



Georgetown's Devon Rattie leaps to drive the ball over the block of Christ the King's Ryan Shepherd (12) and Joey McClement (22) in Halton junior boys volleyball play. Georgetown won 25-20, 25-20, handing Christ the King its first loss of the season. Both teams finished 9-1 but Christ the King still held on to first place in the North Division. Both teams won their opening round match in the Halton playoffs. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Teams boast 9-1 records Rebels-Jags volleyball rivalry heats up

The Georgetown Rebels have traditionally looked south for their volleyball rivalries. Now they can just look down the street.

The Rebels and the Christ the King Jaguars wrapped up the Halton junior boys volleyball season last Wednesday with a game that had less to do with the standings and more to with establishing a favourite heading into the playoffs.

The Rebels avenged an earlier loss to the Jaguars with a 25-20, 25-20 victory that left both teams with identical 9-1 records. However, it will be the Jags that finish first based on the tie-breaking procedure.

That had already been decided prior to the game but the fact that both teams were putting as much stock in winning is a good indication of their growing rivalry.

"We wanted to win. We were hoping for the perfect season," said Jaguars coach Carla Favero. "The boys wanted it so badly. School finished at noon today but they all came back to school to practise before the game. And they were all there. You can't get them out of the gym."

That their Guelph St. rivals denied them their perfect season will only fuel their motivation for a playoff rematch. The good news for the Jags is that if that happens it would most likely be at Sheridan College for the Halton final, not at Georgetown.

"There's just something about this gym," Favero said. "There's lots of tradition. We're trying to get past that. They really wanted it but I think nerves got them."

On the other side, the Rebels had something to prove after losing to the Jags earlier in the season. In that match, the Rebels forfeited their first game after coach Shari Nairn enforced a team rule about sitting players for a game for missing practice. That left the Rebels without enough players for the opening game. Still, the Jags won the next two 25-22, 15-10 leaving the Rebels with something to prove.

"The boys wanted today's win bad," Nairn said.

The Rebels have proven themselves to be contenders for their first Halton junior title in seven years by winning tournaments in Oakville-Trafalgar and E.C. Drury. In one of those tournaments, the Rebels were facing match point but rallied to score 10 straight points to defeat O-T, winners of three of the last five Halton titles.

Still, the loss to the Jags in league play stung.

Raiders lose top scorer in trade with Oakville

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While Lundmark, a veteran of 135 OHL games with Plymouth and Saginaw, was signed after playing just three games this season, Corredato did come at a price. The Raiders sent Joey Piccone, who shared the team lead in points, and defenceman Paul Conter to Oakville to get him.

"To get a player of (Corredato's) stature you have to give a player of equal value. And I have a habit of trading my top scorers," said director of player personnel Peter Mavroudis, who two years ago traded Rick Varone. "With Conter, they wanted a skilled offensive defenceman and with us picking up Lundmark, that made him available."

Corredato played with the Halifax Moosehead of the Quebec Major Junior League last season. Two years ago, he helped Oakville upset the Raiders in the West Conference final and returned to the team this year.

"It's a totally different group of guys now," Corredato said. "I'm just going to work hard and try to chip in offensively."

RAIDER RAP: Mike Gurtler scored his team-leading 17th goal Saturday and took over the team lead with 27 points. Wade Finegan also scored for the Raiders....Jon Southgate, Greg Lever and Rob Sgarbossa each had two assists....Goalie Cameron Healy made his Raider debut, stopping nine of 10 shots in the third period.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

"It brought (our players) together as a team," Nairn said. "(The Jaguars) have been our best competition and it helps to have a little bit of a rivalry. If we play like we can and they're all on and focused like they were today, we've got a pretty solid team."

Both teams opened the playoffs Monday with victories, making a Guelph St. Halton final still possible. Christ the King defeated White Oaks 25-15, 25-16 while Georgetown downed Assumption 25-10, 25-11. Both teams were to play quarterfinal games yesterday (Tuesday).

Results were not available at press time.

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CHRIST THE KING	ACTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL	GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
Megan Milne	Matt Bigg	Jenna Brubacher
Ray Socha	Norm Tosh	Chris James

The Acton High School athletes of the week are Matt Bigg and Norm Tosh.

Bigg was chosen for his third-place finish at the Halton cross-country championships. Bigg was also fourth in GHAC and has qualified for OFSAA for the second year in a row.

Norm Tosh, a middle on the Bearcats' senior boys volleyball team, was chosen for his strong play in Acton's victory over Bishop Reding and in a three-game loss to Georgetown.

The Georgetown District High School athletes of the week are Jenna Brubacher and Chris James.

Brubacher, a member of the junior girls basketball team, led the Rebels with 12 points in a 43-15 victory over Acton. James, a nose tackle on the junior boys football team, was selected for his strong play in the team's game against Burlington Central.

The Christ the King athletes of the week are Megan Milne and Ray Socha.

Milne, a junior cross-country runner, finished 13th in the senior race at the Halton championships and was 18th in GHAC. Socha finished 50th out of 106 runners in the senior boys race at the Halton championships.

Junior Rebels ousted

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St. Thomas rebounded and marched the ball down the field with a drive that ate up about eight minutes. However, it stalled on the seven-yard line when the Jags' Ben Carter recovered a Raiders' fumble.

Things seemed to be going according to plan for Georgetown when Rob Cutting's touchdown allowed the Rebels to take a 7-0 lead in the opening quarter. The Royals cut the lead to one by the half.

In the third, despite a major by Christian D'Angelis, two more touchdowns by the Royals, plus a pair of important two-point converts, gave the Royals a 22-13 advantage. The Rebels wouldn't threaten though. They spent much of the fourth quarter in their own end.

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Senior Jags fall

Coulton Vetro of the Christ the King Jaguars tries to escape the grasp of a Holy Trinity tackler in Thursday's senior boys football game. Holy Trinity blanked the Jags 16-0 to advance to the Halton quarterfinals. Photo by Herb Garbutt

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