

Rebel squads have same goal

One team is looking to climb its way back to the top, the other is trying to prevent others from knocking it from its perch.

The Georgetown District High School Rebels boys volleyball teams find themselves in unique positions, but in the end, working toward the same goal. The junior boys team dismantled Lord Elgin 25-4, 25-17 on Tuesday to improve its record to 6-0. The senior boys, the defending Ontario champions, rebounded from their first loss in Halton league play in more than two years by downing Lord Elgin 25-7, 25-12. They're now 5-1.

The junior Rebels have yet to be forced to a third game this season and that has them looking like the favourites to win the Halton title, which they last captured three years ago. With five returning players from last year's squad, the Rebels knew they would have a strong team.

"We knew there was a lot of potential there," said Ashley Willis, one of three senior students coaching the team. "They put up a good offence and their blocking is great. They work together as a team on defence."

Even when setter Mike Haines went down with an injury, rookie Dylan Malchin was able to step into the role without the Rebels missing a beat. Malchin and Goran Vlacic, one of the team's strongest attackers, are two Grade 9s currently starting for the Rebels, ensuring that they will be

a force even next year when some of their players graduate to the senior Rebels.

The seniors already have two junior-aged players on the team this season. The senior Rebels found themselves in the unusual position of trying to bounce back from a loss after they fell to Nelson last week.

"It was a case of getting a little too high," said Rebels' coach Jonas Kaciulis. "We had a similar situation in a game against Acton. They were a good team and they took a game from us. We were so used to having success and we got a rude awakening."

Kaciulis has been running the team through tough practices to remind them of what got them to OFSSA last year—hard work. He has been focusing on strength training and he said the results are already showing in their jumping ability. That will be important as the team attempts to overcome its biggest weakness—one it can't do anything about—its height.

"It's eerily similar to last year in that we hit that bump and now everyone's starting to press again," the Rebels coach said. "The last week was almost like going to boot camp and they've already turned it around and they're on an upswing."

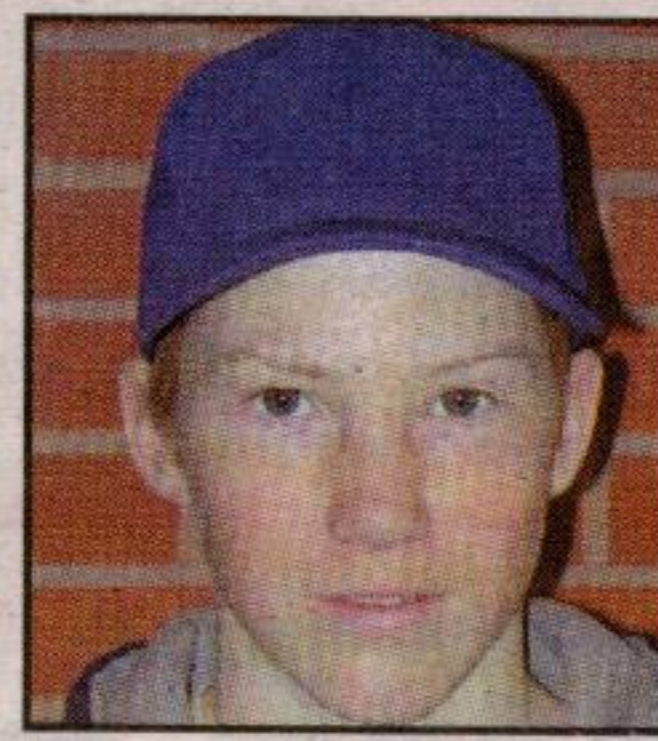
The Rebels will get an opportunity to see how they stack up against the province's best when they play at a tournament at Toronto's Francis Libermann. That event will feature six of Ontario's best 10 teams.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

