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Acton gymnasts to go to Rumania

Three Acton High School gymnasts will be looking to improve their performances for next year with a three week gymnastics school in Rumania this summer. Zonya Baker, Jocelyn MacMillan and Kathy Barber are taking advantage of a program being sponsored by Concordia University at Montreal.

The girls will be leaving school a few days early to get over to Rumania by June 20, and the start of their training.

They fly to Bucharest first, where they will begin study under the coaches who taught the Rumanian national team, which includes Nadia Comaneci, the delight of the Montreal Olympics. There will be at least one workout session a day under these coaches, and the team will do some work with the girls.

Nadia herself is scheduled to spend a day with them, although Bruce Andrews, physical education instructor at Acton High School, was not sure what she would be doing.

Cultural events are also being planned, including sightseeing tours for the girls in the program. This is Rumania's centennial year, and Bucharest should be right in the middle of the celebration.

Training methods

The girls will learn more than just new moves. They will be shown the new training methods which enabled the Rumanian team to develop so fast, and turned out such great gymnasts as Nadia. This part of the course will be taught during a one week stay in Constanta.

After the school, the girls are scheduled to go on a short tour of Copenhagen, Denmark, with no intention of learning gymnastics. This part of the trip is for relaxation only.

The trip will cost the girls $995 each, but money has been raised through school and community groups to help defray the cost for them.

All the girls are excited by the idea of the school, and hope that it will help them in next year's performance. Jocelyn was third overall in the Halton championships this year.

M.Z. Bennett

Field Day produces champs

Martin Collerton and Sue Kinal stole the show at last Friday's Field Day at M.Z. Bennett. Sue picked up six first place finishes in the intermediate girls' events, while Martin dominated the senior boys' category with no less than eight firsts.

Sue won the 100 metres dash, the 200 metres, the 400 metres, the 800 metres, the high jump and the long jump in her class. Martin was victorious in the 80 metre hurdles, the high jump, the long jump, the triple jump, the shot put, the 100 metres, the '400 metres and the 800 metres.

Other strong performers were Tina McGrath with three wins and two seconds in the senior girls, Sue Civiero with three wins and two seconds in the junior girls, Rob Andrews with five firsts, a second and a third in the intermediate boys and Les Dobisz, with four wins and a second in the junior boys.

Results:

Junior boys

60 Metres: Leslie Dobisz, Mark Walker, Scott McDonough, Tom Shannon and Guy Maltby.

200 Metres: Les Dobisz, Mark Walker, Jim Bannon, Bruce Shannon and Scott McDonough

400 Metres: Mark Walker, Jim Bannon, Scott Allonby, Rick Dodds and Guy Maltby.

800 Metres: Jim Bannon, Scott Allonby, Rick Dodds and Dan Gibson.

60 Metres hurdles: Les Dobisz, Scott Allonby, Mike Yalowica and Gary White

High Jump Mark Walker, Les Dobisz and Scott Allonby.

Long Jump: Les Dobisz, Mark Walker and Bruce Shannon.

Triple Jump Scott Allonby, Guy Maltby, Scott McDonough, Chris Lobsinger and Mike Yalowica.

Shot Put: Mark Walker, Gary White, Jamie Dawkins, Terry Cunfaram and Rick Dodds

Intermediate boys

100 Metres: Rob Andrews, Gary Lumbers, Tom McDonough, Gord McArthur and Brent Vickery.

200 Metres: Gary Lumbers, Rob Andrews, John Spitori, Jim Reynolds and Mike Ashley. 400 Metres: Rob Andrews, Gary Lumbers, Jim Reynolds, Brent Vickery and Todd Kril.

800 Metres: Rob Andrews, Jim Reynolds and Gary Lumbers.

80 Metres hurdles: Gary Lumbers, Rob Andrews, John Kwiathowski and Gord McArthur.

High Jump: Rob Andrews; Brent Vickery, and Gary Lumbers.

