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## Bearcats look to repeat last year's volleyball success

One year after winning the school's first boys provincial volleyball medal, the Acton Bearcats have started their run at a second.

And the 'Cats wasted little time renewing a growing rivalry. Acton opened the season against the T.A. Blakelock Tigers, the team that knocked them out of the Halton playoffs in last year's semifinal.

Like that playoff game, the Bearcats battled to the end but came up just short in a 22-25, 25-15, 15-13 loss. But considering Acton had lost a major part of its offence and had just a couple practices under its belt, coach Chris Braun was pleased with his team's performance.

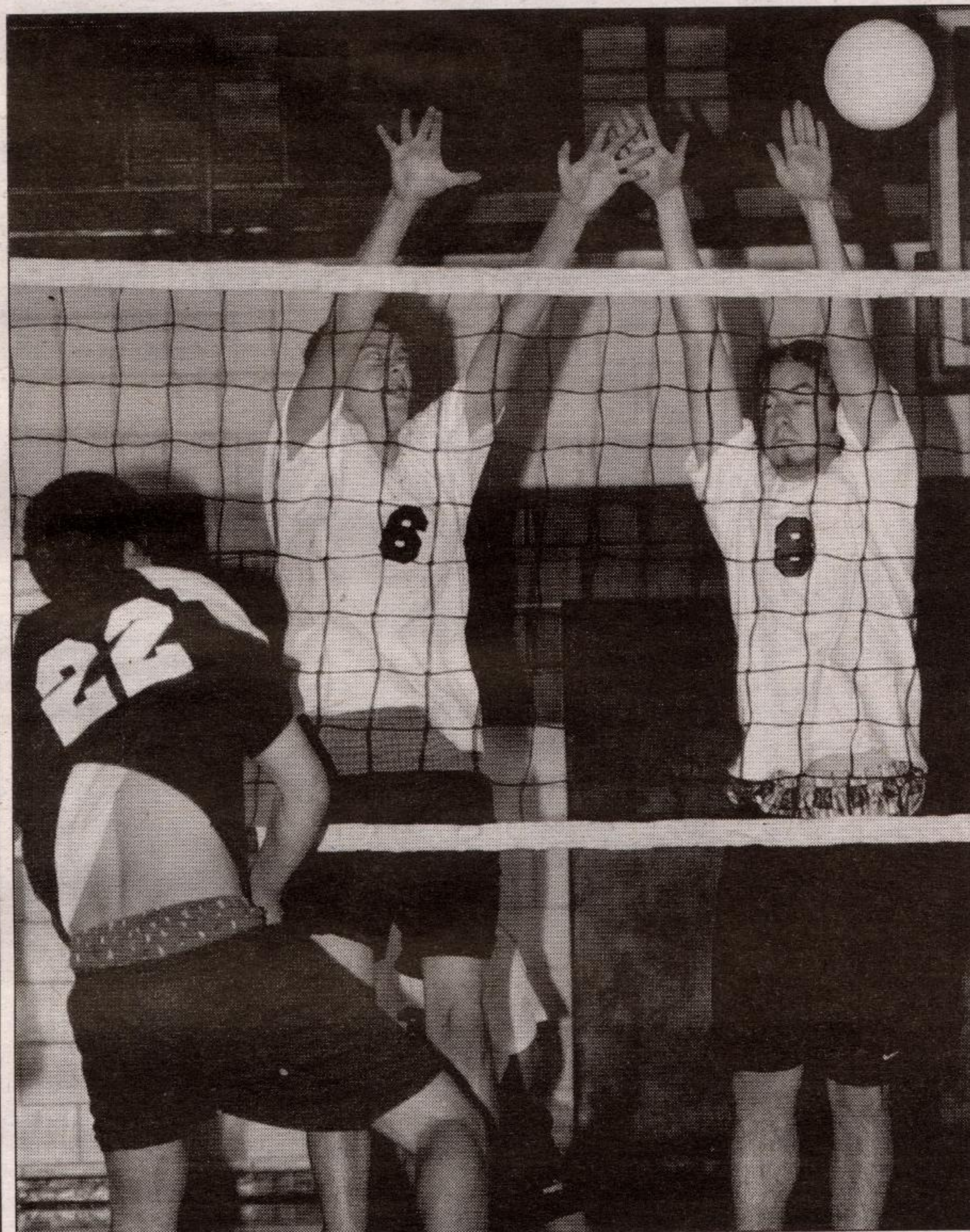
"We did really well for our first game," he said. "(Blakelock) had already played in a tournament so for us to play as well as we did was a good sign. We've got the athletic talent, we just have to get a feel for where to be positionally."

