

HALTON HILLS WEEKEND

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#### Providence bound

Providence College hockey coach Paul Pooley recently announced Georgetown native Doug Sheppard has signed a national letter of intent to attend Providence College beginning in September, 1996.

Sheppard is playing for the Vernon Vipers of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League. This season, the 5-foot, 10-inch, 175-pound forward has scored 41 points (17 goals, 24 assists) in 28 games. Sheppard, who toiled with the Junior A Raiders two years ago, is the son of George and Beth Sheppard.

#### Coaching clinic

A Level 1 Coaches Clinic will be held at Georgetown District High School on Feb. 10 and 11, 1996. Cost of \$47. Call the Recreation and Parks Department at 873-2600, ext. 275, for details.

#### Tourney time

The Acton Peewee I Sabres entered the Fergus Tournament last weekend, earning a win over Guelph 8-1, and losses to Hamilton 3-2 and 5-2 to Goderich.

Acton drew Hamilton for the first game with Hamilton scoring with only six seconds remaining to win 3-2. This loss sent Acton into the consolation round.

Guelph was no match for the Sabres as they rolled to an 8-1 win. Joe Fields had a three goal and two assist performance to lead the way. Also scoring was Jeff Payne, Chris Stanhope, Steve Barens, Mitchell Moore and Rob McMillan.

Acton faced Goderich on Sunday. Goderich were a fast paced team and Acton proved to be their match leading 2-1 going into the third period.

Penalties proved to be a problem for Acton in the third as they allowed two power play goals, giving up the lead, losing 5-2. Scoring for Acton, Joe Fields and Chris Stanhope. Adam Fields also played very well in goal.

In league action last week Acton travelled to Orangeville and played their eighth game in seven days and the score showed it as Orangeville claimed a 2-0 victory.

#### Fitness workshop

A Fitness Workshop for Children and Youth is being held at Acton High School on Feb. 10, 1996 at a cost of \$70. Call 873-2600, ext 275.

