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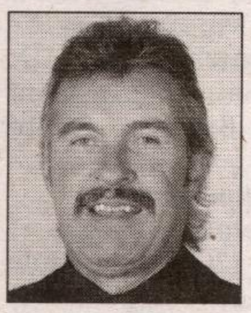
Raiders fail to heed coach's dire warning

Just hours before the Georgetown Raiders hit the ice for Tuesday's game against the Streetsville Derbys, Raider coach Dan Cameron reminded his team to stay focused.

Coming off two important and emotional victories over the Hamilton Red Wings, Cameron said the team needed to be reminded that any team could sneak up and beat them.

"I told them before the game, 'you don't come out with a big effort... beating Hamilton means nothing'," Cameron said.

If the Raiders didn't learn the lesson from listening to their coach, they sure did by looking at the scoreboard following the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game.



DAN CAMERON

The Streetsville Derbys rallied from a 2-0 deficit to edge the Raiders 3-2. It was just the second time in 16 games Georgetown has failed to earn a point.

But even Cameron wasn't about to come down on his players.

"It's easy for people to say, 'How could you lose to those guys?' The bottom line is last time we played them we scored eight goals so it's human nature that the players are going to be overconfident. That team knocked off Milton a week ago. Their goalie played well. We put some pressure on them but what can you say? Full marks to them."

The Raiders, who fired 52 shots at Dayn Belfour the last time the teams met, managed exactly half that total this time around. Still, they jumped out to a lead when Tyler Leggo put Georgetown in front with the only goal of the opening period and Jay Sprague extended the lead in the second.

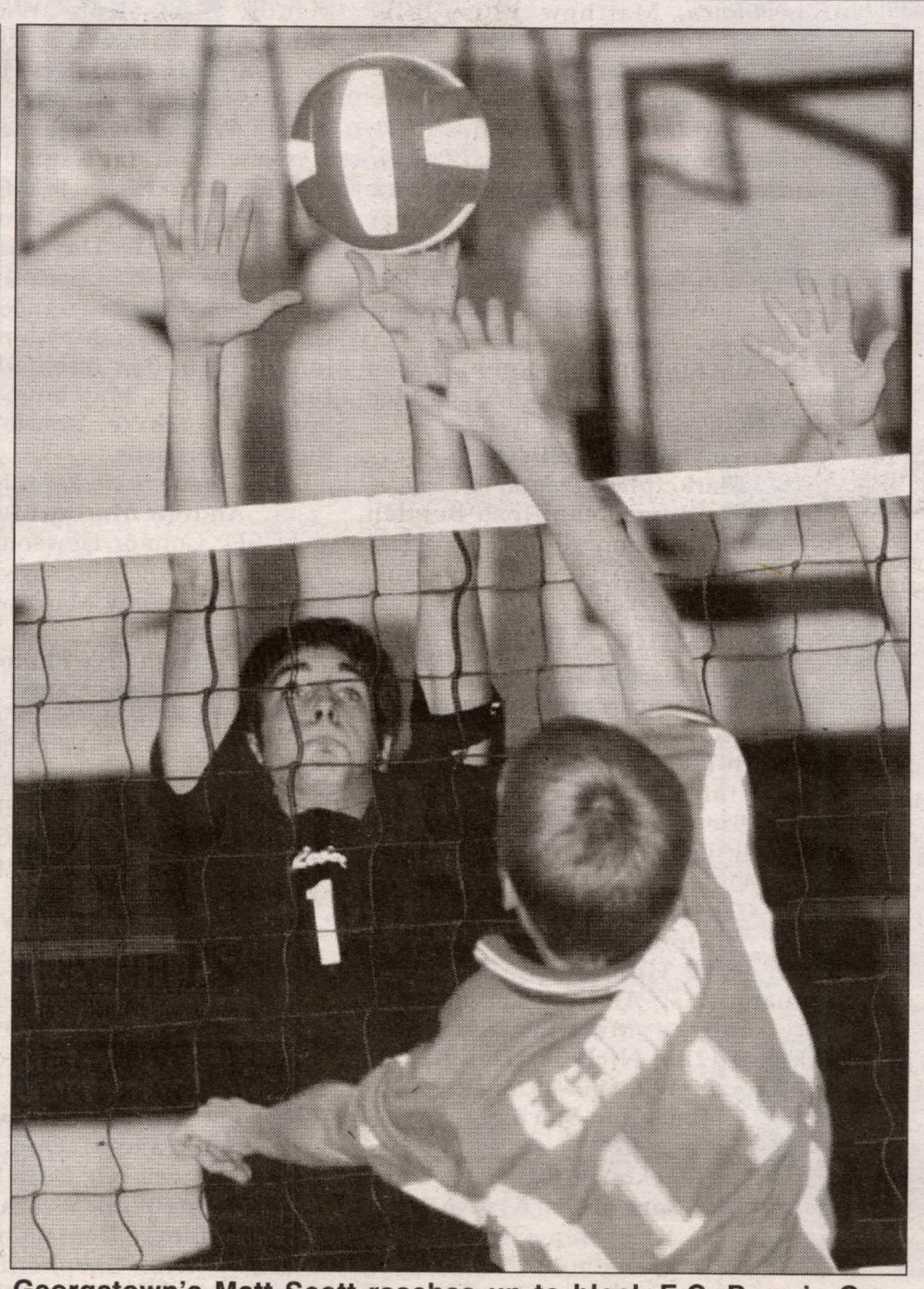
Perhaps showing the effects of their fourth game in five days, the Raiders let the Derbys back in the game. Streetsville cut the lead in half before the end of the second and the Derbys tied the game four minutes into the final period. Then with nine minutes left, Streetsville took the lead for good.

