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Raiders start season on wild, wacky note

When the Georgetown Raiders posted a 3-2 win in Milton last March to secure the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League West Conference championship they ended a 25-game winless that extended over seven seasons.

The Raiders obviously were intent not to see a similar streak begin when they opened the 2003-04 season in Milton Friday night with a 7-5 win.

It marked the Raiders' first regular season win at Thompson Road Arena since most of current Raiders were playing peewee and was followed by a 4-4 tie against the Streetsville Derbys in the home opener at Mold-Masters SportsPlex Saturday.

In Milton, the Raiders jumped out to a 3-1 first-period lead and bumped that margin to 6-3 by the end of the second.

However, the IceHawks (formerly Merchants) narrowed that gap to 6-5 with a pair of goals midway through the final frame, making for an exciting finish until John Wheaton bagged an empty-net marker with 19 seconds left.

Matt Bacon led the Raiders with two goals while singles went to Ross Smith, Jay Sprague, Rick Varone and Ryan Del Monte. Bacon also collected two assists as did Smith and Del Monte. Sprague, Jason Vieira, David Brooks and goalie Daniel Bellissimo added once apiece.

In their home opener, the Raiders needed some last-minute heroics to escape an embarrassing loss as they outshot the Derbys 57-18 but needed goals in the final two minutes to claim the draw.

Nunzio Presta stole the spotlight for Streetsville



Georgetown Raiders' Jay Sprague bears down on Streetsville Derbys goalie Nunzio Presta during Saturday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League match

turning aside 14 shots in the first frame as the visitors pumped three goals on eight shots past Raider netminder Aaron Barton.

Georgetown cut the lead to 3-2 in the middle peri-

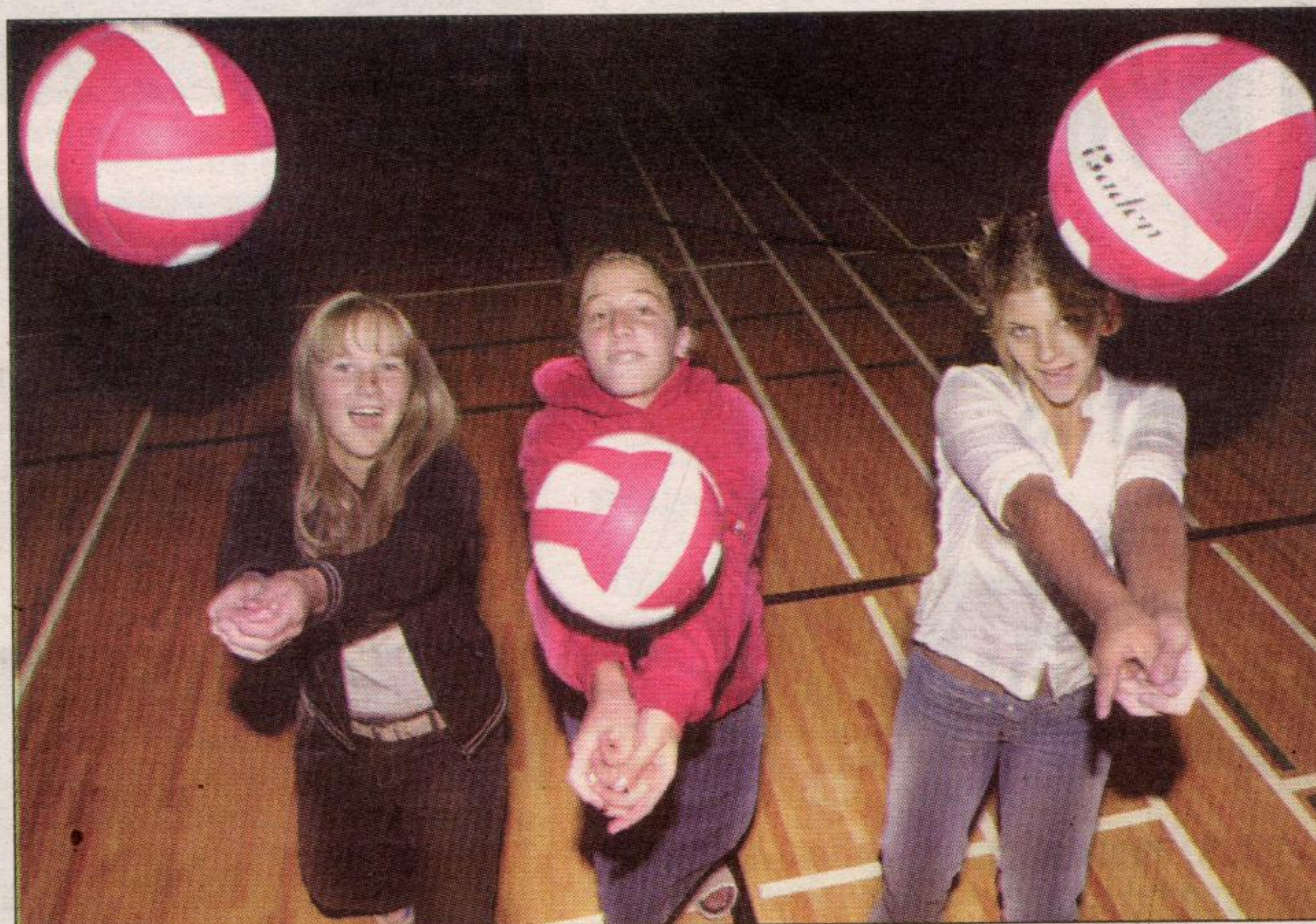
od but fell behind by two midway through the final frame.

Photo by Stephen Uhraney

Daryl Knowles rapped home relays from Tyson Gimblett and David Brooks with 1:56 left before Varone, from Knowles and Del Monte, beat Presta with 39 seconds left.

In overtime the Raiders buzzed the Streetsville net but, despite outshooting the visitors 7-1, they couldn't net the winner.

Making an 'Impact'



The Georgetown Impact is getting ready for the upcoming volleyball season. Getting a head start on the season were the Impact's Award of Excellence winners. J.J. Edwards, left, was the bantam winner while Joanna Meltzer, centre, and Jessica Partridge, right, shared the bantam team honours. Pam Vanhannen was the juvenile team winner. The Impact began tryouts this week at Georgetown District High School. For information call Gloria Haines 905-877-9941, Kevin Hughes 905-877-9936 or Patty Hall 905-877-4093.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Lapointe falters at CPGA

A second-round score of 80 dashed Mary Ann Lapointe's hopes of capturing the Canadian Professional Golfers Association women's championship last week at Bayview Golf and Country Club.

Lapointe, a member of North Halton Golf and Country Club and a three-time Canadian amateur champion, opened the two-day tournament in fine form with a two-over par 74 but finished in a three-way tie for sixth.

Kim Adams, of Tide Head, New Brunswick, held the first day lead by a stroke over Lapointe and Isabelle Beisiegel and went on to defeat Beisiegel on the second hole of a playoff after Adams carded a 74 and Beisiegel a 73 in the second round.

The win earned Adams \$8,100 and an exemption into next year's women's Canadian Open, the lone Canadian stop on the LPGA tour.



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