# Rebel take Veltman sixth in NLL draft

Peter Veltman knows the jump to the ranks of professional lacrosse will be a big one but he already has a couple of allies who can ease the transition.

The first person is Lindsay Sanderson, the general manager of the Ottawa Rebel, who made Veltman the sixth overall pick in the National Lacrosse League draft on Saturday. Sanderson coached Veltman in Jr. A with the Orangeville Northmen when the team went to the Minto Cup.

"It helps my confidence because he knows how I play," Veltman said. "I talked to Lindsay and he expects me to play this year and be in the lineup every night."

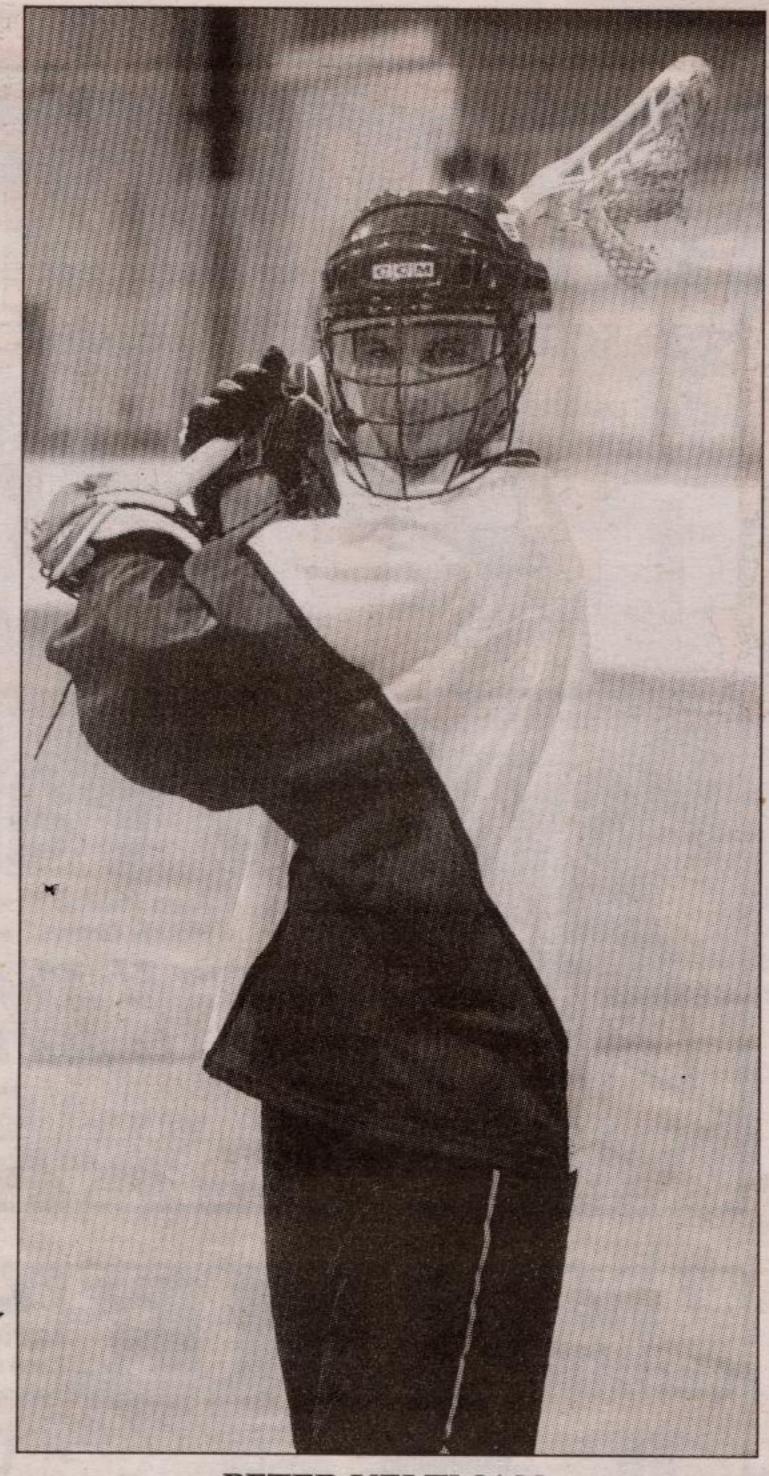
The second person is likely only willing to help Veltman until the season begins. Once the season starts in December, Veltman's uncle Jim will be on the other side of the floor as a captain of the rival Toronto Rock.

"I haven't talked to him (since the draft) but he's told me the players are bigger but that I should be alright."

The two will meet for the first time January 23 in Ottawa.

"I'm looking forward to that game. It would be nice to be playing on the same team as him but it should still be a lot of fun."

Veltman had 16 goals and 41 points in 13 games with the Jr. A Orangeville Northmen. He could add some offensive punch to an



PETER VELTMAN

Ottawa team that finished with a record of 4-12 last season. "They're a young team so hopefully I'll fit in," Veltman said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how my skills stand up against professional players."

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

## Raiders enjoy five-point weekend

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said Brent Hughes, who had four assists in Friday's loss. "Everyone is rooting for us to lose so we have to prepare to play everyone because they're getting ready for us."

Hughes knows a thing or two about winning, having gone to the Royal Bank Cup as a member of the Thornhill Rattlers three years ago. With that, and a season with the Ontario Hockey League's Brampton Battalion on his resume, Hughes pretty much had his choice of where he wanted to play.

