

HALTON HILLS WEEKEND SPORTS

Sports

Shorts

Novices eliminated

The Acton Novice Sabres were eliminated from OMHA playoff action last week, following two straight losses to Fergus.

Fergus buried the Sabres last Sunday on home-ice with a 3-0 shutout. The home team scored one goal in each period for the victory.

Last Wednesday at Acton Arena, the Sabres turned in a better effort and held a 2-0 lead after the opening period. However, Fergus managed to shut them out the rest of the way, collecting three goals.

Scoring for Acton last Wednesday were Mike Gerrow and Mark Pawlak while Stephen Boychuk and Darryl Wright drew assists.

Chargers on top

The Centennial Chargers continue to sit atop the North Halton boys basketball league, following two more wins last week.

Beating McKenzie-Smith 46-41 and W.I. Dick 55-44, the Chargers are now 8-1 - and two games up on Sam Sherratt who beat Stewarttown 34-32 and W.I. Dick 44-34 last week.

Sitting third is McKenzie-Smith, while Stewarttown, W.I. Dick and Brookville round out the rest of the six-team league.

In girls play, Stewarttown holds an 8-1 record after wins over Brookville (28-10) and Sam Sherratt (36-19). Behind them are the 6-3 W.I. Dick crew who got past Sherratt (21-17) and Centennial (39-35) last week.

In the fight for third place, Centennial is just one point up on McKenzie-Smith while Sherratt and Brookville sit fifth and sixth.

Lacrosse registration

Georgetown Minor Lacrosse will hold a second registration from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. next Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Gordon Alcott Arena. Clinics will be held at Joseph Gibbons Gym March 7 and March 21 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Please contact Linda Veltman 877-7384.

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Ten-year-old
Boreland earns black belt in karate

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
Special to The Independent/Free Press

In keeping with a family tradition, 10-year-old Dustin Boreland has carved out a little piece of history for himself in the world of martial arts.

Dustin became the youngest blackbelt holder in Shorin-Ryu style karate last Saturday, after surpassing a four-hour long testing period conducted by father Chris.

This intense session included physical endurance testing, 12 forms of kata, 30 self-defense techniques, seven stages of Kumite and 13 rounds of free sparring.

"I was really happy and excited about earning my blackbelt," said Dustin, a grade 4 student at George Kennedy Public School.

Dustin's landmark accomplishment follows nearly six years of training under father/Sensei Chris who runs the Georgetown Karate Club.

"I'm very proud of Dusty. Along with being the youngest blackbelt holder, he is also my first student to earn the honor which is extremely rewarding," Chris stated.

And while he officially received his blackbelt last Saturday, the accomplishment comes on the heels of a long process including gaining



Ten-year-old Dustin Boreland became the youngest student of Shorin-Ryu style karate to ever earn a blackbelt last Saturday, when he completed the four-hour test given by his father - Sensei Chris Boreland.

special permission from the World Shorin-Ryu Karate-Do Federation in Okinawa, Japan.

Chris explained that, "traditionally, a student of karate has to be at least 16 years old to earn a blackbelt.

Before I could test Dusty, we had him evaluated by six Okinawan masters in New York and then sought special permission from the head office in Japan."

Dustin's interest in karate

was sparked by his father, who has studied for nearly 18 years and is now a third degree blackbelt. Along with at least five hours of training each week, he also helps dad teach classes for both the children and adults.

"It throws some people off, to see a 10-year-old teaching a class. However, once they see that he knows what he's doing, they don't have a problem with it," explains Chris.

He adds that karate training has helped his son in other aspects of his life, including academic success, self-confidence and better hand-eye coordination for playing goal in rep hockey.

This season, as a major novice netminder, he has the best goals-against average in the league.

And while quite capable of entering karate competitions, especially now that he has earned his blackbelt, Dustin says he has no immediate plans to join the competitive circuit.

"I don't feel like I have to prove anything, the only person I have to get better than is who I am right now.

"Like most kids, I wanted to be like my dad. So in my case, I joined karate. It's fun, and it's something that just runs in the family."

