

Free Press sports and recreation

Chase wins biathlon, again

Archie Chase a Georgetown resident and Raider wheeled past the start / finish line Saturday to win the second annual Acton biathlon for the second time in a row. Chase shaved minutes off of last year's time to finish the gruelling race in 66 minutes and 21 seconds. Organizer Scott Lee, was right behind Chase, finishing in 66 minutes and 24 seconds. Larry Cain came third in 69 minutes and 13 seconds. The biathlon is a part bicycle, part foot race through the streets of Acton. Twelve competitors from as far away as Montreal and Ottawa lined up at the start / finish line at Lee's Division Street home at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. When the gun went off they bicycled to the curling club, ran up Church Hill Road and back, hopped on their bikes, cycled out to Silver Creek, ran part of the Bruce Trail, grabbed a blue or yellow ribbon, ran back, hopped back on their bikes and cycled to the finish line. Several competitors were Olympic or former Olympic athletes, including Lee who was on the national canoe team during the 1968 and 1972 games. Penny Werthner-Bales, who is on the national track team and competed in the Montreal games, was the only woman to enter. She finished 16th with a time of 84:27, beating her husband Olympic coach John Bales by a fraction of a second. This year's biathlon went off without a hitch compared to last year when several competitors got lost. The last crossed the finish line only 19 minutes after the winner. Complete results: 1. Archie Chase 66:21, 2. Scott Lee 66:24, 3. Larry Cain 69:13, 4. Paul Anderson 70:38, 5. Kevin McMillan 70:57, 6. Greg Boudreau 73:42, 7. Jim Readron 73:44, 8. Dave Myers 73:48, 9. Auggie Sartor 82:58, 10. Penny Werthner-Bales 84:27, 11. John Bales 84:27.2, 12. Glenn Benison 85:22.



With the crack of the gun, the competitors in the second annual Acton biathlon are off. The combination foot and bicycle race held Saturday was won by Archie Chase of Georgetown.

again. He won last year's race, the first one ever, too.

Photo by DIANA WALTMANN

AHS pair qualify for final

The junior mixed doubles team of Kelly White and Ken Kavanagh have advanced to the Peel-Halton's in secondary school tennis competition. They defeated White Oak 6-7, Assumption 9-3 and Nelson 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 in the finals of the Halton high school tennis championships held Wednesday in Burlington. The Peel-Halton are being held on the courts in Bronte Provincial Park today (Wednesday). Larry Kee lost in the first round to the number one seed and top Ontario junior in the senior boys singles Wednesday. In boys doubles, Steve Springle and Bob McClure travelled to the semis before being ousted. Lori Vermeulen and Todd McIntyre were eliminated in the first round of mixed doubles as was Corrine Moreau and Paula Ruppert in the senior girls doubles. Michele Jones travelled to the semis of the girls singles. The junior team had more luck. Laurie Moreau advanced to the semis after (Continued on B3)

Astros meet, conquer challenge

The Acton Astros captured the Beatrice Youth Challenge Cup for provincial major peewees in a gripping final Saturday in St. Catharines. The Astros needed more than 30 minutes of overtime play to down Dundas 4-2 and win the provincial Cup. The Challenge Cup is sponsored by Beatrice Foods for towns with a population of 25,000 and under. Acton's population is about 7,000. The game was tied 1-1 going into the final minute of play until Mike Hudson, who scored the first goal, popped up again, bagging what appeared to be the winner

from his right wing position. The Astros, who were beaten 11-1 and 3-0 by Dundas in regular season play, seemed to have the title all sewn up. But incredibly Dundas fought back, kicking a left wing pass across the goalmouth and into the net, scoring the tying marker with only 10 seconds remaining. Yet Dundas's comeback didn't deter Acton. They played as keenly during the two 15-minute overtime periods as they did in the first half. Neither team scored however, so each team was allotted penalty kicks to decide a winner.

Dundas was up first, but Astro netminder Brad Youmans foiled their attempts, shutting them out on their first four kicks. The Astros rebounded, connecting on two of their four kicks. Ron Van Item and Peter

Wright scored... a few minutes later the Cup was handed to Acton. It was the toughest game the Astros played all season, since they experienced little difficulty disposing Bradford 8-0 in the semi

finals last month. Coach Sandy Hudson said credit should go to every member of the Astros, and singled out Youmans for his "astounding display of goalkeeping".



Racing back to their bikes on Church Hill road during the biathlon Saturday.

