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Dick and Centennial share cross country limelight



Running hard

Showing the pains of a long cross country run are Centennial's Mark Howe and McKenzie-Smith's Joffy Silcock. Howe nipped Silcock by nine seconds for a second spot in the Junior boys' event.

Nearly 600 physically-fit school-children invaded Kelso Conservation Area Wednesday to participate in the North Halton cross-country run championships only to discover at the finish the two favorite schools each won two of four events.

Milton's W.I. Dick School and Georgetown's Centennial School shared the limelight dominating the event from the other 14 participating schools.

W.I. Dick won the junior (11 years) and senior (14 years) divisions while the Georgetown school emerged with team victories in bantam (under 10 years) and intermediate (12 years) groupings for boys and girls.

Basically, we discovered the

elementary school athlete is well-trained and well-conditioned," said run organizer Fred Ross of W.I. Dick. "The whole quality of athletes is better. Maybe not better than last year, but better than they've been in the past."

The athletes ran through the hills and flats of Kelso. Many had to counter a brief rain which fell during the junior and intermediate races.

Most runners began training on the first or second day of school.

A highlight of the event was the senior boys final between W.I. Dick's Clinton Shaw and Centennial's Paul Watts. Both raced stride-for-stride for the mile and a half until Watts put on a small kick finishing just millimetres in front of

Shaw. Both were timed at seven minutes and four seconds.

W.I. Dick's Mark Maskett finished third, 13 seconds behind the one-two finish.

Top finishers for McKenzie-Smith included Jennifer Kelly's second place finish in the Junior Girls' division. Miss Kelly finished her race in six minutes and 17 seconds, five seconds behind the winner from Stewarttown.

Joffy Silcock and Christine Hoare also ran strong races for the Acton school, both placing third. Silcock finished nine seconds behind the second place finisher in the Junior Boys' race after a neck and neck battle. Christine Hoare was six seconds off the pace in the Senior Girls' race.

One of the oddities of the event was the one-through-five finish of Centennial School in intermediate girls race. The event drew 16 schools from the area. The run acted as a preliminary to the Halton championships which were run Tuesday (yesterday) afternoon also at Kelso.

Results of the North Halton cross-country run championships Wednesday at Kelso Conservation Area.

GIRLS

Bantam—1. Cathy Arseneault (RB), 6:37; 2. Allison Irvine (GW); 3. Lisa Mason (GK);

Junior—1. Sherry Willisie (S), 6:12; 2. Jennifer Kelly (MS); 3. Janice Faulkner (WID);

Intermediate—1. Annette Hammond (C), 6:11; 2. Debbie Johnson (S); 3. Fiona Heaton (S);

Senior—1. Simone Carnage (WID), 6:04; 2. Lynda Chadwick (C); 3. Chris Silcock (MS);

BOYS

Bantam—1. Jamie Spiller (C), 6:04; 2. Mike Hurley (C); 3. Doug Drennan (WID);

Junior—1. Keith Reiger (C), 5:44; 2. Mark Howe (C); 3. Jon Silcock (MS);

Intermediate—1. George Howie (C), 5:22; 2. Chris Ferguson (C); 3. Erik Hopkins (C);

Senior—1. Paul Watts (C), 7:04; 2. Clinton Shaw (WID); 3. Mark Maskett (WID);

Log—C-Centennial; WID-WI Dick; MS-Mackenzie Smith; RB-Robert Waldwin; Mtn-Martin Street; S-Stewarttown.

Junior girls open with win over QEP

Acton High School's Junior Girls' Basketball team started their 1979 Halton Basketball season off right Thursday as they topped Queen Elizabeth Park of Oakville by a 38-18 count.

The girls who posted a 7-2 pre-season record, trailed after the first basket of the game but that was the only time they were behind as they rallied for a 15-6 first quarter lead.

The girls maintained their lead in the second period, exchanging five points, to give Acton a 20-11 halftime lead.

A 13 point third quarter put things out of reach for QE Park as they could manage only two baskets, in the six minute quarter.

