

Softball Rebels have high hopes

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Lukas has stepped into the role of pitching ace vacated by Cheryl Mastalerz, who is attending school in the U.S. on a softball scholarship. Already capable of dominating a game, Rebel coach Jim Hall said Lukas has improved this season.

"She's gotten a lot stronger," he said. "She was the best pitcher in the tournament."

J.J. Edwards and Meghan Baldwin also took their turns firing the ball past opposing hitters while the Rebel defence was solid behind them, including outstanding plays by Ashleigh Dunlop and Laura McGowan. Second-year catcher Alené Malenfant also turned in a strong performance behind the plate.

"We don't have a set defence," Hall said. "We use everyone so they move around and get used to other positions. I think they understand their positions better because of that."

The Rebel offence was in fine form as well, scoring 38 runs in three round-robin games, including at least 10 in each contest. In the final they scored a 3-0 victory.

Making the Rebel victory even more impressive was the fact that the Michigan teams were in mid-season, having already played at least a dozen league games. Meanwhile, the Rebels were stepping on the field for the first time, having only practised in a gym prior to the tournament.

The Rebels will host their own tournament this Friday at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. Among the teams competing will be Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Mayfield, Halton finalists Notre Dame and Highland and Parkside, two of the strongest teams from the Hamilton area. Games begin at 9 a.m. with the finals at 2 p.m.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



MILTON MADD DAWGS

Pair now in Guelph hall

Two Georgetown natives are now members of the Guelph Sports Hall of Fame.

Ron Fogal and the late Paul Fendley joined the honoured members when the Guelph CMCs hockey team, the 1972 Centennial Cup champions, were inducted April 16. The team captured the national Jr. A title over Red Deer, Alberta.

However, there was a steep price for the victory. Fendley, a 19-year-old centre who was among Guelph's leading scorers in the playoffs, was checked, fell and struck his head on the ice with about 10 minutes to play in the final game. He died in hospital three days later.

Goalie Ted Lenssen recalled Fendley in an e-mail to his brother Will, who nominated the team.

"Every game I started he would be the last to leave my net at the start of the game. He'd smack me in the head with his stick and tell me it was up to me. He was a good leader, a good friend, for too short a time."

Fogal, a steady dependable defenceman who now lives in British Columbia, went on to play for Rochester and Providence of the American Hockey League and Toledo and Muskegon of the International Hockey League.



RON FOGAL

Local hoopsters come up big

Georgetown may not have its own team, but that didn't stop local players from having a big impact at the Ontario Basketball Championships.

Brett Neumann helped the Guelph's Royal City Shakers win the Division 5 gold medal while Spencer Troop, Matthew Clough, Matthew Scott, Steven Ples and Adam Develter helped the Milton Mad Dawgs win the Division 6 bronze medal.

Royal City won six straight games, capping the run with a victory over London, to win the provincial title.

After winning all three of its round-robin games, the Shakers went on a 28-0 run to top Bracebridge in the quarterfinals. They defeated Burlington in the semifinals.

Troop scored 20 points to lead Milton to a 53-44 victory over the Kitchener-Waterloo Vipers in the Division 6 bronze medal game.

The Vipers were the top-seeded team but the Madd Dawgs upset them to claim the bronze. Milton's coaching staff—Mark Clough, David Develter, Bryan Scott and Nicholas Clough—are also from Georgetown.

Milton opened the tournament with a 49-35 victory over Toronto BJC. Scott scored a career high 22 points to lead the Madd Dawgs to a 61-48 win in the second game.

Despite a 44-41 loss to Penetang-Midland in their final preliminary round game, Milton held on to first in its division. In the semifinals, the Dawgs fell 47-31 to Kingston.

