

Area motorcyclist second in Canada

by Al Varney
Jon Cornwell, a Silver-creek resident, placed second in the Canadian national motorcycle ice racing championships this year.

Cornwell was beaten by a narrow margin of two points by Michel Mercier in a series of six races in Ontario and Quebec. The races took place between January and March.

An unfortunate accident stopped Cornwell from winning the title. In the last of six races, which he was winning, his handle grip came off and he wiped out.

"Next year I'll go for it and I'll try and be number one in ice racing," Cornwell said.

In the Canadian Motorcycling Association (C.M.A.) ice race standings as of today Cornwell is rated number one in both the 250 expert category and the open expert category. He is

also rated third in line for the White Memorial Trophy (the premier award in Canadian motorcycling, given to the rider who accumulates the most points in CMA sanctioned competition.)



Ice motorcyclist Jon Cornwell of RR 1 Georgetown.

Cornwell got into riding through his dad who is a motorcycle mechanic and did some riding himself.

He has been riding every since he was six years old and now at age 18 has been racing for

nine years.

Some high points in his career have been: coming second in the Canadian championships for age 12-14, two years in a row school boy motocross champion, and second in the Ontario high point award for both the 250 senior and 500 senior on a dirt track.

This spring Cornwell will race in moto-cross. He is sponsored by Kelly's Motorcycles (Brampton), and Yamaha Motor Canada. He has a good mechanic from Kelly's, Brian Olson.

Cornwell expects to race the rest of his life but may have to leave Canada.

"Racing isn't profitable in Canada. We've spent close to \$3,000 this year. That's a loss of \$1,000," said Cornwell. "If I go to the States I can make a living riding. Getting sponsors is the only way to make it big."



Barb Wilson goes through the routine that gave her second place on the uneven bars and fourth as the overall gymnast at the Halton East championships. Miss Wilson was edged out of qualifying for the Halton-Peel meet.

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Ten teams enter ball loop

At a league meeting held recently, 10 teams have paid their entry fee for the up-coming season of Georgetown Industrial softball.

Team entries and managers are as follows: Peel Polce-Bill Yakimishyn, C. & S. Plumbing-Bill Stoneman, Acton Merchants-Ron Hachey, D.R.G. Stationery-Bill Anderson, Curwood Packaging-Glenn Shoobridge, Hornby Greenhouses-Save Miller, Rexway Towing-Bob Landry, Philp Publishing-Norm Lockhurst, Crichton Brothers-Ken Fendley, Akers-Clark Real Estate-Wayne Densmore. Items discussed and finalized at the final meeting prior to opening day of Sunday, May 6, were:
Schedule: A 27 game

schedule will be played this year while last season each team played 33 games.

Play-offs: Eight of the 10 teams will make the quarter finals two out of three and semi-finals and finals three out of five. 1 vs 8, 2 vs 7, 3 vs 6, 4 vs 5. If weather presents a problem then the semi-finals will become a two out of three.

Performance bond: Each team will have to post a \$50.00 bond to guarantee that they will not default games. Two defaults and your team is out of the league. No defaults and the money is refunded at the conclusion of the season.

Official Ball: The official ball of the G.I.F.L. is the Dudley Ball.

All Star Game: With the

success of the All Star game last year, again this year it will be built into the schedule, with the format for selecting the team possibly being changed. Each team is to select two outstanding players from the opposing team at the conclusion of the game and write them onto the official score sheet.

Pitcher eligibility: Rules remain the same. If a pitcher pitched in inter-county or higher ball than industrial then he is not eligible to pitch in the G.I.F.L. the following season.

Tied ball games: To eliminate tied games, one, only, extra inning will be played in an attempt to break the tie. Eligible players: Each team will be allowed 20 signed players but by the half way point in the schedule may return a maximum of five cards to the league and the team will be permitted to sign five other players before the final signing date of June 30.

Players eligible for play-offs: It was unanimously decided that for any player to be eligible for play-offs in the G.I.F.L. that player must play in a minimum of six league games during the season. Designated hitter and designated runner: After

much discussion both of these rules were turned by the member teams. Diamond marking: Now that the park attendants will not be at the park and available to lime the diamond—the league is looking for someone, a youngster that would like the job of diamond marking prior to the dates of the G.I.F.L.

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Sun., May 6th

• Time 2:00 p.m.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FROM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- * President — Bruce Cargill
- * 1st Vice-President — Herb Dodds
- * 2nd Vice-President — Lynn Smith
- * Secretary — Fran McKnight
- * Treasurer — Joan Yalowica

DIRECTORS TO BE APPOINTED BY EXECUTIVE

PLEASE NOTE: According to the Bylaw individual nominations will NOT be accepted the day of the annual meeting! A full slate of officers if presented to the secretary 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting will be accepted for election.

Any amendments to the constitution for the 1980-81 season must be in the hands of the secretary, in writing, 2 weeks prior to this annual meeting.

Passing Shots

by George Williams

If you have read your Free Press carefully, you will have seen the ad for tennis registration on April 28 and 29 at the Community Centre. This can mean only one thing, it is time to dust off the racquet, grab your sneakers and head for the courts.

This year promises to be the most active and interesting season yet experienced by the Acton Tennis Club.

A few of this year's activities for the members will be:

- mixed doubles round robin on Friday evenings;
- friendly tournaments with neighbouring towns;
- the annual Acton Club Tournaments;
- The Halton Hills

Tournament: -for the more experienced players, the Inter-County Tennis Association League weekly matches.

Anyone interested in playing in the Inter County League who did not play last year should contact Chris Steen 877-0078 or Gerry Veldman 853-2259. The first practice for the Inter County League will hopefully be the week of April 23, on the Acton courts, weather permitting. If the weather does not co-operate, the practice will be held in the Guelph Bubble.

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