

Senior Rebels face stiff test this weekend

The Georgetown Rebels will get a chance to see how they measure up with the province's best teams this weekend.

While Georgetown has rarely been tested in building a 5-0 record in Halton senior boys volleyball play, the Rebels have been using tournaments as a measuring stick. And although they have fared well in three tournaments so far, they have rarely had their full lineup available.

At York University, the Rebels lost to the defending provincial gold medallists, London's Saunders Secondary, in the semifinals and finished third. In Guelph, the Rebels reached the final before losing to Belleville's Centennial. In Calgary, they won the consolation championship.

In speaking to other coaches from around the province, Rebel coach Jonas Kaciulis said his team is probably ranked fourth in the province, behind Saunders, Centennial and London's Oakridge. The Rebels will be guaranteed to meet Oakridge, the only member of the top three they haven't faced yet, when Saunders hosts a tournament this weekend.

"We know where we stand," Kaciulis said. "We have a shot at a medal and if you look back, half way through 2000 (when the Rebels won the Ontario championship) we were ranked third.

They worked hard and adjusted and just didn't want to lose again. This team, skill wise, is as good or better."

There are other parallels to the 2000 championship team.

- The Rebels have a large returning core. Eight players are back from last year's team that won the Halton and GHAC titles.

- An inexperienced team got its first OFSAA exposure a year before winning it all. Until last year, only one player had won as much as a Halton title. But they made it to OFSAA where they went 2-4.

One difference is the depth of this year's Rebel squad. Kaciulis has 14 players, the biggest roster he has ever carried. That had a lot to do with the large number of returning players as well as a strong group of graduating juniors. By keeping more players, Kaciulis will keep the team's future strong as well.

But the present also represents one of the Rebels' best teams ever assembled. Reid Hall and Duncan Cairns both won Ontario beach volleyball titles in the summer. Hall then went on to represent Canada at the world Under-18 championships and finished

fourth. Scott Cavasin was named to the tournament all-star team at York and Hall and setter Mike Haines earned the same honour in Guelph. And then there's Nic Turnhout, a powerful hitter, who Kaciulis said is among the school's best players ever.

The team's depth has pushed its starters. Playing shorthanded at a tournament, Gavin Viray-Cox moved to middle and excelled and now has created a competition with Goran Vlacic for the starter's role.

And the first-year seniors are also keeping the starters sharp.

"They have proven they can handle it. It took them probably four to six weeks to adjust to what is expected of them. The guys have confidence in them and they've earned that. If someone's not mentally into a game or not sharp, they can step in."

With so many new players joining a group of veterans it could have been easy for a divide to form in the team but Kaciulis said the trip to Calgary turned out to be a valuable team experience.

"That really meant a lot for them," the Rebel coach said. "They worked really hard toward that and represented themselves well and the community really helped out us with out fund-raising to make that happen."

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



REID HALL

Rep hockey roundup

Minor Atom AE Raiders get off to fast start

Maclean Shiell, Cody Fry and Jonathan Hanley each had two goals as the Georgetown Concept Ford Minor Atom AE Raiders opened the season by defeating Dundas to kickstart a run of four consecutive wins.

Georgetown 7, Dundas 4: Maclean Shiell (2G, 2A); Jonathan Hanley (2G, 1A); Cody Fry (2G); Patrick Gough (1G, 2A); Zachery McLean, Olin Flydorf, Sam Wright (A).

Georgetown 8, Guelph 0: Gough (2G, 1A); Spencer Sykes (2G); Shiell, Johnathan Haines (1G, 1A); Alec Littlejohn (G); Connor McEwan (3A); Tyler Chabot, Sebastien Beckett (2A).

Georgetown 2, Hespeler 1: Gough (2G); Hanley (2A); Shiell, Beckett (A).

Georgetown 5, Caledon 4: Sykes (2G); Fry (1G, 2A); Gough, Haines (G); Chabot (2A); Littlejohn, Beckett (A).

Major Pee wee Raiders

Chris Taylor scored twice and Matt Gergely blanked St. Catharines as the Chalmers Fuels Raiders posted a 4-0 victory.

Georgetown 4, Flamborough 0: Chris Taylor (2G, 1A); Matt Quinn (1G, 2A); Matt Weber (G); Trevor Hache; Joel Phillips, Jeff Beedham (A).

Georgetown 5, Guelph 3: J.P. Villeneuve (2G, 1A); Todd Bannerman, Andrew Haffner,

Mitchell Kemp (G); Trevor Fillier, Jacob Denomme, Taylor, Hache (A).

Caledon 5, Georgetown 2: Weber, Fillier (G); Haffner, Beedham (A).

Georgetown 6, Milton 1: Villeneuve, Bannerman (2G, 1A); Weber (1G, 1A); Kemp (G); Taylor (2A); Denomme, Quinn (A).

Novice Select Raiders

Nicolucci tops in cross-country

Michael Nicolucci won the Halton Catholic District School Board Elementary Cross-Country Meet for the second year in a row.

The St. Brigid student won the tyke boys race, followed by Bryson Nicolucci in second. Despite the one-two finish it was another Georgetown school, St. Catherine of Alexandria, that won the team title.

St. Brigid didn't leave anything to chance in the mite boys division. The school took the top three spots, helped out by two more Nicoluccis. Josh Sterk won the race with Ben Nicolucci taking second and Daniel Nicolucci finishing third.

Samanthan Delaat of St. Brigid finished second in the bantam girls division to lead her school to the team title.

At the Halton District School

Ty Cadeau scored twice and Devin Blanchard posted a shutout to lead the Raiders to a 5-0 victory over Guelph.

Georgetown 2, Burlington 2: Chase Pries, Pierce Farrugia (G); Peter Ioannou, Dean Taylor (A).

Georgetown 5, Guelph 0: Ty Cadeau (2G); Farrugia (1G, 1A); Aleks Rapp, Adam Lencz (G); Campbell Parker, Dylan Martin (A); Blanchard (SO).

Board meet, Alex Jarvis of Stewarttown won the junior girls race and teammate Holly Bigg was fourth to help their team win the division championship. Centennial finished third.


Stewarttown finished third in the junior boys division followed by Centennial in fourth.

It was Centennial taking the team title in the intermediate girls division, led by their top finisher, Tory McCracken, who was sixth. Stewarttown finished third in the team standings.

Stewarttown edged Milton's W.I. Dick for second place in the senior boys division. Cameron Short was the school's top finisher, placing sixth.

Silver Creek's Blair Vanderglas was fourth in the tyke boys race and Dylan Innes of Brookville was third in the bantam boys division.







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ATHLETES *of the Week*

CHRIST THE KING	ACTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
		
Emma McDonald	Vicky Cosulich	Adam McGourty
		
Pat Byrne	Josh Locke	Spencer Troop

The Christ the King athletes of the week are Pat Byrne and Emma McDonald. Byrne, who plays power on the senior boys volleyball team, was selected for his play against Georgetown. McDonald, a centre on the junior girls basketball team, was chosen for her rebounding in the Jaguars game against Georgetown.

The Acton High School athletes of the week are Vicky Cosulich and Josh Locke. Couslich was chosen for her strong mid-court defensive play in Acton's game against E.C. Drury. Locke, who has been setting and playing right side for the senior boys volleyball team, was chosen for his consistent, strong defensive play and blocking.

The Georgetown District High School athletes of the week are Adam McGourty and Spencer Troop. McGourty, a power on the Rebels junior boys volleyball team, was selected for his play in a 2-1 victory over Christ the King. Troop was chosen for his outstanding play on both the offensive and defensive line of the Rebels' junior boys football team.

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