Trojans tops

The Acton Trojans junior B soccer club marched off the field Saturday in Cedarvale Park in Georgetown, the same way they marched on. Champions. Only by the end of the game it was official. They defeated Georgetown Metros 2-0 to capture the playoff championship, already holding the league championship title. Add that to their unbeatable no losses in 16 games (one tie) and 80 goals total scored record and you have the stuff champions are made of. The game was tight, said coach Brian Saxon until the final 10 minutes of the second half, when Bob Little unleashed two powerful shots to capture the victory. "It was a good, strong, team performance," said Saxon, much the way they

played throughout the season. "I'm proud of them. They did well all season. I'd like to thank them for their effort," he added saying many had cut short holidays or taken off work to play with the team. Saxon also said he would like to thank the parents for their support. Next year the Trojans return almost intact, so says Saxon, he hopes for even bigger and better things. But right now Acton will settle for the title, undefeated champions.

Premier season a success

The Acton Foxes completed their first season on the weekend after a tournament in Bolton. Although they came away from the tournament empty-handed, the Foxes had a successful season. The first-ever girls soccer team in Acton started the season dimly. They were new, inexperienced, but enthusiastic players, who developed into a fearsome force in the league. In fact, the Foxes finished an astonishing third out of six teams in a four-year-old league. Not a bad performance for a rookie squad. Equally impressive were their defeats of such powerhouses as Milton, Bolton and Georgetown in league standings. Coach Carol Saxon said the Foxes reputation of good sportsmanship made them a team Acton can be proud of. She said next year the club hopes to expand girls soccer to more age groups and more teams. The Foxes, she added, would like to thank all those who supported the team in their inaugural season. "It made a difference," she said.

Optimists champions

The Acton Optimists are the 1980 Halton Rural squirt champions after shutting out Limehouse 5-0 in the third and deciding game of the playoff finals Thursday. David Haynes led the Optimists to victory whiffing 14 batters on the mound and

slamming a home run and a single. Coach John Cadenhead and manager Andy Williams said they would like to congratulate the team for its performance this year. As well, they added, they would like to thank the Optimist Club for its support and sponsorship.

McGilloway joins junior A

Former Sabre and Acton resident David McGilloway has signed with the Newmarket Flyers of the provincial Junior A tier two hockey league. McGilloway has already suited up for the first exhibition game last Thursday against the North Bay Trappers. Last year, the 18-year-old centreman was top goal getter for the Georgetown Gemini of the Central Junior B league and named to the first allstar team. He will be living and attending school in Newmarket and has been asked to help out with the town's minor hockey organization and figure skating club.

Goalie clinic

The Acton Minor Hockey Association (AMHA), is holding a goalie clinic Saturday, October 4 starting at 8:30 a.m. The clinic is free to all goalies registered with the AMHA. It will last three and a half hours with two hours of ice time and the rest of classroom lessons. Instructors will be from the Ontario Hockey Association. Anyone interested should contact Herb Dodds at 853-2423. Hockey hopefuls still have a chance to register before the clinic. The AMHA is holding another registration day this Saturday at the arena. You can sign up between 9 and 11 a.m.



Acton Trojans, undefeated this year, took the cup final against Metros Saturday. Front row left to right are Tony Saxon, Paul Nolan, Andy Ellerby, John Semeneec, Ron Wunder, Martin Alac, Mike Mason. Back: Bob Little who scored two goals, Mike Ashley, Gord Glenn, Dave Entwistle, Dana Taras, Greg Malby, Harold Koehler, coach Brian Saxon. Missing was Derek Hodgson.



Presenting the Beatrice Youth Challenge Cup peewee champions: the Acton Astros. They won the final game Saturday in St. Catharines in a stunning match. Front row left to right: Ron Van Item, Mark Spilner, Brad Youmans, Richard Kilpatrick, back row Emil Milarevic, Mike Hudson, Steven Kelly, David Van Rhijn, Stewart Hol and behind them the coach Sandy Hudson.

