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At Brampton tourney

Rebels rally to top Lord Elgin

The Georgetown Rebels scored six unanswered points to defeat Lord Elgin 40-34 and win the d'Youville Invitational Basketball Tournament in Brampton last weekend.

The Rebels took a 22-15 into the half and led by as many as 12 points but Lord Elgin fought back to tie the game 34-34. Ted Morris stole the ball and fed Andrew Robitaille for a basket with 2:05 to play to put the Rebels ahead to stay.

Robitaille led the Rebels with 14 points while Morris had 11 points, six steals and eight rebounds.

The Rebels opened the tournament with a thrilling 39-37 win over the host d'Youville Panthers, winning the game on Morris' jump shot at the buzzer. Georgetown trailed by three in the final minute but Morris hit a three-pointer from the top of the key to tie the game with 20 seconds remaining.

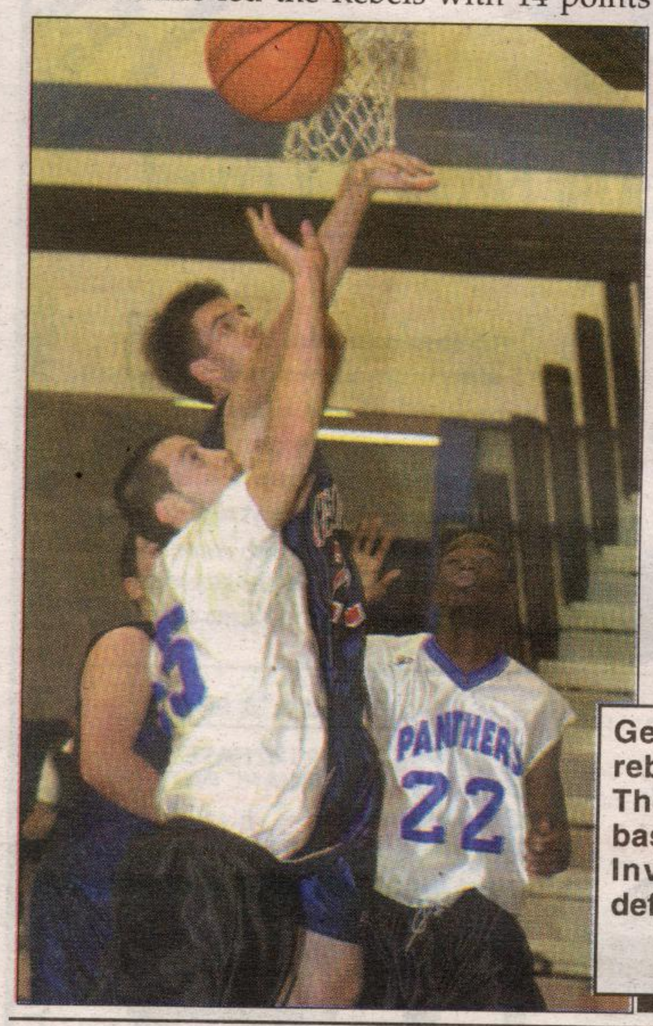
After a John Pettit steal gave the Rebels possession, he inbounded the ball to Morris with 1.6 seconds to play. Morris dribbled once and then hit a fade-away jumper from 15 feet out as the buzzer sounded.

Georgetown trailed 11-6 after the opening quarter but held the Panthers to just two points in the second quarter to take an 18-13 lead into the half. With a much deeper bench, d'Youville took a 37-30 lead with 3:41 remaining.

But the Rebels rallied after some time-outs to catch their breath.

Morris led the Rebels with 15 points while Mitch Edwards contributed 10. Pat Beswick topped the team with nine rebounds.

The Rebels will play in a tournament this weekend in Vernon-Verona-Sherrill in upstate New York.



Georgetown's Pat Beswick jumps for a rebound against the d'Youville Panthers. The Rebels won 39-37 on a last-second basket and went on to win the d'Youville Invitational Basketball Tournament by defeating Lord Elgin 40-34 in the final.
Photo by Bryon Johnson

Local youngsters get tips from Leafs' star

It was the practice the Georgetown Toyota Minor Atom Raiders will never forget.

Raider coach Steve Kessel called his "the luckiest team in Canada" after his players learned the finer points of body contact from a guy who has dished out his share of hits—Gary Roberts of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"You couldn't get a better guy. The time and effort he put in. He talked to the guys for 15 minutes before they went out and he did something with each and every kid," said Raider coach Steve Kessel.

The Raiders went to Lakeshore Arena to watch the Maple Leafs' practice and following that, took to the ice themselves with Roberts joining them. The players got an hour of instruction on the proper techniques.

"There's a lot of controversy about hitting at this age," Kessel said. "I think hitting is fine as long as everybody teaches it properly."

Roberts stressed players being aware of the danger zone (within three feet of the boards), being aware of what's around them and turning as they are going into the boards to avoid going in head-first in case they fall or are hit. Roberts also reminded them of the importance of not following

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A show of hands

Stewarttown's Gabrielle Kosziwka and Ashley Nixon, right, jump to block Centennial's Trish Gauthier in the North Halton elementary volleyball championship Tuesday at Georgetown District High School. Stewarttown rallied to edge Centennial 17-25, 25-23, 15-11 and now advances to Wednesday's Halton final at E.C. Drury in Milton. The Centennial boys defeated Milton's W. I. Dick to win the North Halton championship.

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