Long Jump: Rob Andrews, Gary Lumbers, Tom McDonough, Gord McArthur and Gord Thompson.

Triple Jump: Gary Lumbers, Brent Vickery, Gord McArthur, Frank McGrath and Gord Glenn

Shot Put: Jim Hunter, Mike Ashley, Rob Andrews, Brent Vickery and Gord McArthur.

Senior boys

100 Metres: Martin Collerton, Bill Coates, Steve Evans, Geoff Saxon and Brian Holmes.

200 Metres: Steve Evans, John Semenec, Geoff Saxon, John Nolan and Jamie Lubbers.

400 Metres: Martin Collerton, John Semenec, John Nolan, Dave Medland and Kevin McLaren.

800 Metres: Martin Collerton, John Semenec, Kevin McLaren, Dave Medland and Colen MacFarlane.

80 Metres hurdles: Martin Collerton, Kevin McLaren, and Steve Evans.

High Jump: Martin Collerton, John Semenec and Warren Hawthorne

Long Jump: Martin Collerton, Bill Coates, John Semenec, Kevin McLaren and Dave Dawkins

Triple Jump Martin Collerton, Bill Coates, Dave Rogers, Steve Evans and Jamie Lubbers

Shot Put: Martin Collerton, Peter McKeown, Steve Evans, Bill Coates and Wayne DeHaan

Open 1500 Metres Bill Coates, John Nolan, Jim Reynolds and Gary Lumbers

Junior girls

60 Metres: Mardie Phillips, Sue Civiero, Anita Civiero, Teresa Dunn and Lynn Gordon

200 Metres: Teresa Dunn, Terry McStravick, Lynn Gordon, Mardi Phillips and Lori Drysdale

400 Metres: Lori Drysdale, Elke Zeissig, Sue Reynolds, and Alanna Bowen.

800 Metres: Elke Zeissig, Lori Drysdale, Sue Reynolds, Lori Epp.

60 Metres hurdles: Mardie Phillips, Linda Stachyra, Lynn Gordon and Lori Drysdale.

High Jump: Sue Civiero, Lori Epp, Anita Civiero, Lynn Gordon and Lynn Connor.

Long Jump: Anita Civiero, Sue Civiero, Adele Rodriguez, Linda Stachyra and Mardie Phillips.

Triple Jump: Sue Civiero, Anita Civiero and Lori Epp.

Shot Put: Sue Civiero, Anita Civiero and Elke Zeissig

Intermediate girls

100 Metres: Sue Kinal, Yvonne VanderAkker, Tracey Collett and Linda Kilpatrick.

200 Metres: Sue Kinal and Yvonne VanderAkker.

400 Metres: Sue Kinal, Teressa Dunn, Linda Epp, Linda Paton and Linda Robinson.

800 Metres: Sue Kinal and Linda Kilpatrick.

High Jump: Sue Kinal, Melodee Smith and Linda Paton

Long Jump Sue Kinal, Melodee Smith, Tracey Collett, Yvonne VanderAkken and Marlene Jordon

Triple Jump: Linda Paton, Julie Mellor and Jenny Watson

Shot Put: Linda Paton, Melodee Smith, Linda Kilpatrick, Jenny Watson and Carol Chasson

Senior girls

100 Metres: Kim Barber, Beth Scott, Sandee Allonby, Sue Brian and Linda Zions.

200 Metres: Tina McGrath, Sue Brian, Kathryn Iredale and Trudy Rueffer

400 Metres: Tina McGrath, Beth Scott and Adele Titon

800 Metres. Tina McGrath, Sandee Allonby and Adele Titon

80 Metres hurdles. Sandee Allonby, Kim Barber and Linda Zions

High Jump. Barb Hogenbirk, Tina McGrath, Kim Barber and Trudy Rueffer

Long JUmp: Kim Barber, Tina McGrath, Beth Scott, Sandee Allonby and Adele Titon.

Triple Jump: Barb Hogenbirk, Sandee Allonby and Sue White.

