaumont with Burns collecting two assists.

Goaltender Donnie Lane played consistent in the fast-paced game against Guelph as the visitors mounted a furious attack in attempting to tie the game late, but couldn't put one past the hometown netminder.

Lane was the story in the third game as well, a 1-0 shutout of Brampton. Brett Velten scored the only goal of the game, unassisted, in the third period.



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