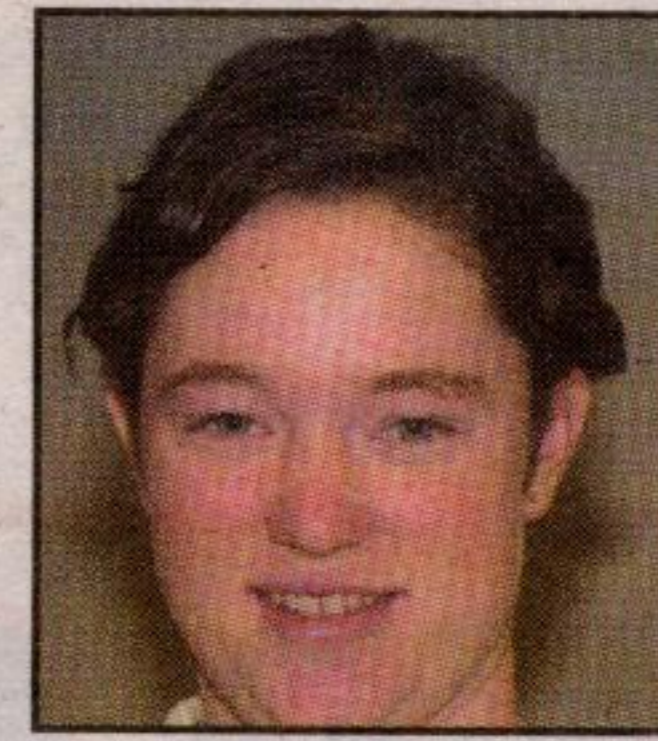
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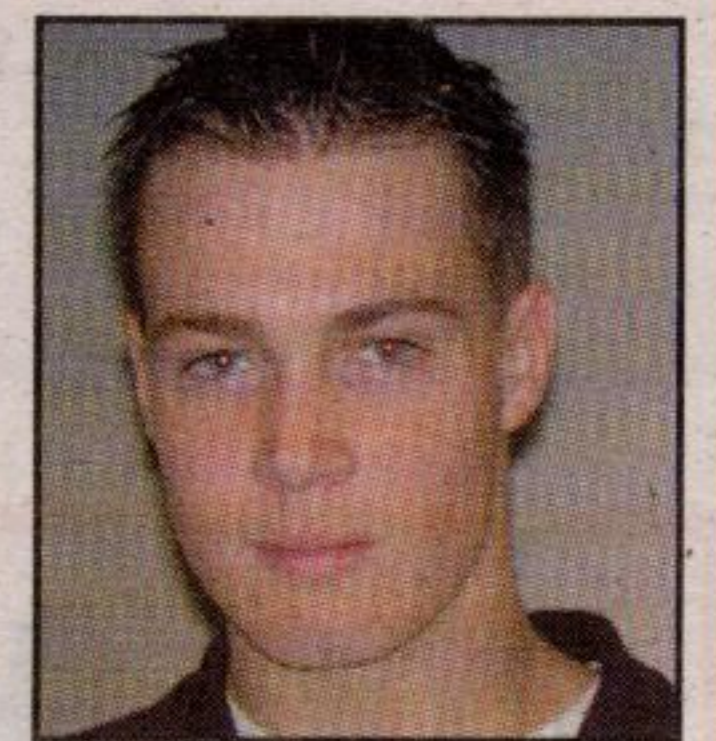
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KYLE HALL

The Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Laura-Anne Sheehan and Mark Boycott.

Sheehan, a forward on the senior Redmen basketball team was selected for her strong rebounding against Aldershot.

Boycott, a setter on the

junior Redmen volleyball team, was cited for his great setting and leading the team on kills against Lord Elgin.

Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Krista Nicholls and Kyle Hall.

Nicholls, a point guard on the senior Rebels basket-

ball team, was chosen for her offensive and defensive plays against Lester B. Pearson and Assumption.

Hall, a member of the senior Rebels volleyball team, was selected for his dominating performance at the Niagara College Tournament.

Peewee II Raiders edge Orangeville

Holley Williams scored the winning goal as Georgetown Major Peewee II Raiders edged Orangeville 2-1 in Tri-County play.

Dan Rankin had the other Raider goal and Brady Gingras, Andrew Cannell, Matt Turner and Mike Knowles added assists. Denam Hardiman turned in a strong performance in net to earn the victory.

The Raiders lost their previous game 7-1 to Caledon. Brett Maltby had the Georgetown goal, assisted by Gingras and Turner.

Novice Hurricanes

Nolan Banasco scored a pair of power-play goals to lead Halton to a 3-1 win over St. Catharines in South Central AAA action.

Ian McCrae and Stephen Silas each had a goal as the 'Canes doubled Oakville 4-2 the next day. Thomas Herren and Chris Taylor drew assists.

Minor Peewee II Raiders

Shane Veenstra had four points including a hat-trick to lead the Pinetree Packaging and Warehousing Raiders to a 6-3 win over Milton. Nic Grasby had a pair of goals and Matthew Bourner also scored. Robbie Tanianu and Thomas Neely assisted.

Sean Taylor's goal earned the Raiders a 2-2 tie with Orangeville and ran their unbeaten streak to three games. Spencer Garrett also scored and Brad Williams set up both markers. Matthew Wittmann also drew an assist.

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