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Rock on

Helen McCormack of the "Rocks Up" team delivers a rock during the Dunlop Bonspiel at North Halton Golf and Country Club. Barb McKinty, Elaine Voisin, Joan Shapcott and Dale Curtis claimed top honours at the bonspiel, which raised \$3,000 for the United Way of Halton Hills and the Georgetown hospital. Photo by Trish England

Rebels enjoy OFSAA experience

The experience of the present and a look into the past have the Georgetown Rebels excited about the future.

The senior Rebels completed the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) volleyball tournament in Ajax with a 2-4 record, finishing third in their pool and then being edged 20-25, 26-24, 15-11 by Francis Libermann in the consolation round on Saturday.

"More than anything, they really did learn about themselves and what it takes as far as mental preparation," said Rebel coach Jonas Kaciulis. "I'd like to think we could have been better prepared but I really think you need to experience it to know what you're missing."

Just in case there was any doubt as to the missing ingredient, Kaciulis pulled out a videotape of the Rebels' 2000 OFSAA victory.

"They were blown away how good these guys were. They were amazed how they could make a play out of nothing. After seeing that, a lot of players said they can't wait for next year."

The Rebels easily won their opener 25-9, 25-13 over Nepean's Merivale. However, their chances of qualifying for the championship draw took a blow in their next match when they were edged 25-19, 21-25, 15-10 by Caledon's Robert F. Hall.

Against the tournament's top seed and eventual champion, London's Saunders, the Rebels put up a good fight in the opening game before losing 25-20. Saunders then took the second game 25-17.

"They were the most prepared team. They were the best team but they weren't heads above everyone else," Kaciulis said. "They were more experienced and were able to make things happen."

Georgetown finished the round-robin with a 25-12, 23-25, 15-11 victory that placed them third in the pool and relegated them to the consolation draw.

The eighth-seeded Rebels faced No. 7 Libermann, in their opening game of the playoffs. The two highest seeded teams on the consolation side went to three games before Libermann prevailed.

Still, Kaciulis was pleased with the OFSAA experience.

"I did a sales job in preparing to get them there and they bought it," he said. "Now they're really looking forward to next year. They want their own glory."

Members of the Rebels OFSAA team are: Gavin Viray-Cox, Nic Turnhout, Reid Hall, Scott Cavin, Mike Haines, Goran Vlacic, Kyle McCracken, Duncan Cairns and Clayton Humberstone.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Top Cougars, Blues Raiders rolling along

The Georgetown Raiders scored five unanswered goals to down Burlington Cougars 7-2 in Saturday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game.

Kyle Frieday scored midway through the second period to break a 2-2 tie and the Raiders clung to that lead until erupting for four goals in the last eight minutes. Ross Smith paced the Raiders with two goals and two assists while John Wheaton scored once and set up three more. John Winstanley, Vince Laise and Robert Sgarbossa also scored. Tyler Leggo chipped in a pair of assists.

Leggo took on the role of sniper instead of set-up man a night earlier. His hat-trick was the difference in a 5-3 win over the Bramalea Blues. Laise and Winstanley had the other goals.

The wins improved the Raiders' record to 25-1-2 and increased their lead atop the West Conference standings to 10 points over Oakville.

RAIDER RAP: Georgetown plays in Brampton Thursday, then hosts third-place Hamilton on Saturday at the Alcott Arena. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Expanded girls tournament opens Friday

Since the Halton Hills Girls Hockey Association was founded seven years ago, local interest in girls hockey has grown steadily. This year, that growth moved beyond the town's borders.

The organization, which will host its fourth annual tournament this weekend, expanded to include Milton and the newly-dubbed North Halton Girls Hockey Association has brought many benefits for local players.

"Instead of two small towns competing against one another, we have one regional hockey association," said NHGHA president Grace Rylett.

With the expansion, the organization added 174 new players this season, bringing its registration to 421.

The biggest benefit has been in the house leagues. With more players there is less disparity in player's ages in each division. That has allowed players to develop their skills against players the same age,

size and skill level.

The expansion into Milton also made ice time more accessible.

"It helped take some pressure off the tight ice situation in Halton Hills and it gave us access to the new arena in Milton," said Rylett.

The organization's growth is also reflected in this weekend's North Halton Twisters tourney. Sixty-nine teams, including seven local entries, will compete in nine divisions.

"The tournament has grown every year," said tournament coordinator Greg Bridgwater. "It's also a popular house league tournament. It's early in the year and in the novice house league for a lot of the kids it's their first tournament."

The peewee house league division alone will have 20 teams.

One hundred and thirty-one games will be played over three days at five locations— Mold-Masters SportsPlex and Memorial Arena in Georgetown, Acton Arena and Tonelli Arena and Milton Sports

Centre in Milton. Game times for North Halton teams are as follows:

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Atom: Friday, 3 p.m. vs. Brampton (Alcott); Saturday, 10:30 a.m. vs. Mississauga (Mold-Masters); 7 p.m. vs. Burlington (Acton); Sunday, 1 p.m. vs. Niagara (Act).

Peewee: Friday, 2 p.m. vs. Mississauga (Alc); 8 p.m. vs. Woodstock (Act); Sunday, 7 a.m. vs. Brantford (Alc); Noon vs. Guelph (Alc).

Bantam: Friday, 4 p.m. vs. Buffalo (Act); 9:30 p.m. vs. Flamborough (MM); Saturday, 8:30 p.m. vs. Georgina (MM); Sunday, 7:30 a.m. vs. Woodstock (MM).

Midget: Friday, 4:30 p.m. vs. Mississauga (MM); Saturday, 11:30 a.m. vs. Sarnia (MM).

Senior: Friday, 10:30 p.m. vs. Brampton (MM); Saturday, 5:30 p.m. vs. Stoney Creek (MM); Sunday, 2:30 p.m. vs. Lady Bogs (MM).

House League

Atom: Saturday, 7:30 a.m. vs. Sunspace (MM); 3 p.m. vs. Georgina 2 (Alc); Sunday, 1 p.m. vs. Georgina (Alc).

Peewee: Friday, 5:30 p.m. vs. Brampton (MM); Saturday, 9 a.m. vs. Georgina (Alc); 3:30 p.m. vs. Aurora (MM).

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**SENIOR TOUR
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Wednesday, December 10th, 2003

Scheduled bus pick-up will begin at 6:30 p.m.
 until 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- Sargent Court • Kin Court • Bennett Centre
- Armstrong Terrace • Royal Canadian Legion
- Cote Terrace • Mountainview Residence
- Georgetown Seniors Centre • Extendicare Halton Hills

THE BUSES WILL MEET IN THE ZELLERS PARKING LOT BEFORE DEPARTING FOR THE TOUR AT 7:00 P.M.

If you have any questions please contact 877-2427 or 873-7202 in the evening
 There will be entertainment & refreshments at the Salvation Army Community Church following the tour.