Hornby takes GIFL in thriller

Hornby and Akers-Clark squared off for the fifth and final game Tuesday night in Hornby to decide the championship in the Georgetown Industrial fastball league. Hornby won GIFL championship 3-2 in 13th inning. The fifth game became a necessity after Monday night's game at the fairgrounds when Akers-Clark walked over Hornby with a 15-5 win. Keith McKinnon was the winning pitcher for the Realtors. This set up the finale. In Hornby, Tuesday night, Akers-Clark took a 2-0 lead over Hornby on a two run homer by the third sacker, Les Wilson. Hornby eventually tied the game up and

it went into extra innings. Both sides had their chances but the bottom of the 13th inning provided unlucky for Akers-Clark as Hornby scored with two out. Frank Robinson crossed the plate with the championship run as a ball hit by Andy Trencs proved too hot to handle for the Realtors. Keith McKinnon who had pitched 22 innings in two nights pitched a fine game for Akers-Clark. Don Martin who had a very sore shoulder which kept him out of the previous two games, hurled one heck of a game for the winners and seemed to be getting stronger as the game went on. Congratulations are in

order for the entire staff on both teams as they provided good entertainment for the many loyal fans who came out to support them. With the fourth place finishers in regular league play (Hornby) and the sixth place finishers (Akers-Clark R.E.) playing for the championship, it just goes to show the kind of balance in the league this year. In any given night the last place team could beat the first place team. There will be a wind-up dance, Saturday, Sept. 27 at Sacred Heart Hall, 8 p.m. There will be a presentation of trophies to the most valuable player from each team as well as the championship trophy.

AHS girls finish first in cross-country meet

The Acton High School girls cross country team came first overall in a competition between AHS and Milton High School Thursday, in Acton. Susan Kinal a junior runner at AHS, finished the girls 3,500 metre run first with a time of 13:51. Heather Thatcher, also a junior, and also from AHS finished second, five seconds behind with a time of 13:57. The Acton girls team scored 14 points while Milton collected 24. The AHS boys team did equally well, with the midget and junior boys finishing first although Milton took top spot overall with 14 points. AHS had 24. The midget boys came first with 62 points, while Milton finished with 106. The junior boys finished with 46 points

while Milton had 56. David McGregor of Acton came third overall in the boys 4,000 metres, with a time of 12:12. Bill McKenzie of Acton was fourth with a time of 12:25. Roy Poloni of Milton came first with a time of 11:16. The following is a complete list of finishers and their time. 1. Susan Kinal (jun AHS) 13:51 2. Heather Thatcher (jun AHS) 13:57 3. Corinne Kollman (mid MILT) 13:58 4. Lynn Copeland (Sr. MILT) 14:23 5. Jeannette Giesen (jun AHS) 14:44 6. Elke Zeissig (jun AHS) 14:46 7. Nadine Morby (sen MILT) 15:19 8. Janet Britton (jun AHS) 15:49 9. Karen Brill (jun AHS) 15:52 10. Val Plant (jun MILT) 16:54 11. Lynda

Wingfield (jun MILT) 16:01 12. Sheila Willows (mid MILT) N.T. BOYS 4000 METRES 1. Roy Polni (sen MILT) 11:16 2. Vince Bernable (jun MILT) 11:59 3. David McGregor (sr. AHS) 12:12 4. Bill McKenzie (sr. AHS) 12:25 5. Dave Nolt (jun MILT) 12:27 6. Marc Saunders (sr. MILT) 12:32 7. George Gidman (jun AHS) 12:33 8. Steve Davies (sr. MILT) 12:38 9. Peter Schmidt (sr. MILT) 12:45 10. Brian Bollert (mid AHS) 12:49 11. Scott McDonough (jun AHS) 12:50 12. Norman Bourassa (sr. AHS) 12:53 13. Gord Glenn (jun AHS) 12:59 14. Rick Dodds (mid AHS) 13:03 15. Tony Wright (jun AHS) 13:04 16. Jens Franksen (jun AHS) 13:04 17. Tim Gurgess (sr. MILT) 13:22 18. Randy Laver (mid AHS) 13:23 19. Mike Van Wort (mid MILT) 13:32

20. Glenn Archer (mid AHS) 13:37 21. Tom McDonough (jun AHS) 13:39 22. Greg Silcock (jun AHS) 13:40 23. Scott Altonby (mid AHS) 13:59 24. Glenn Faulkner (mid MILT) 14:13 25. Dave Forbes (jun AHS) 14:15 26. Mark Staley (jun AHS) 14:16 27. Rob Warrington (jun AHS) 14:21 28. Steve Bacon (sr. MILT) 14:21 29. John Delacourt (jun MILT) 14:32 30. Warren Somers (mid AHS) 14:42 31. Adrian Foster (mid MILT) 14:57 32. Graeme Hicken (mid MILT) 15:01 33. Howie Scannell (mid MILT) 15:04 34. Ian White (sr. MILT) 15:12 35. Rhys Gibb (mid AHS) 15:19 36. Greg McIntosh (sr. MILT) 15:48 37. John Mooney (sr. AHS) 16:02 38. Bruce Gray (mid MILT) 19:36-30.