Shot Put: Kim Barber, Trudy Rueffer, Pam Andres, Barb Hogenbirk and Beth Scott.

SHE SOARS THROUGH THE AIR with the greatest of ease, winning the high jump last week, if you please. Barb Hogenbirk was the champion in the girls' high jump at M.Z. Bennett Field day.

SHOT-PUTTING IS NOT AS EASY as you might think. First you have to pick up the ball, and then you have to make faces, as Linda Paton demonstrates during M.Z. Bennett's field day.

Badminton club ends '77 season

by Vic Morris

This last 13 weeks badminton birds have been flying around the high school gym during regular Monday evening meets.

High turnouts and loads of enthusiasm have been the order of the day for the 18 girls and 20 boys who registered for the sessions which concluded last Monday.

A tournament closed the season. Losers in the first round battled for consolation honours while first round winners went on to fight for champions finals. All finals games proved to be exciting and all were very close.

Champions

The champs were Carole Saxon in ladies' singles, Gord Bruce in men's singles; Paula Ruppert and Carole Saxon in ladies' doubles, Mike Morris with Gord Bruce in the men's doubles, and Carole Saxon with Don Coats in the mixed doubles.

Consolation champs were Tammy Allsop in ladies' singles, Dave Mills in men's singles, Lisa Near and Sandra Krisch in ladies' doubles, Gary Pickles with Doug Cooper in men's doubles and Julie and Pete Zions in the mixed doubles.

School teachers Ann Lepik and Bruce Andrews were assisted by Joan and Vic Morris in organizing the club.

Although the club did not start until late in the season, rapid improvement in playing skills is apparent, particularly with players new to the game, and all look forward to keen competition next season.

Jock Tock

By John Bottomley

Does Geneva Conference apply to indoor lacrosse

The Rams played an awfully silly lacrosse game last Thursday in the arena. The team counted 163 minutes in penalties over the two games, both of which they lost.

It is not surprising that they did lose. Twenty-three of the 46 goals scored against them were power play goals. The team has some goalies, Graham Harrison in particular, but they can't do the job if there is nobody to help them.

Bloxon was not much help to his own cause, coming out of the crease swinging on two occasions Thursday, against his old teammates, the Mississauga Merchants.

There is a difference between aggressive, hard lacrosse (good) and what the Rams were doing (bad). A clean check will usually take a man out, while a slash will usually get you thrown into the penalty box for your efforts.

That sort of play doesn't do a whole lot to help a team. The two best players on the floor Thursday, I thought, were George Artem and Steve Wilson. Between them they accounted for a whopping four minutes in penalties, scoring five goals and notching up six assists in the course of the game.

Settle down

Manager Ian Campbell remarked after the Mississauga game that he hopes the team settles down. The Merchants were a team the Rams expected to beat, and when they weren't playing shorthanded, they did, 15-12.

Players are optimistic that things will pull together, and they are probably right. There are only a few players on the team taking all the penalties, but they are doing plenty of damage now. All that's needed, as Campbell says, is some discipline.

Ron Turkosz says "give us four more games". He expects the team to be winning then, and with a minimum of luck, they should be.

They just started working on plays for the first time this Monday. When they combine some teamwork with the scoring punch they possess, look out.

Dirty money found on former sports editor

Blast from the past: Eric Elstone, my immediate predecessor in this prestigious post, has fallen into some money which he would like to keep hidden from the tax boys. In a (shady) backroom manoeuvre typical of sports editors the world over, he lifted $40 in an illicit hockey pool. He didn't do it on skill, mind,you, he just lucked out by drawing the right names from a hat. Congratulations to him from us, the less fortunate.

Dills Pickles are a team in trouble

The Dills Pickles, an as yet unborn softball team representing the Free Press, the Georgetown Independent and the Milton Champion, is already having personnel problems. Some people won't play, others can't play, and some are conscientiously finding excuses not to play. But when we get it all together, look out Blue Jays.

