'The opening ceremonies were something I'll always remember. It was pretty nifty.'

— Andrew Groombridge... see pg. 32

HHCS, Chargers dominate meet

The weather co-operated nicely for the 774 elementary school runners who took part in last week's two-day

Optimist Club of Halton Hills crosscountry meet held at Cedarvale Park.

Halton Hills Christian School won three of the six team points titles on day one of the competition, which involved students age 8-10.

On day two, Centennial Middle School's Chargers were the overall champs for the 11-13 age groups with three team banners earned. Stewarttown's Stingers were tops in the 13vear-old age groups for boys and girls.

Following are the top-three finishers in each of the age categories:

Girls 8 yrs.

1.Olivia Meldrum, George Kennedy; 2.Jaime Barrows, Glen Williams; 3. Sydney Hood, Park

Boys 8 yrs.

1.Easton Gougeon, Silver Creek; 2.Michael Moir, Gardiner; 3.Matthew Longmead, Halton Hills Christian

Girls 9 yrs.

1.Sydney Vokes, SC; 2.Alyssa Primdahl, GK; 3.Daniel Blanford, HHC

Boys 9 yrs.

1. Charles Winsor, GW; 2. Ben McKenzie, Park; 3.Ron McDonald, Gard

Girls 10 yrs.

1. Rachel Love, Georgetown Rockets; 2.Zara Menheere, GK; 3.Grace Melo,

Boys 10 yrs.

1.Braeden Biggar, Gard; 2.Brendan Gardiner, Pineview; 3. Michael Caissie, GK

Girls 11 yrs.

1. Silvana Flores, Centennial; 2. Kait Moms, Gardiner; 3.Samantha Brooks, Cent

Boys 11 yrs.

1.Samuel Clarke, Post's Corners; 2.Nathan Bellsmith, HHC; 3.Tommy Woods, Cent

Girls 12 yrs.

1.Teah Cook, Cent; 2.Mari Young, PC; 3.Naomi Chang, McKenzie-Smith

GEORGETOWN



Close to 800 elementary school students from around the North Halton area took part in the Optimist Club of Halton Hills's annual cross-country meet held at Photo by Eamonn Maher Cedarvale Park last week.

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Boys 12 yrs.

1. Connor Chandler, Gard; 2. Brandon Ponomarew, Gard; 3.Devin Guest, Cent Girls 13 yrs.

1. Payton Truyens, GR; 2. Shelby Ward, PC; 3.Emma Crosbie, Cent

Boys 13 yrs.

1.Jeffrey Rice, PC; Josh Menheere, Cent: 3.Justin Knebel. Stewarttown

Lending Journey tourney raises \$6,000



Former Hamilton Tiger-Cat Chuck Ealey (top left) and ex-Toronto Argonaut Orlando Bowen (top right) join Lending Journey charity found- Matt Locke, Luke Leblanc and er Vince Vetro (bottom left) and his brother Brett Haves won the scramble Bob for a picture.

The inaugural Open Hearts Charity Golf Tournament took place last week at the Hornby Glen course, with several former Canadian Football League players teeing it up to help out impoverished women in Third World countries.

The ourney raised approximately \$6,000 to support microfinance projects in Nicaragua.

In November, Lending Journey founder Vince Vetro of Georgetown will take the funds to the Central American country to hand out to about 30 women for them to start up small businesses in their rural communities.

The foursome of Josh Locke, Submitted photo event with a score of -6.

Raiders snap skid but now get busy

The Georgetown Raiders will get a good test of $\underline{\circ}$ their endurance this weekend with a run of four $\frac{3}{10}$ games in five days, including the Ontario Junior \(\frac{3}{5} \) Hockey League's Governors' Showcase Sunday morning in Oakville.

Sitting at the .500 mark with a 3-3-1 record, the \geq Raiders are set to spend a lot of time on the bus in di the next few days starting with a trip to Kingston to face the 4-2-0 Voyageurs Thursday evening.

Georgetown will host the 2-3-1 Whitby Fury Saturday at the Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m., with a quick turnaround before taking on the 4-3-0 Toronto Jr. Canadiens Sunday at 10:30 p.m. for the annual Governors' Showcase contest in front of major junior, post-secondary school and pro scouts at Oakville's Sixteen Mile Sports Complex.

On Monday, they'll visit Buffalo to clash with their divisional-rivals, the 3-1-0 Jr. Sabres, for the first time this season.

The Raiders broke out of a four-game losing streak Saturday with a convincing 5-1 victory over the guest Pickering Panthers. Ryan Smith, Anthony Marra, Kyle Allan, John Adams and rookie Andrew Court, with his first Jr. A marker, scored for the home side, with Steve Hladin and Liam Clare adding two

Friday night, the Raiders paid their first visit to the new Duke Dome in Wellington. Michael Courvoisier opening the scoring for Georgetown early on but the Dukes went on to a 4-1 win.

NOTES: Local resident and former Raider **Andy** Bathgate has joined a pro team in Belgium after one year at the University of Guelph in which he led the Gryphons in scoring...Highly-touted defender **Thom**as Welsh, who left the Raiders midway through last season to sign on with the OHL's Mississauga Steelheads, is now at Brock University...Forward Nicholas Dozzi has made the roster of the QMJHL's Cape Breton Screaming Eagles...Georgetown's Josh Sterk reacted well to his surprise trade from the Kitchener Rangers to Oshawa last week. The 18-year-old centre had a goal and four assists in his first two games with the Generals and sits sixth in OHL scoring... Barrie Colts' first-round draft pick Matthew Kreis of Georgetown had a goal and an assist in his debut last week, a 7-4 win over Sarnia. Kreis, a 16-year-old centre, was named the game's third star.

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