He chose Georgetown for a couple of reasons: Raider Captain Ryan McCarthy was a midget teammate and he saw a team that was serious about winning.

"There was a good nucleus in place here,"

he said. "We've got good chemistry but it's still early and everyone's trying to do too much. Once everyone settles into their roles we'll be tough to beat."

Despite the two losses, the Raiders have earned eight of a possible 10 points and trail only Milton and Oakville, both 5-0-0.

RAIDER RAP: Defenceman Kyle Aitken had a goal and four assists Sunday....Ryan Angelow has scored in four straight games.....John Dunphy and Paul Scapicchio each had a pair of goals Friday....Brendan Coates of Georgetown made 31 saves to earn the victory for Bramalea Friday.....Peter Veltman returned to the Raider lineup with three assists in four periods, before leaving Saturday's game.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

# Rep hockey roundup Atom Raiders open on winning note

ean-Phillippe Villeneuve provided the last-second heroics as the Georgetown Major Atom Raiders opened the season with a 3-2 win over St. Catharines.

Villeneuve picked the top corner with a hard shot with just one second to play in the third period to break a 2-2 tie. Kyle Ward stopped 20 of 22 shots for the victory.

Georgetown 3, St. Catharines 2: Villeneuve, Matt Weber, Chris Taylor (G); Patrick Kennedy, Ryan Brazeau, Todd Bannerman, Matthew Quinn, Trevor Hache (A).

### Major Peewee II Raiders

Highlight: Raiders unbeaten in two games.

Georgetown 4, Milton 2: Justin Jauniaux (2G), Kyle Marples, Cody Matthews (1G), Shane Greaves, Sean Sargent, Russell

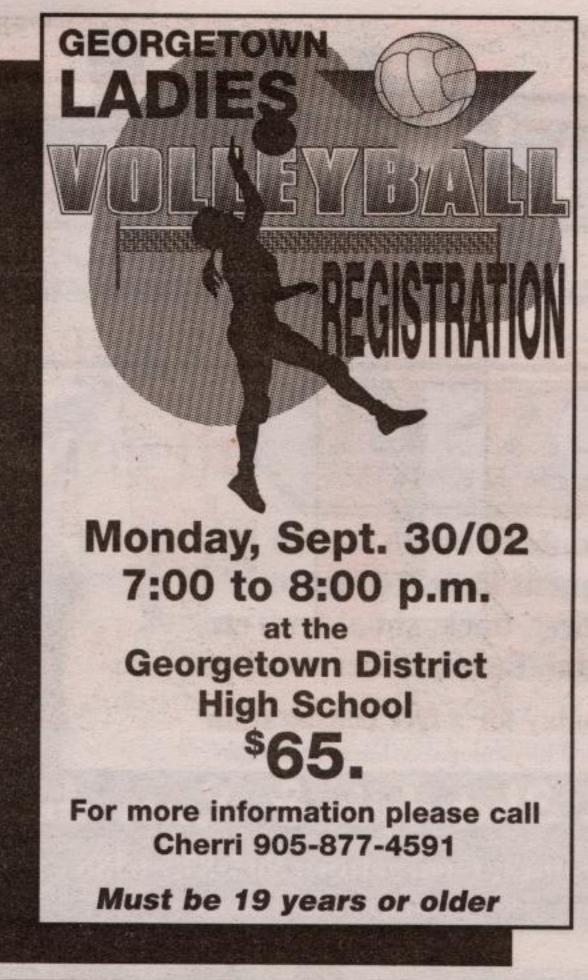
Peacock, David Carscadden, Joseph Lizewski (1A).

Georgetown 1, Milton 1: Jauniaux (G), Greaves, Jake Merchant (1A).

# Cross-country meet set for Saturday

The Halton Catholic District School Board will hold its elementary school cross-country meet on Saturday at Bronte Creek Provincial Park.

The meet, for schools in Georgetown, Acton, Milton, Oakville and Burlington, will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Grade 7 race. Races will follow at 10:10 a.m. (Grade 8); 11:15 a.m. (Grade 5); 12:35 p.m. (Grade 6) and 2:10 p.m. (Grade 4).







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Stevie Ray Vaughn tribute band

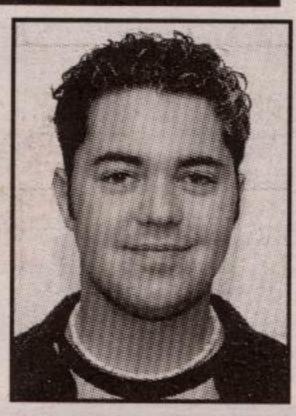
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#### HALTON HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL







Stephen Boychuk

The Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Kylie Kruk and Stephen Boychuk. Kruk and Boychuk were both selected for their contributions as Peer Helpers with the Grade 9 Physical Education class, in which they have exhibited positive leadership for the students.

Georgetown District High School Athletes are Nicole Culp and Amanda Arnold. Both Culp and Arnold are members of the Junior Rebels Field Hockey team, and had great games at a recent E. C. Drury tournament. Arnold a forward center on the team, had two assists during the tournament, while Culp was honoured for scoring the only goal in a 1-0 victory.

GEORGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL





Nicole Culp

Christ the King High School wishes to thank all the students who tried out for all the sports teams. Christ the King will be a regular participant in the Athletes of the week in upcoming editions of The Independent & Free Press.

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has <u>limited</u> spaces still available for girls 8 - 18. Season begins Sept 29. Please call

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