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## Local BMX track will be 'ultimate' in Canada



"That's me," say famed BMX racer Brian Patterson, third from left, to racer Dave Bovell and track developers Gary Morrison and Roy Haigh.

The new BMX track being built near Acton is being designed by one of the greats of this young sport, Brian Patterson.

A racer for the past eight years, and number one national pro the past two years, Patterson has designed 15 to 20 tracks in the United States.

The quarter mile track built on an acre of land at a secret North Nassagaweya location should be ready for the first of a season of Saturday races on June 9.

It's Patterson's job to design the jumps and angles of turns on the track. His aim is to design a completely fair track, one in which a rider has an equal chance of winning regardless of which of eight lanes he or she starts from. In an interview last week, Patterson observed he can only think of 15 tracks out of about 600 south of the border that are fair.

Work on the track, expected to cost about \$20,000, is to begin this week. Besides the track there will be bleachers, a concession booth, picnic and parking areas.

The developers of this track, Gary Morrison and Roy Haigh, both of Milton, noted this is a real family sport, "the kids race, dad's the mechanic and mom is the cheerleader." Both of these men, who are involved with the BMX track in Drumquinn, became hooked on the sport through their children.

BMX racing is the same as motocross racing, except without the engine.

BMX bicycles differ from other bikes because they are stronger, lighter and designed for racing.

Patterson, who also manufactures bikes, and is considered a 19-year-old millionaire, says BMX racers up here can generally achieve speeds of 35 to 40 miles an hour for the older age groups. At downhill tracks he's seen in California, Patterson said tops speeds reach 60 miles an hour.

In designing the track here he planned to use the toughest turns and jumps at other tracks and combine them into one super track.

This track will be run by a non-profit organization called Acton BMX Racing Club and the season, featuring races every Saturday, will run from May to October.

Because of Patterson's involvement in this project, Morrison says they expect to draw riders from all over Ontario and the northern United States. They are anticipating crowds of 200 to 400 people at the track.

Morrison notes there are a number of good riders in this area and they are building the "ultimate Canadian track" for the use of

local riders too. In fact the "number one priority of this track will be for the enjoyment of Acton and area people." BMX racing appeals to all ages, Morrison's seen racers who were in their 50s. There are separate classes for girls too.

"The main function of the sport is to get kids off the streets and onto the track. It doesn't mean they have to race, they can just ride the track instead of racing or set up their own challenge races," Morrison explained. Besides the regular Saturday races, youngsters can also get together and set up other races.

This August the Acton track will host riders from all over for a national qualifying event.

Dave Bovell, one of two sponsored Canadian racers, says the kind of track Patterson is designing is needed here because Canadian youngsters are at a real disadvantage when they go up against Americans since they race on "Mickey Mouse tracks" and don't develop necessary skills.



