

Elementary athletes shine

Brisbane tops in inter-school meet

By Lorraine Root
It was all there! The stomach-pit excitement of pre race events, the cold wait for your turn, and the wonderful, wonderful feeling of esprit de corps, camaraderie with newly made friendships and the giddy relief of completing events, and waiting to see how one's teammates fared.

A new enthusiasm in inter-mural athletics is fast developing in the Wellington County public schools these days and probably the most important one factor for the sudden injection of keen competition has been the gymnasium with its physical education program which is now part of every standard public school curriculum.

The last few years has put the larger cities and town's elementary school athletics into a new status but, more recently, the rural area schools have also been given their considerations and, with the additions of indoor gyms, a whole new league has been created.

No longer will the high school athletes be selected primarily from the lists of city students who have been raised on sport programs and outdoor recreational facilities; today's new crop of hopefuls could easily be the kid on the next farm or the paperboy in any small town. Everyone is now having his chance to learn what sports and athletics are all about. Last Friday's activities at

Brisbane public school grounds could be just the beginning of such annual organized competitions which might, eventually include even more rural elementary schools. The June 5 event was hosted by the Brisbane school with Paul Donaldson, principal, the chief organizer, assisted by the principals and teachers of the five other participating school

teams of Ross R. McKay School in Hillsburg and the Eramosa, Ospringe and Rockwood schools.

It was a wonderful day and one which would make all non-athletes wish they were. The track was laid, the racers were numbered, and the events were zinged off in snappy order. No one was left out and everyone there represented some school with parents on hand representing their children. High jumps, broad jumps, relay and straight races were run off continuously from 9.30 a.m. until 3.30 in the afternoon with only a short time off for paper bag lunches or a quick draft of refreshment to be purchased from the table-counter booth which had been assembled on the premises.

Students shone in all directions and many young athletes showed signs of top notch potential. Ruth Faulkner who took a first for Ospringe, Teny Vanderheide who also took a first for the same school in the senior girl's 440 and Wendy Court who captured top laurels for the senior standing broad jump. Fred Thring of the Eramosa Public School left his team mates far behind as he vied for the 880 laurels and the Ospringe boys' junior relay team came out on top for that event.

Rockwood's athlete Diane Jackson, from Eden Mills, deserves special mention for a well run 220 yd. dash in which her running stance and co-ordination were superb taking her across the tape well ahead of

the rest of the field. Jeff Gardiner also showed spectacular form for the Rockwood team as well as Laurie Hanson and pint-size Paul Dudnick who took second place in a race wherein the competitors looked three times bigger.

Teachers, principals, and students were there together participating, keeping scores, organizing events, holding ropes, while parents carried out their important roles as spectators.

Top dogs for the final standing was Brisbane with 259 points, Rockwood Centennial was second with 214, Erin Union ran up a third 207 score and Ospringe placed fourth with 172; Eramosa Public School's 162 points gave them the fifth position and Hillsburg made 86 for sixth place. Next year it is hopeful that at least one more school will be contending for honors when Puslinch Public enters the race.

Well, it's all over now including the running. The first half of the 1970 public school gymnastic program has come to an end with many students progressing from the realm of elementary into the broader prospect of high school participation. It is hopeful that this summer's building schedule for the Wellington County School Board will include two more gymnasiums in this area so that the Brisbane and the Ross R. McKay School in Hillsburg will be able to house teams to compete in next year's round of indoor athletic inter-mural programs of volleyball and basketball.

The standards are raising and it could be Wellington today with a "look out world" for tomorrow. Whose team are you on?



CAPTAIN OF ATHLETICS for the Brisbane School, Marta Grzesiowski of R.R. 5, Georgetown stands proudly beside the team's star competitor Jim Parker, as he looks at the coveted championship trophy displayed by Brisbane Public School principal, P. W. Donaldson. (Photo by Lorraine)



FRED THRING of R.R. 5, Rockwood, left his teammates miles behind as he won the 880 for Eramosa Public. Fred also chalked up two other firsts for the mile race and the standing broad in his class. (Photo by Lorraine)



WENDY COURT in her champion jumping stance as she captures top laurels for the senior standing broad jump. She's an R.R. 2, Hillsburg girl competing for Brisbane School. Joanne Van Oosten, Acton, Billy Carter, Rockwood, Judy Johnston, Acton, Philip Carter, Elora, and Linda Gales of R.R. 2, Erin, cheer her on. (Photo by Lorraine)



WINNERS FOR THE SENIOR GIRLS are pleased to line up to show their positions in the school competitions. Top of the line shows little Joanne Van Oosten for Brisbane who came in third, centre is Ruth Faulkner who came in first for Ospringe, and Penny Piatt who was third for Erin Union Public School. (Photo by Lorraine)



TENY VANDERHEIDE of R.R. 3, Acton Ospringe school and Shoma McIntyre, R.R. 1, Erin, for Ross R. McKay school in Hillsburg, line up for a practice start. Teny came in first followed by Shoma in a close second for the Senior girl's 440. (Photo by Lorraine)



OSPRINGE TEAM wins the relay race with their top junior boys' team consisting of Eddy Hurgett, R.R. 2, Acton, Jeff Stewart, R.R. 3, Acton, David Faulkner, R.R. 3, Acton and Vernon Gregson, R.R. 2, Hillsburg. (Photo by Lorraine)

Set stipulations slaughter house

Thumbs down on grade 13

Sound stipulations were set in conjunction with the request of Murray Cox of R.R. 4, Rockwood, for council's approval of a slaughter-house enterprise which he would conduct in conjunction with his present occupation of farming.

Although the Eramosa Council approved Mr. Cox's proposal of the accessory farming undertaking, a proviso was set that the site must be at least 300 feet from the Eramosa Erin Townline and at least 150 feet from number 25 Sideroad.

It is expected that Mr. Cox plans to process his own produce for local retail.

The Wellington County Board of Education supported the Department of Education's study recently, that grade 13 should be eliminated from the secondary school curriculum on the basis that the fifth year is an anachronism.

A resolution was presented at a recent meeting by Mrs. R. Parker, that the school board prepare a brief addressed to the Minister of Education to this effect.

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