The Bearcats seemed to have no problem with that as they squared their record with a 25-9, 25-12 win over White Oaks Monday.

The Bearcats are coming off a bronze medal at the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) A championships. But despite having five players returning, the Bearcats still have a big hole to fill after losing Josh Bowen, who had won provincial club titles with Bronte Beach.

Bowen's hitting position is now filled by Ryan Stroud, who moved up from the junior team, and Ryan Lindo, who is making a smooth transition from basketball.

Feeding them the ball are returning setters Matt and Josh Locke. Also back are middle Mark Boycott, libero Ian Boileau and power Reid Hendry, who also boasts a strong service game. Another strong server, Kevin Deforest, is making the move to junior to senior while Kristian Vielma, like Lindo, is a first-time volleyballer.



### Rebel roadblock

Georgetown's Mike Haines (6) and Kyle McCracken (8) leap to block T.A. Blakelock's Dan Ringwall during Wednesday's Halton senior boys volleyball game. The Rebels improved their record to 3-0 with a 25-12, 25-17 victory. The junior Rebels suffered their first defeat of the season as they lost a close match 25-23, 25-27, 15-13 to Blakelock.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

## Senior Rebels rule in return, spoil Jaguars' football debut

The Georgetown Rebels made a triumphant gridiron return and spoiled the their neighbour's debut.

After not fielding football teams last season, the Rebels' original plan was return with a junior squad in attempt to rebuild the program. Instead, they had enough interested players to field both a junior and senior team. And both teams made the most of their return.

The senior Rebels spoiled the football debut of the Christ the King Jaguars with a 17-10 victory Wednesday.

Matt Critchell, unstoppable for much of the game, got the senior Rebels rolling with an eight-yard touchdown run. He followed it up with a two-point convert.

The Rebels extended their lead with Ted Morris' 20-yard touchdown pass to Steve Leou. The ball was thrown behind Leou but he came back to it and, despite being interfered with, made the catch.

Even the defence got in on the act with Brendan Pezzack recording a safety to give the Rebels a 17-3 halftime lead.

Sarah Bruno put Christ the King's first points on the board with a field goal. Rob Chrzaszcz's second half touchdown got the Jaguars within seven but the Rebels stopped them on their final drive.

The junior squad got things started Monday with a convincing 30-0 victory over White Oaks. The Rebels were led by Jordan Ralph's three touchdowns. On the

Rebels' third play, Ralph broke free for a 25-yard touchdown run. He added another five-yard TD run and returned a kickoff 80 yards for his third major.

John Lechie had the Rebels other touchdown, scoring from 15 yards out on a reverse. James Robinson added a pair of two-point converts.

Leading the defence were inside linebackers John Van Kooten and Aaron Boyer and nose guard Spencer Troop.

The road back wasn't all easy. Technically, the victories were each team's second game. Their first went in the books as a forfeit because the teams didn't have enough practices in to meet the board's safety requirements.

## Raiders battle way to wild 13-7 win over Mississauga

The Georgetown Raiders are showing they can play just about any way they want.

The Raiders showcased their offensive skills by firing 13 goals past Mississauga netminders. They also let it be known they are no pushovers as they racked up 72 minutes in penalties plus five game misconducts in Wednesday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game.

About the only thing the Raiders haven't mastered is stopping goals, surrendering a season-high seven which boosted their goals against average to 4.40.