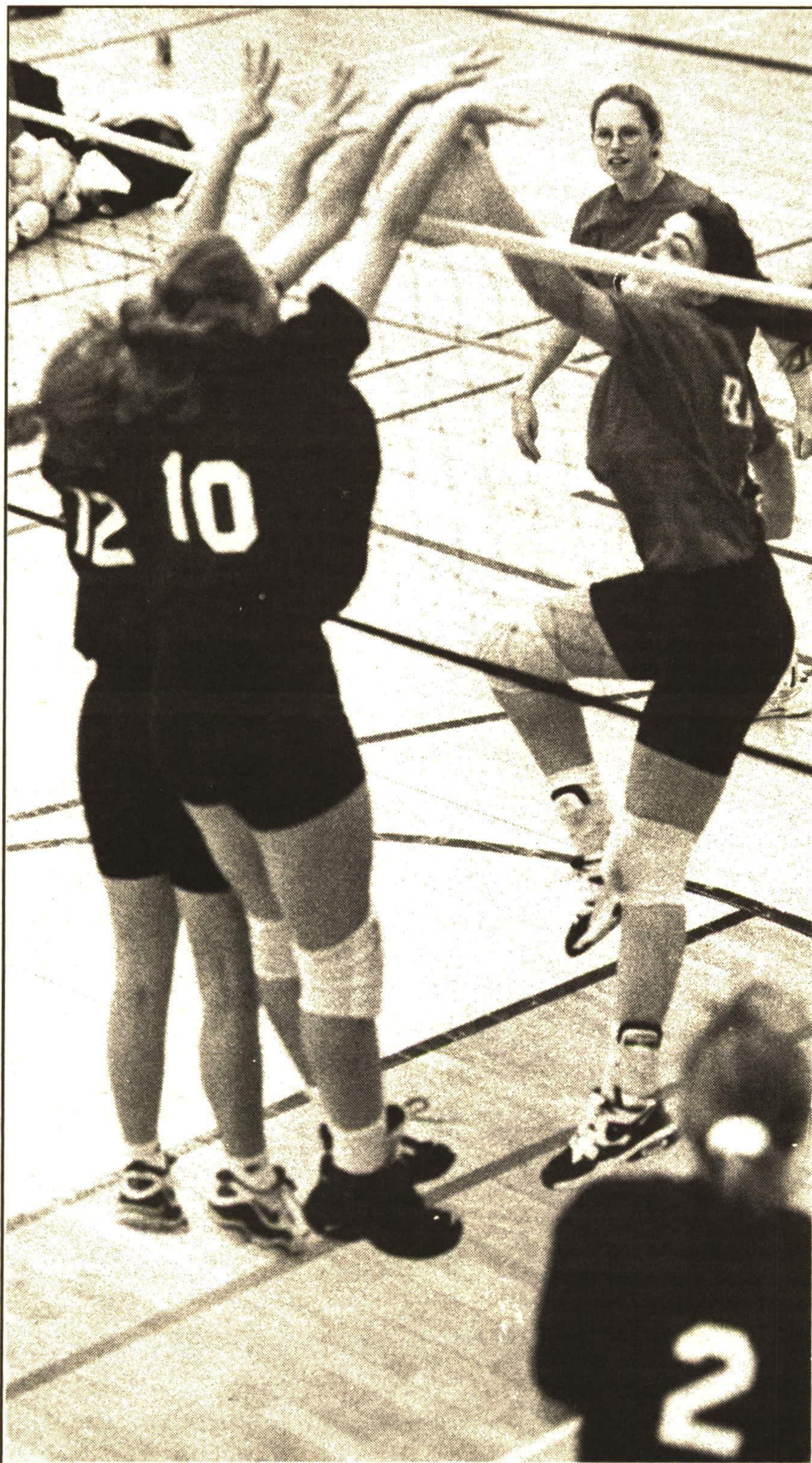
#### Office closed

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department will be closed over the holiday season from Monday December 25, 1995 to Monday January 1, 1996.

Both the Acton and Georgetown Indoor Pools will be closed for annual maintenance and repairs from Saturday December 23, 1995 to Sunday, January 7, 1996. For pool rentals call 873-2600, ext 276 for booking information.

#### Family skate

A Family Christmas Skate will be held on Thursday, December 14 from 4:30 to 6 pm at the Georgetown Memorial Arena.



### Net wars

Georgetown Rebels and Acton Redmen battled it out for bragging rights at the Rebels senior girls volleyball tourney at GDHS last week. The Rebels were stingy hosts winning the event while the Redmen finished third. Here, Acton's Shelley Hand (12) and Jenn Goy (10) attempt to block a return from Rebel Carrie Schenk. Julie Bottomley watches from the Rebel side of the court while Jenn McKay (2) surveys the situation for the Redmen. TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

## Gilmer wins Heritage Award

Long time Georgetown Minor Hockey coach Harold Gilmer will be recognized with the annual Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award when it is presented at the 19th annual dinner on Monday, March 4, 1996.

Gilmer has spent 35 years behind

the benches at the local arenas coaching rep teams and at the house league level.

He has been a consistent volunteer, working on many committees and helping organize local tournaments over that time.