Linda Osso led the Acton shooters picking up 16 points while Mardie Phillips netted 11. Barb Wilson and Kelly White were mentioned by team co-coach Anne Lepik for their rebounding.

Acton were to put their modest seasonal win streak on the line when they travelled to Perdue yesterday (Tuesday). Tomorrow (Thursday) the girls travel to White Oaks before returning

home for a three game stand against Georgetown, Oakville-Trafalgar and T.A. Blakelock.

This weekend the girls travel to Port Elgin for

Junior Girls' Basketball Tournament. Earlier the girls captured the Collingwood Invitational Senior Girls' Tourney consolation crown.



Acton's Junior entry in the Halton County Basketball league opened their season on a winning note last Thursday defeating Queen Elizabeth Park of Oakville 38-18. Barb Wilson (21), Nancy Wong and Mardie Phillips fight for the ball with QE Park defenders with a little less than a minute remaining in the first half.

In-n-outer Midgets top Milton with Kirton's last minute goal

Ed's In-n-out Waterloo Wellington Midgets kept their exhibition string intact last Thursday night as a Denis Kirton goal with three seconds remaining gave the

locals a 4-3 win over Milton and their third victory in as many tries.

Acton jumped to a 2-0 first period lead over the Milton squad as Mike

Monahan and Gary Lumbers netted the twice within two minutes of each other. Derek Hodgson helped on the Lumber's goal while Rob Vermeulen earned an

assist on the Monahan effort.

Milton fought back to even the count with two second period goals from Mark Wyekoff and Chris Adamson to set the stage for an exciting third period.

Acton regained the lead at the five minute mark of the final frame as Tim Evans found the range with an unassisted effort.

Glenn Brown found room behind Acton goaltender Tim Baker with five minutes remaining in the contest to set the stage for Kirton's last second heroics. Kirton converted a Randy Smith pass with three seconds remaining beating Milton netminder Dan Bonin high to give the victory to Ed's Boys.

In previous matches the In-n-outers topped Caledon 8-0 and Kit-chener 9-1.



Figure skating

Shannon Fosbury was a little worried when she tried on her blades at the first session of the Acton Figure Skating Club on Monday. Loel DeBruyn helps Shannon get her balance while mother Sandra looks on.

Chapman signs

Dave Chapman's trip to the Flint Generals training camp was not a wasted effort! Chapman, a former Central Ontario Junior "B" leading scorer has signed a one year contract to toil for the International League team. Chapman has played Junior B with Acton, Milton and Georgetown.

According to Dave's father, Bruce, the camp was small in numbers with only players with definite shots at making the club invited. Flint draws approximately 5,000 fans to each home game. Their schedule opens this Friday.

According to Bruce, Dave is very comfortable in his new surroundings.

Jones qualifies

Acton distance runner Les Jones could be bound for the prestigious Boston Marathon.

Jones, a former Acton High School runner, was in Buffalo on the weekend competing in the Skyline International Marathon and his time, 2 hours and 45 minutes qualified him for the Boston Road Race. The race covers 26 miles, 385 yards.

Les finished in 278th place amongst the over 3,000 entries which ran from Buffalo along the Niagara Falls Parkway to the Skyline Towers in Niagara Falls, Canada.

Sabres slip into Central cellar with 8-6 loss to Milton Flyers

The Acton Sabres had the opportunity to stay out of the Central Ontario Junior "B" basement when they travelled to Milton on Friday night but poor defensive play once again cost the locals as they allowed the Flyers to score an 8-6 win lifting them one point ahead of the Sabres at the bottom of the heap.

The following night the Sabres looked as if they would supply the fans with something to cheer about as they built up a 6-3 lead over the previously unbeaten Oak Ridges Dynes. Remaining true to form the Sabres relinquished the lead over the final 17 minutes dropping a 9-6 contest.

