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RIGHT TO READ: Derek Twist and Donna Steel served up sausage and drinks at The North Halton Literacy Guild barbecue, Saturday. The Guild had originally planned to hold the barbecue Sept. 7, but had to postpone it due to Hurricane Fran. The celebration was held to promote the Guild's programs such as The DRive For Literacy, Oct. 6 at the Georgetown Marketplace. (Jamie Harrison photo)

Coach pleads not guilty in sex assaults

A former national cycling team coach has pleaded not guilty in the sexual assault of former team members, including a 22-year-old Georgetown woman.

The Georgetown woman testified that she was made to lie topless while the coach, Desmond Dickie, massaged her after training sessions three years ago. She also testified that the massaging cov-

ered the side of her breasts, as well as massaging her partially exposed buttocks, though restricted the massage to above the shorts. She added that Dickie's hands occasionally slipped under her sports bra during the course of the massage.

She testified that the sessions left her feeling vulnerable.

In addition to being

charged with assaulting the Georgetown woman, a member of the national cycling team, Dickie is also charged with sexually assaulting a Brampton woman in a similar manner.

Dickie, himself a Brampton resident, pleaded not guilty in Ontario Court, General Division, last week, in front of Mr. Justice John Belleghem.



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