

# Rebels advance to league final after outlasting tough Acton junior squad

The Georgetown Rebels survived a scare from their Halton Hills rivals to advance to the Halton junior boys volleyball final.

The Rebels built several seemingly insurmountable leads but the Acton Redmen refused to give in, fighting back several times before falling 25-22, 23-25, 15-8.

The Rebels won the regular season match but Acton was confident coming off an easy quarterfinal win over Nelson. The Rebels showed no ill effects of a week off as they jumped ahead early and then appeared to be in command with a 22-14 lead. A four-point rally got Acton to 22-18 and facing game point they got four more to close the gap to 24-22. However, the Rebels managed to hold on for the victory.

Georgetown again looked to have things in hand when it jumped out to a 7-0 lead in game two. But Acton took a time out and regrouped to take seven of nine points to narrow the gap to 11-10.

Acton also overcame deficits of 17-12 and 23-21, finishing the game with four consecutive points to win 25-23.

"They're a good team. They know how to play. I just offered words of encouragement," Acton coach George Douzenis said of a couple timeouts that helped his team regroup.

Meanwhile, the Rebels also had to pull themselves together. They felt cheated on the last two points of the game after an uncalled throw and a lift that both went against them.

The Rebels looked rattled as they returned to the bench but certainly not when they returned to the court.

"I just told them, 'Don't let the ref beat us,'" Norrie said. "If you're the better team go out and show it and win this last game."

That's exactly what the Rebels did as they again stormed out to a 7-0 lead in the deciding game. This time, Acton would not be able to fight its way back, never getting closer than five points.



Duncan Cairns of the Georgetown Rebels unleashes a spike in Tuesday's junior boys volleyball Halton quarterfinal against Acton. Acton staged numerous comebacks but in the end the Rebels pulled out a 25-22, 23-25, 15-8 victory.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

"We made two excellent comebacks but there just wasn't enough time for a third," Douzenis said.

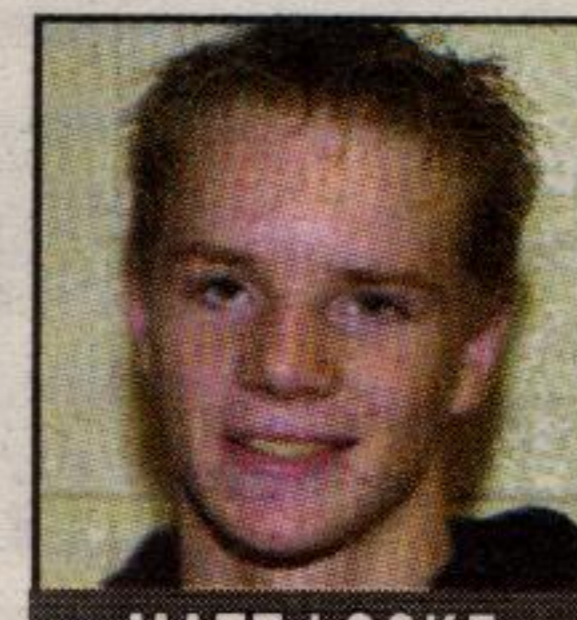
"At this age, teams can get really hot and then be not so hot," Norrie said. "They needed to play the level of volleyball they are capable of to win. That third game— that's the team I know. That's the team I'm used to."

Georgetown now faces Holy Trinity today (Friday) at 2 p.m. The winner of that game advances to the Halton final Tuesday at Sheridan College.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

## ATHLETES of the Week

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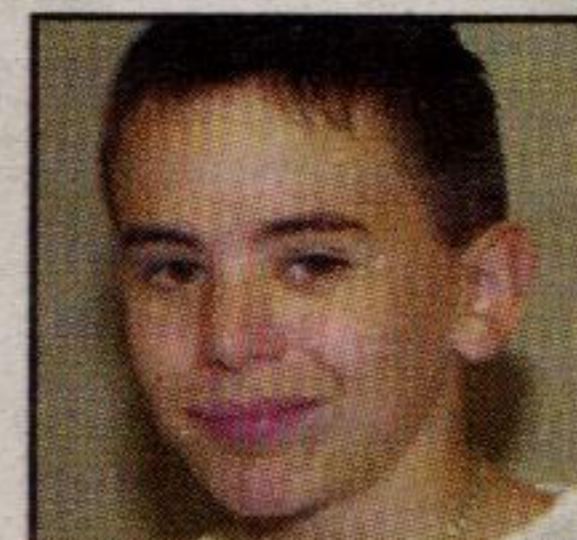


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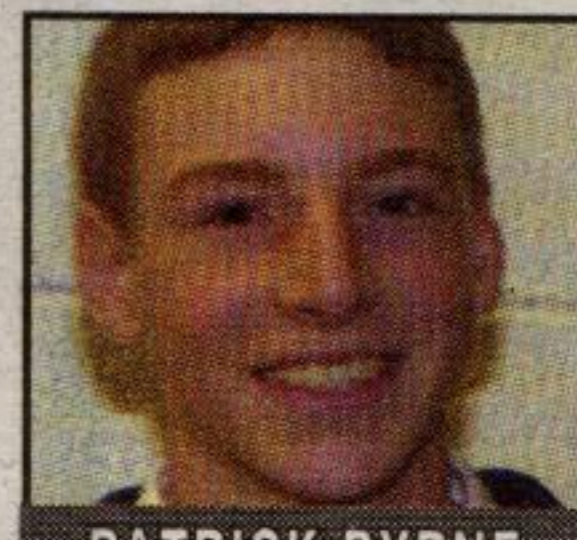


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Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Nicole Gilbert and Matt Locke. Gilbert, a forward on the Redmen junior basketball team was chosen for her aggressive defense against Notre Dame. Locke, a setter on the senior Redmen volleyball team, was selected for his good setting which led the team to qualifying for OFFSAA.

Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Brad Richards and Keri Lindsay. Richards, a right side on the Rebels junior volleyball team, was honoured for his persistence on the court against Notre Dame last


week. Lindsay, who is captain and a point guard of the Rebels senior basketball team, was cited for her solid defense and leadership against Nelson.

Christ the King High School Athletes of the Week are Patrick Byrne and Laura Pacevicius. Byrne, a power on the senior Jaguars volleyball team was chosen for his contribution to the team, and for volunteering as a volleyball referee for Holy Cross School. Pacevicius, a forward on the senior Jaguars basketball team, was chosen for her strength against Assumption recently.



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