Three bright spots for the Sabres on the weekend were the defensive play of newcomer John York, forward Roy Dolmen and the return of last year's leading scorer, Glenn Murray from the Guelph Provincial Junior "A" Platers. "Motor" as he is known to area fans can play defense as well as put the puck in the net and if he sticks to playing hockey instead of the rough stuff he sometimes uses he will be a valuable asset to the club.

It was not what the goaltenders would consider a good night in Milton on Friday evening as both goalies, Acton's Rob Bremner and Milton's John Kemp, seemed to be fighting the puck.

The first three Acton goals were on the gift variety while Bremner, usually the Sabres' player of the game, seemed shell shocked from the previous weeks matches when he faced 144 shots in two games,

allowing eight goals on 38 shots. Acton had 43 shots at the Milton net.

After a fast, scoreless first period the teams set the stage for the remainder of the contest early in the second stanza.

Barry Trood opened the game's scoring with a powerplay marker at the 46 second mark from Mike Rippon and Sean Doyle but the Acton lead was shortlived as the Flyers responded 24 seconds later.

A total of nine goals were scored before the frame ended with Milton firing five and Acton the other four.

Denis Charbonneau fired the second Acton goal from Lance Dexter and Duffy Tracy. Charbonneau let fly with a slap shot from just over centre ice that Kemp seemed to watch as it caught the corner.

Steve Miller fired the third Acton marker of the period from Randy Rhynolds and Trood before Sean Doyle pulled the Sabres to within one with only 1:49 remaining in the frame. Miller and Rhynolds picked up assists on the goal.

Milton extended their lead to three goals early in the final frame with goals from Eric Ellison and Duane Stark but the Sabres weren't finished yet.

The Sabres came to life with Neil Anderson's goal with a little more than 12 minutes remaining coming to the attack and rattling three shots off the cross bar after beating Milton's Kemp cleanly. Greg Hartman and John York earned assists on Anderson's marker.

Anderson's second goal of the contest pulled the Sabres to within one with nine minutes remaining and it looked as if the locals may pull it out. Brad Buchanan and Pat Fung helped on the powerplay marker. A Milton goal with five minutes remaining and a late penalty to Neil Anderson put the lights out for the Sabres and their comeback hopes. The following night at

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home to Oak Ridges the Sabres defense was looking slightly different. Brad Buchanan was out with a shoulder separation suffered in Milton and Mike Rippon and Randy Rhynolds sat the game out making room for Glenn Murray, John York and forward turned rearguard Jamie Vickery. Vickery, started the season on the forward

line but coach Fred Buchanan chose to move the veteran back to help shore up the defensive problems.

The game started off on the wrong foot (or skate) for the Sabres as the undefeated Oak Ridges team pounced early netting a goal before the spectators had settled in their seats, the 19 second mark.

Neil Anderson replied for the Sabres at the midpoint of the frame from Duffy Tracy and John York. Oak Ridges added another goal with two minutes remaining in the frame to take a 2-1 lead to the dressing room.

Acton played inspired hockey in the second period outscoring the opposition 3-1. Glenn Murray netted the first of a pair to tie the score from Bob Allsop and Barry Trood early in the second stanza and a solo effort by Jamie Vickery gave Acton the lead with five minutes remaining. Sean Doyle extended the Acton lead with two minutes remaining from Trood but a late Oak Ridges goal put them back in the contest.

The Sabres looked as if they would dispose of the unbeaten Dynes early in the final frame as they managed two goals, including a powerplay marker, to give them a 6-3 lead. Lance Dexter fired the first Acton goal of the frame from Murray and Denis Charbonneau before Murray would fire what was to be the last Acton marker of the match from Greg Hartman.

Oak Ridges responded with six unanswered goals over the final 17 minutes as they recorded (continued on B3)



Take that! Acton Sabres forward Lance Dexter gives a Milton Flyers defender the what-for during the battle for the basement last Friday in Milton. The Sabres won the battle and lost the game 4-6. The following night the local team had a chance to defeat the Oak Ridges Dynes at home but fell short giving up six straight unanswered third period goals losing 9-6.