Raiders head into post-season with healthy Hibbert

Goaltender Jim Hibbert was back in full swing this weekend when the Georgetown Junior A Raiders opened Central Ontario playoff action against the Milton Merchants.

Having suffered a groin injury late last month, it was unknown if he would be able to play until earlier this week.

With Georgetown's other carded netminder, Nick Montessano, unavailable

for action, the team's management looked into the possibility of gaining an extra card for the balance of the season.

It was understood that if Hibbert was unable to play, the Raiders would likely seek to pickup a goalie from the East Division's Ajax Axemen, who failed to make post-season play.

"We sent in a written request as a precautionary measure, but Hibbert will

now be able to play," said GM/head coach Jules Russiani Thursday morning.

The Raiders were at home against Milton last night (Saturday) while starting the best-of-seven series Friday in Milton.

The teams will meet Tuesday at Milton's Thompson Road Arena for game three and return to Gorodn Alcott Arena Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. for game four.

Athletes of the Week

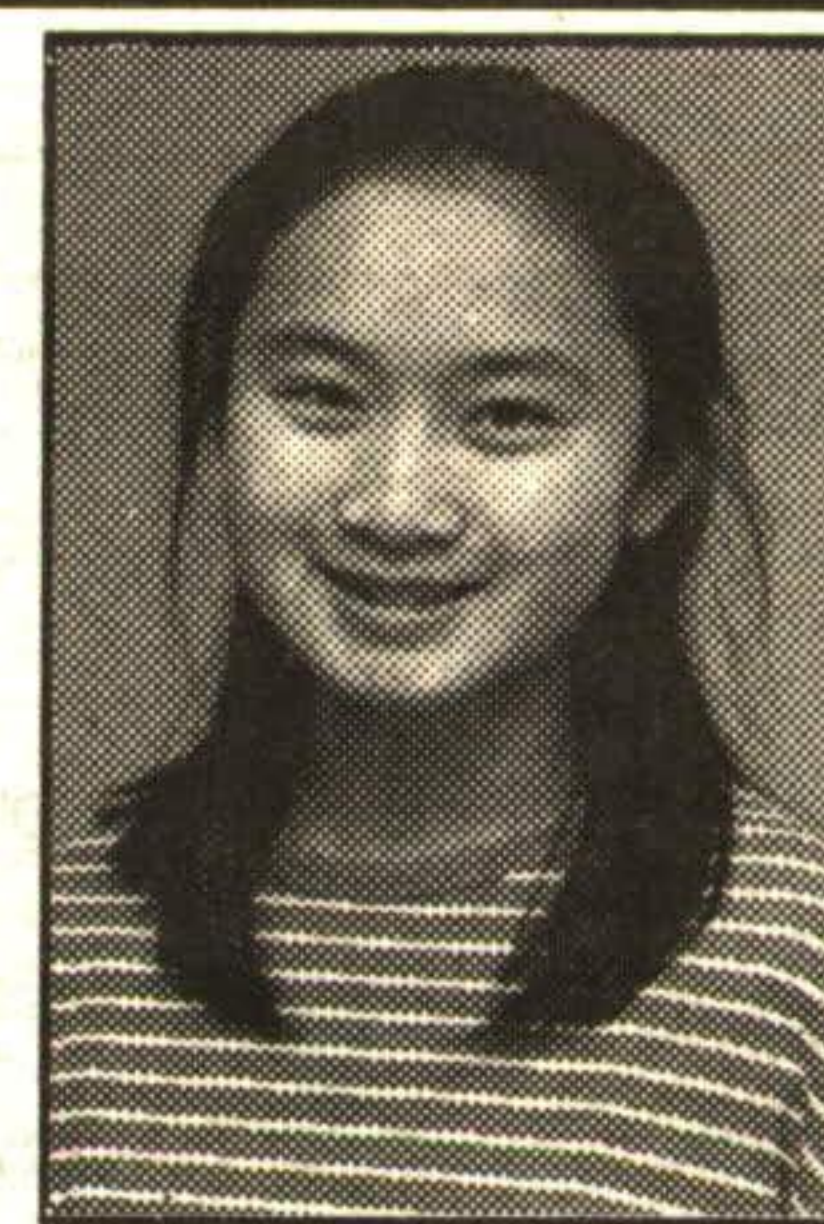
Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Amanda Thompson and Chris Young. Amanda was selected for her contribution to the junior Redmen girls volleyball team. Chris was chosen for his performance on the junior Redmen boys basketball team. He scored 21 points against Georgetown. Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Maureen Tse and Bill Stokes. Maureen, was chosen for her contribution to the Rebels junior girls volleyball team. Bill, a member of the Rebels wrestling team, was honored for placing fourth in the Halton junior finals and for winning his 104 lb. weight class at meets in Montreal and Orillia.