Rams butted twice, drop opening games

Rams racked up 163 minutes in penalties in their first two regular season games, nearly 100 minutes more than their opponents.

They dropped both games, losing 20-8 in their opener, played at defending Ontario champion Orangeville, and 26-15 in their home opener with Mississauga.

Orangeville was in command for the entire game, leading 7-2 after the first period. They outscored the Rams 8-4 in the second frame and 5-2 in the third.

HOWARD DWYER WAS RECOGNIZED for his service to lacrosse in Acton. He received his award Thursday at the Rams' game from Ron Turkosz, George Artem and Kevin Marcoux.

Rams were trailing 2-0 when Gary Delong put them on the scoreboard taking a pass from George Artem and Kevin Marcoux. Steve Wilson was the next Acton marksman with his only point of the night, assisted by Ron Turkosz and Artem.

Turkosz and Marcoux were the Acton scorers in the second period, each accounting for two goals. Artem was credited with two assists in the period, and Turkosz, Marcoux and Bloxon each got one.

Jim Chisholm got an unassisted marker in the third frame and Turkosz took a Chisholm pass for another to account for the Rams' scoring in the period.

Early lead

Acton held leads of 3-1 and 5-2 in the Mississauga contest before ending the first period in a 7-7 deadlock. Penalties caught up after that as the Merchants scored 13 of their last 19 goals on power plays.

Rams took 90 minutes of penalties in the game, compared with only 22 for the visiting squad.

George Artem and Steve Wilson led Acton scoring with six points each. Turkosz followed with five. Jim Chisholm and Kevin Marcoux had two goals each, and Rick Gibson and Kent Kentner rounded out the scoring with a goal each.

Rams were outscored 11-5 in the second frame and 8-2 in the third when they spent most of their time in the box.

POINTLESS PENALITIES HURT Rams in their game with Mississauga Merchants Thursday at the arena. Rick Van Fleet, number 20, received only four minutes in penalties during the game. Kent Kentner, behind him, was hit for 34, including a game misconduct.

500 club winners

Winners of the 500 club draw for May 14 are: 93 Ed Thatcher, 324 John Povey, 408 J. Jocque, 426 Sharon Barker, 427 Reno Binotto and 480 Robin Inscoe.

IT'S CHARMAINE BIGELOW VS. LES DUBY in a faceoff to the finish. George Artem and the Rams look on at the opening ceremonies at the Rams first home game of the season. Charmaine is Miss Acton Fall Fair of 1976.

Industrial softball teams are hitting for high scores

Family Cleaners met J & T Sports Thursday in a match which would have sent major league managers to their graves. The final score, after the dust cleared, was 21-17 in favor of the Cleaners.

The Thursday game was played because ice and snow had forced the postponement of the game last Sunday.

Cleaners iced the game in the fifth inning, when five runs came across the plate to give them a 15-9 advantage. They were not blanked in any inning, while J & T were shut out in three different innings.

A five run comeback attempt in the final inning proved fruitless for the Sportsmen.

Sunday

May 14 saw the six industrial teams meet again in regular action. Van's came out on top, taking Cleaners by a score of 11-7, J & T Sports staged another last inning comeback, this time with more success, to drop Halton Electric 13-7, and Halton Hills Catering topped Station 15-11.

Vans led from the start in their game, scoring all their runs in three bursts. In the first inning, third baseman Steve Marshall, catcher Ed Hillier and first baseman Danny Allen crossed the plate to give them a 3-0 lead, which they held until the third.

Jim James made it 3-1 on a double by Daryl Whitten then, but Vans came back in the fourth to make it 7-1.

J & T Sports needed a 9 run seventh inning to pull out a victory against Halton Electric. The team batted around the order in the inning to bring the score from a 7-2 sure win from the Electricians to a 13-7 victory.

J & T pitcher Guy Payne came on strong in the final frames, striking out six of the last nine men he faced.

The Catering-Station game was another of the high-scoring games which have typified industrial league action so far.

This week's industrial action will be Monday night, because of the long weekend.