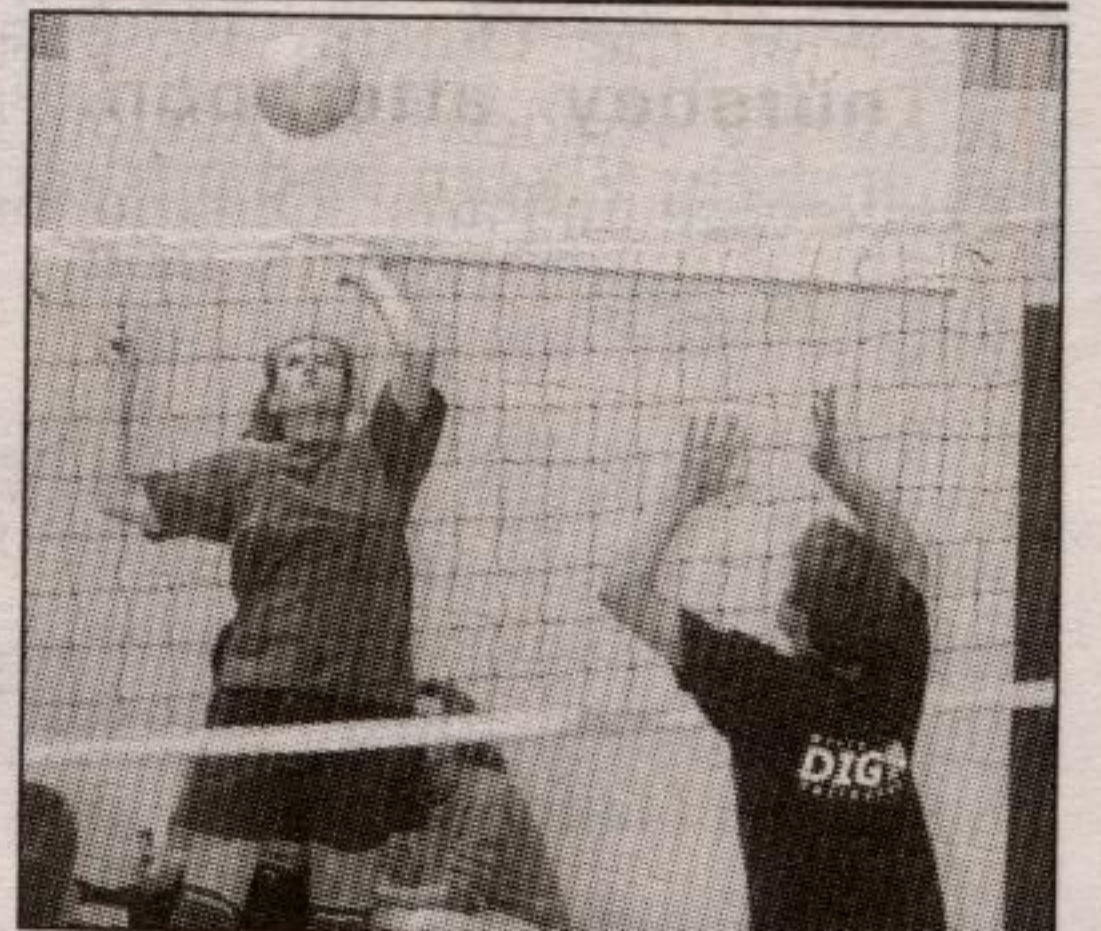
Dig'in digs in for win

Dirty Dig'in dug down for a sweep of Kaboom II in the finals of the Halton Hills Mixed Volleyball League.

Dirty Dig'in won two straight games to take the A division championship. In the consolation final, Swat Team grounded the Chicken Hawks with a 2-0 victory.

The Blockheads needed three games to slip past Team Ryder in the B division final. The consolation matchup also needed three games to determine a winner with Big Block edging Thrown Together 2-1.

Serve It Up won the C Division championship by downing



A Kaboom II player spikes the ball in the A division final of the Halton Hills Mixed Volleyball League. Dirty Dig'in won the game 2-0. Photo by Herb Garbutt

New Look Limehouse. Silly Strays took the consolation title with a 2-1 victory over Smashin' Part Deux.

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