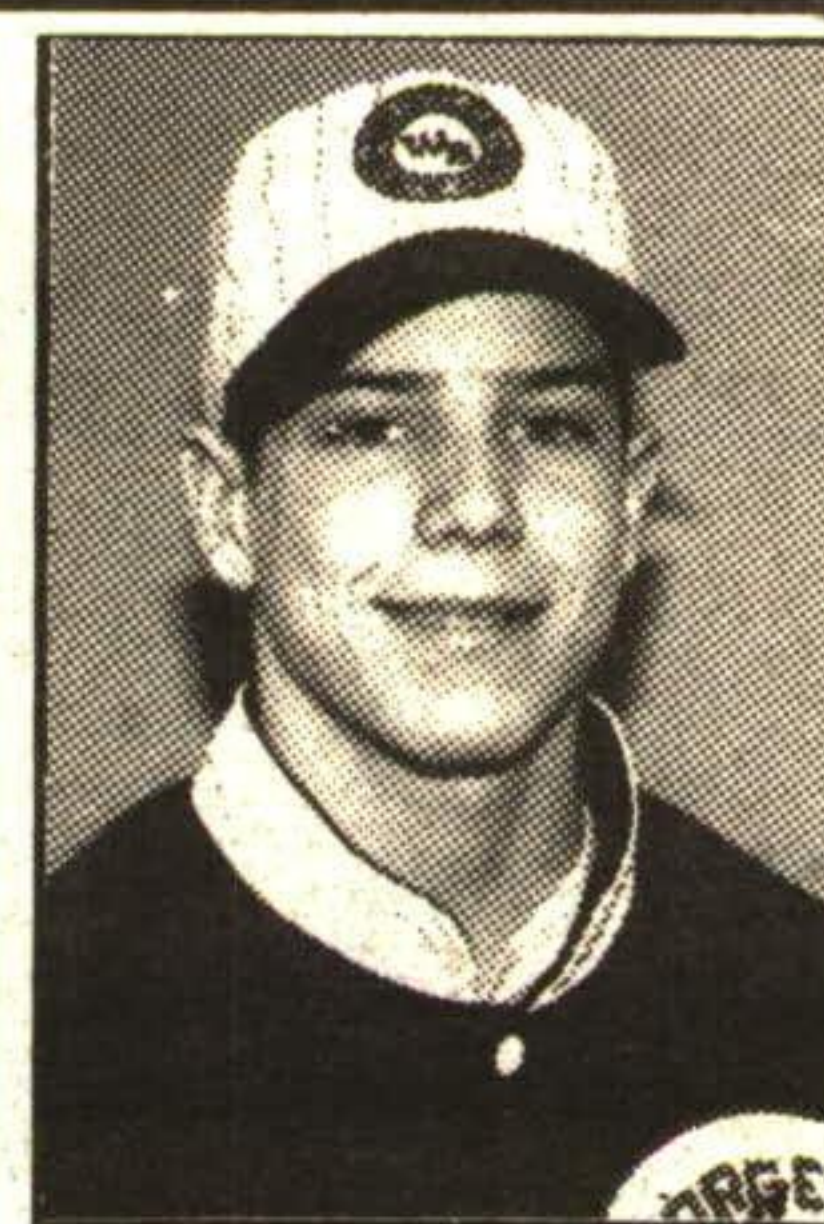
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