## McNiven back with Raiders

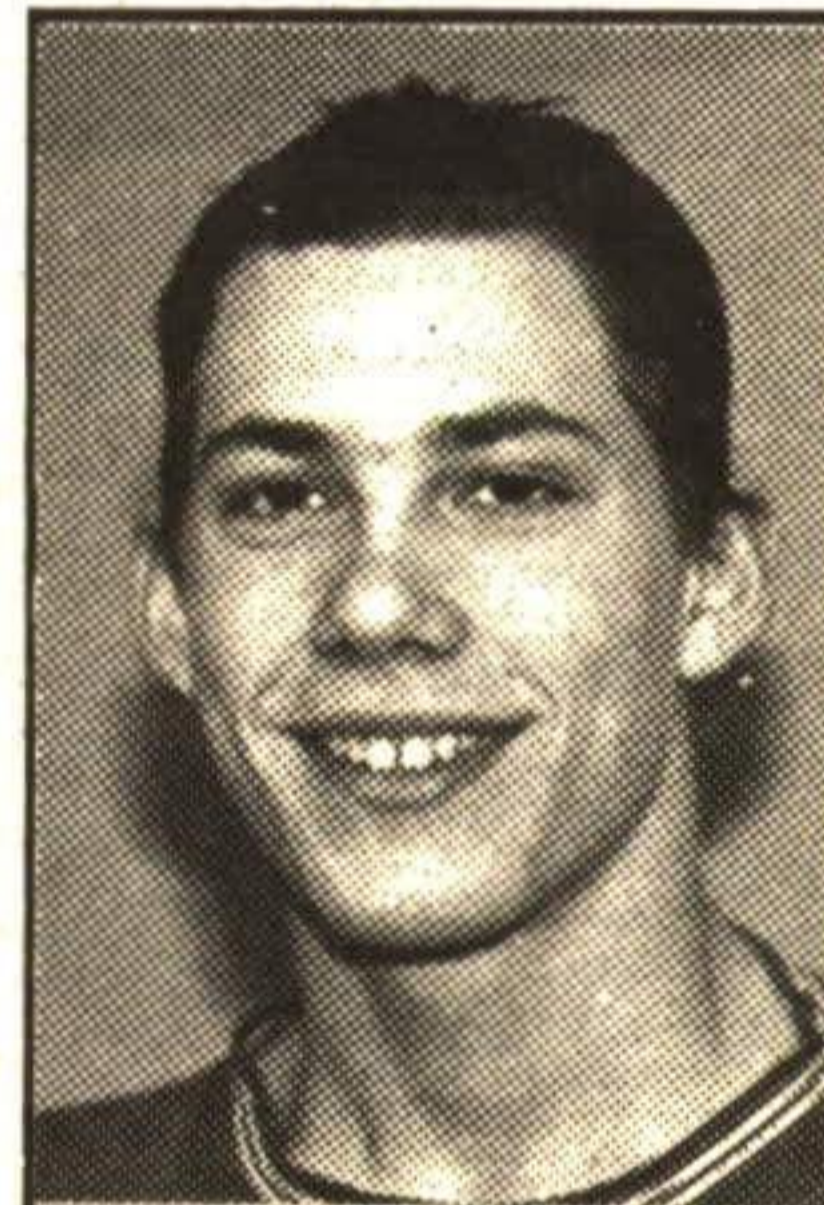
The Georgetown Raiders have added some local talent to their ranks, in the form of 17-year-old right winger Garry McNiven.

McNiven, who was expected to suit up for Saturday's home game against the Bramalea Blues, recently returned from the London area where he was playing with the OHL Knights' Junior B affiliate in St. Thomas.

Despite a dismal 0-25-1 record, the Knights didn't call McNiven up for any action. The 6'4", 175 lbs. forward is hoping to see some quality ice time with the Raiders now and help them make a strong run towards the playoffs.

"We're pleased to have Garry back in town. He'll add some good local talent to the team," said general manager Jules Russiani. "He's now on a midget card and will have a slight commitment with the midgets as well."

Also offering his services to the midget crew now is forward Curtis Carr, who was in their lineup for Friday's home game. "It's strictly voluntary on Curtis' part. We felt we owed them (midgets) something for letting us put him on one of their cards. We want to keep a good working relationship with the GMHA."



GARRY McNIVEN

## Raiders gun down Derbys — again!

The Georgetown Junior A Raiders won another dog-fight with the Derbys in Streetsville Tuesday night.

This latest victory, a 4-3 decision, was the third straight this season against Streetsville — which already gives Georgetown the series win in a best-of-five showdown.

Newly hired skipper Rick Bince said he was pretty pleased with his first win behind the bench, pointing out improvements in the team's defense and powerplay efforts.

"There's no question our powerplay has improved, particularly coming out of our own end. We had had three practices together prior to this game and they responded to my lessons," said Bince, who spent half of Monday's practice teaching his players what to do with the man-advantage.

And it was the line of Dave D'Ammizio, David Bouskill and Brad Cripps — who Bince used to help demonstrate his lessons Monday — that most effectively executed their new powerplay strategy.