The Raiders' biggest problem has been penalty killing. Georgetown built a 9-1 lead before the Chargers scored four times with the man advantage to cut the lead to 9-5.

Despite missing veterans Daryl Knowles, Tyson Gimblett, Matt Bacon, Frank Burgio and David Brooks—all tossed by the opening minute of the final period—the Raiders didn't miss a beat in the third. Rob Sgarbossa set up the final three Georgetown goals, giving him six assists in his last two games.

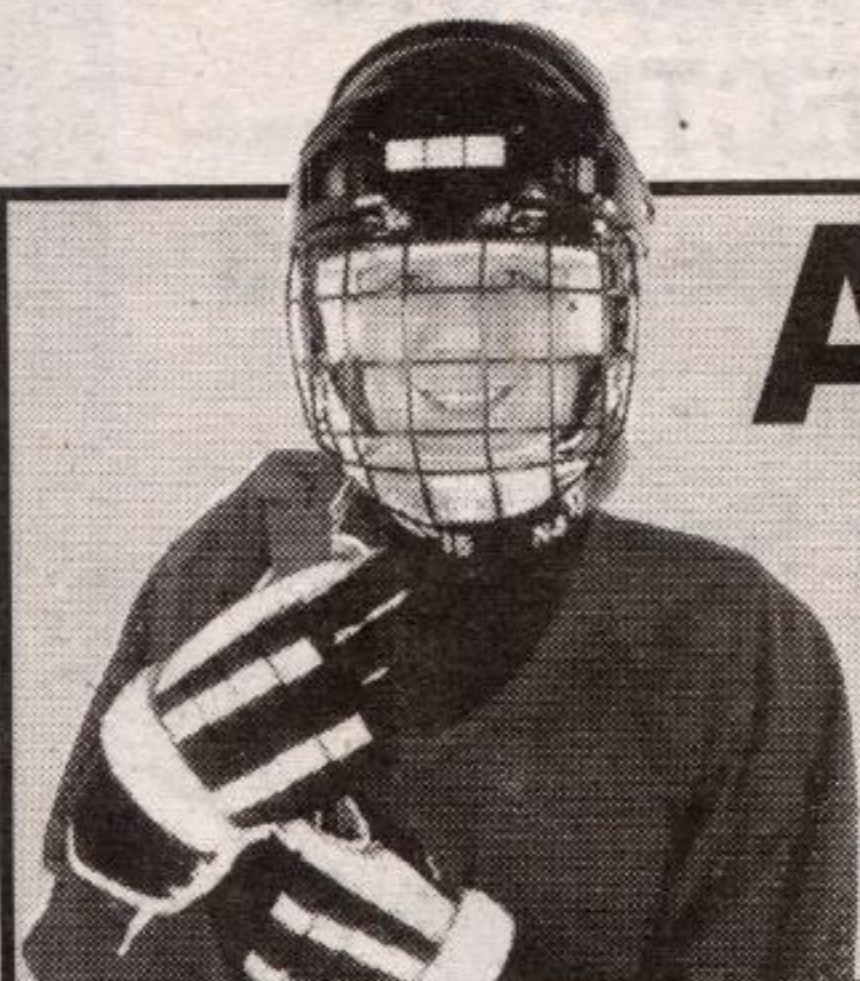
The final goal went to John Winstanley, who finally donned a Raider sweater after a 14-month ordeal to secure his rights from the OHL's Sudbury Wolves.

"It was a long, tedious road but it will be well worth it," said Raider GM Robin Inscoe. "We know he can carry the offence. He's a talented player."

Winstanley, fellow newcomer Frank De Angeles, Rick Varone and Jay Sprague each had a goal and two assists. Ross Smith, Arron Alphonso and Kyle Frieday each had a pair of goals while Bacon, John Wheaton and T.J. Manastersky added singles.

The victory improved the Raiders to 4-0-1 on the season

The Raiders play in Oakville Friday, return home to host Brampton Saturday at the Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m. and then travel to Buffalo Monday night.



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