"I don't know if anyone else has to do this (four games in five nights) but if they do they're going to run into the same things," Cameron said.

The loss drops the Raiders to 13-3-0 on the season and although they remain first in the West Conference, Oakville is just two points back with three games in hand. Streetsville (6-8-1) movèd into a tie for sixth with the win.

The Raiders played in Brampton yesterday (Thursday) and will host the Burlington Cougars Saturday at the Alcott Arena. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

RAIDER RAP: Leggo and Matt Sweazey each had two points Tuesday....Maple Leaf goalie Ed Belfour, whose son plays net for the Derbys, was on the Streetsville bench.



Georgetown's Matt Scott reaches up to block E.C. Drury's Greg Brooks during Wednesday's Halton junior boys volleyball game. Georgetown won 25-16, 25-17 to remain undefeated at 6-0.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

High school roundup

Bearcats fall in b-ball play

The Milton Mustangs overcame a fourth-quarter deficit to edge the Acton Bearcats 36-32 in Wednesday's Halton senior girls basketball game.

Tied 19-19 at the half, the Bearcats' strong defensive play held Milton to just three points in the third quarter and allowed Acton to build a 27-22 lead. But Milton rallied in the final quarter while the Bearcats failed to capitalize on their free throw opportunities.

Sara Doolan led the Bearcats with seven points, Amanda Dennis had six and April Thomas and Vicky Cosulich each had five.

In their previous game, the Bearcats fell 54-14 to the Georgetown Rebels. Allesia Bonaldo had 10 points for the Rebels while Sherelle Sheppard and J.J. Edwards each had eight.

Junior Basketball

Milton edged Christ the King 24-18, dropping the Jaguars to 0-2 this season.

Lapointe, Canada lead world

Mary Ann Lapointe fired an opening round 67 to help Canada take the lead through two rounds of the Women's World Amateur Golf Team Championship in Puerto Rico.

Lapointe shot a round of 67 Wednesday at the Rio Mar Country Club's River Course to take the individual opening round lead. Combined with teammate Laura Matthews' two-under par 70, Canada was seven under par for a two-shot advantage over the United States.

MARY ANN LAPOINTE

Although Lapointe struggled, shooting a 78 on Thursday when the event moved to the Rio Mar Ocean Course, Canada managed to increase its lead to three shots.

The tournament takes the top two scores from each three-member team. Matthews shot another 70 while Lindsay Knowlton had a 75. That left the Canadian team six-under for the tournament with Sweden three shots behind. The U.S. is third, four strokes back.

Lapointe started the first round with three pars and then birdied five of the next nine holes and finished her round without a bogey. But the Ocean course wasn't as kind and Lapointe had eight bogeys, although she finished strong with two birdies on the last four holes. That put Lapointe in eighth place, six strokes off the lead.

Canada finished 12th at the last event— which is held every two years— and hasn't cracked the top 10 since 1990. It's best finish was second in 1966 and 1978.

Forty-nine countries are competing in the four-round tournament, which finishes Saturday.

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