They netted two powerplay goals late in the second, with D'Ammizio scoring on an upstairs wristshot at 14:11 and Bouskill tucking in the rebound at 19:39.

Bouskill assisted on D'Ammizio's tally while helping set up his goal was D'Ammizio and Mike Monaco.

Bince also seemed happy with an overall improvement on defense, pointing out solid play from big rear guard Dan Gilpin. "My philosophy has always been 'You protect your end first and the rest will take care of itself'," Bince added.

Backstopping the Raiders was Jonathan McCarthy, who stopped 32 shots. He came up big in the first period and made some clutch saves in the dying minutes of the third. He won the goaltending duel over veteran Derby puckstopper Paul Desrochers.

The teams were tied 1-1 after the first and Georgetown led 3-1 after 40 minutes. Bouskill added a third-period goal and now has a season total of 18. Counting the other was Sandro Mignosa while assists went to Cripps, Bill Rennie, Will Pomp and Stu McKinnon.



SHELLEY HAND

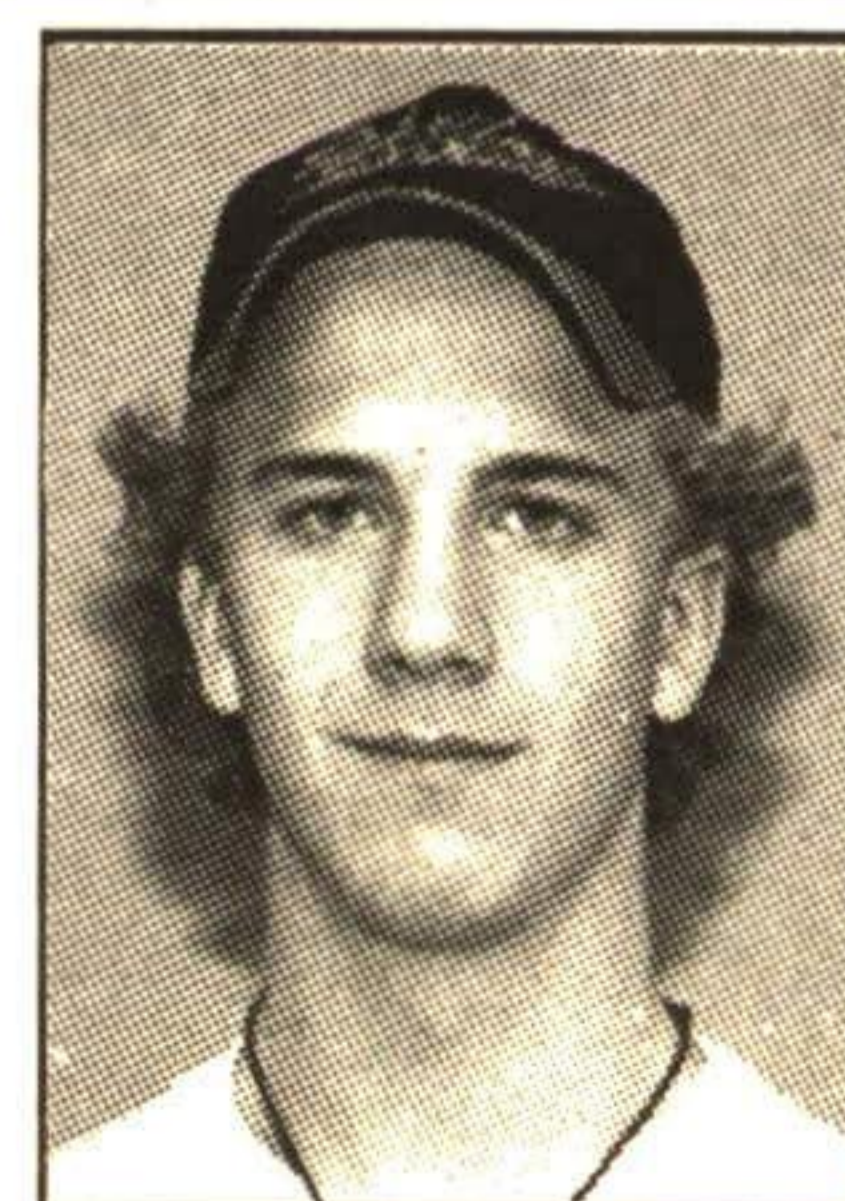


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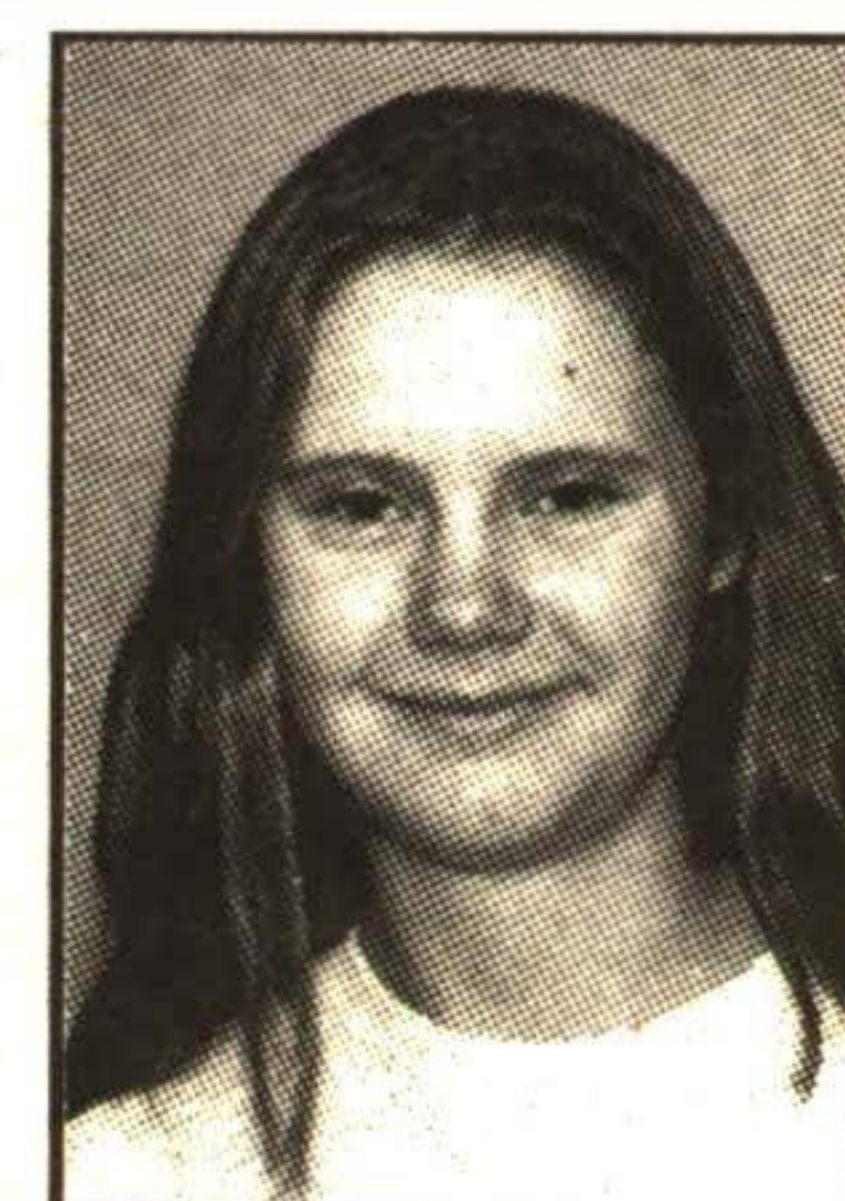
### Athletes of the Week

The Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Shelley Hand and Chris Young. Shelley was recognized for her contribution on the senior Redmen girls volleyball team. Chris, a guard on the Redmen junior basketball squad, was selected for scoring 21 points in a 69-67 home win against Our Lady of Lourdes High School.

Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Andrew Craig and Branwen Williams. Andrew was selected for his three shutouts for Rebels hockey team. Branwen, a green belt in Aikido, was recognized for helping out instructing gym classes at GDHS.



ANDREW CRAIG



BRANWEN WILLIAMS