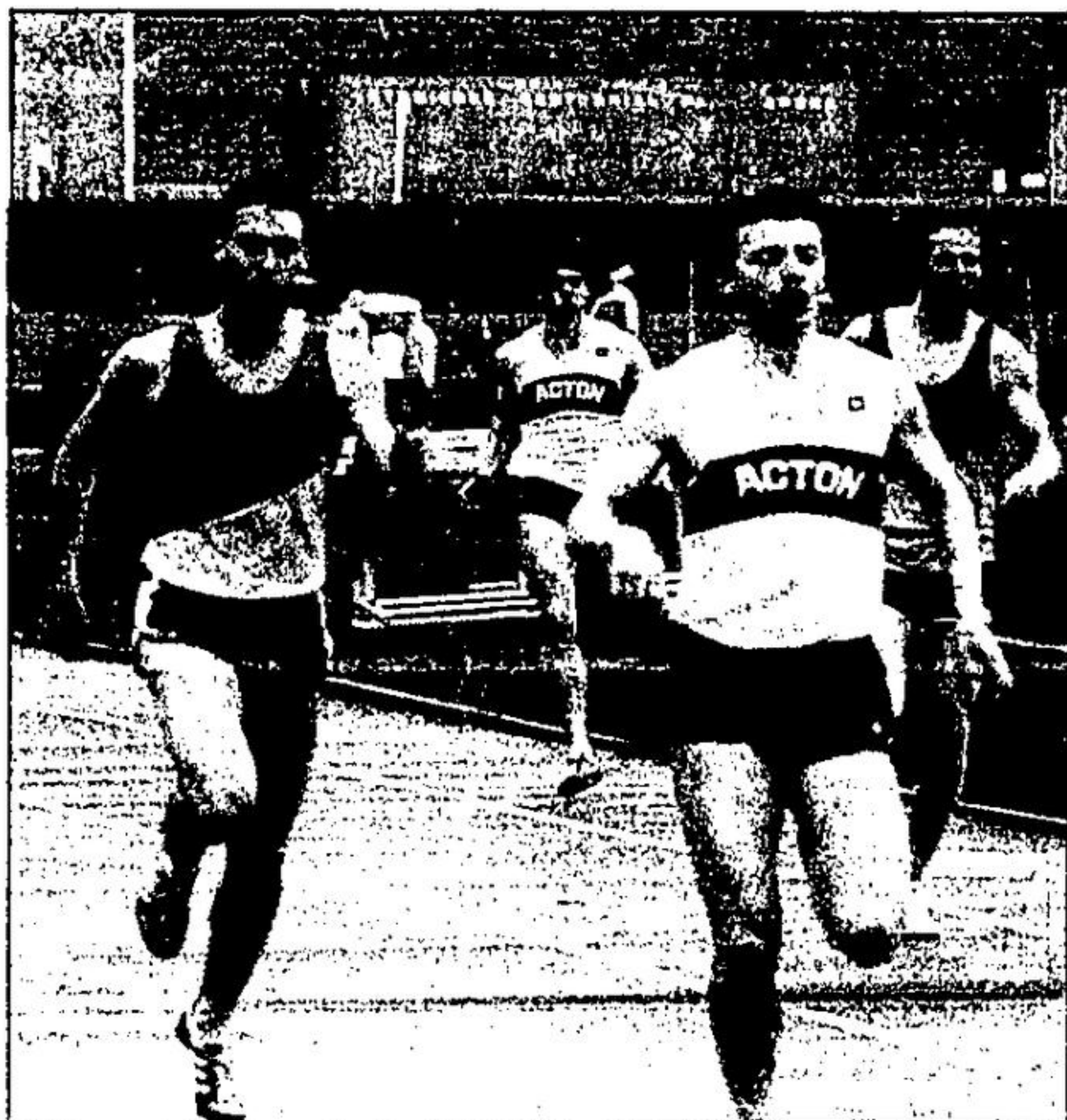
Joan Yalowica, Herb Dodds (back row), and Ron McKnight (sitting) received Life Membership Awards at the Acton Minor Hockey Association meeting last Thursday.



AMHA President Ron Robinson (right) accepts a cheque for \$1,350 donated by Bill Knight (left) to be used to help pay costs for attending hockey tournaments. It was presented at the AMHA meeting Thursday night.



Ron Robinson (right) and his wife Carol donated a plaque on which Life Members' names will be written to hang in the Acton Arena. Bill Knight, the club's first life member, accepted it at the AMHA meeting last Thursday.



George Gidman led the pack in the Senior Boys' 400 metre event. Gidman also placed in the 800 metre event and he too will be running at the Peel Halton meet.

## Redmen qualify eight at Halton track meet

The Redmen track squad made an impressive showing at the Halton championships at Centennial Stadium in Etobicoke on Friday.

The team qualified eight people for the Peel-Halton to be held this Friday.

Doreen Uranick took two firsts and one third at the Haltons. In Senior Girls' 800 metre and 400 metre she was second to none, and in the 200 metre she placed third.

George Gidman also recorded two firsts. He placed in the Senior Boys' 400 metre and the 800 metre.

Teresa Dunn threw a discus 28.76 metres to take first place in that event and she was number one in the shot-put with a distance of 10.54 metres.

Darryle Bartlett took second in the Midget Boys' 100 metre hurdles, fifth in the 200 metre and sixth in the 400 metre for midget boys.

Sandy Munro also qualified for the Peel-Halton with his third-place high jump of 1.78 metres in the Senior Boys' division.

Gretchen Lathrope took third in the Junior Girls' javelin throw and sixth in the shot-put.

Marla Brillanger finished fourth in the Midget Girls' 400 metre and the 1500 metre. Pam Mahal placed sixth in the Senior Girls' 800 metre.

"I think we can get three or four of those people to go on to the Regionals," said coach Bruce Andrews.

The coach was pleased with the team's showing, especially considering the team is so small, he said.

The Junior Redmen rugby team downed the squad from General Wolfe 6-0 last Monday.

The Senior team was scheduled for a game last Thursday, but Lord Elgin forfeited.

Junior and Senior team win-lose records to date are 3-2.

They meet M.M. Robinson tonight (Wednesday) at Acton.



Doreen Uranick was in top form at the Halton Regional Track and Field meet held last weekend at the Etobicoke Centennial Park. Uranick placed first in the Senior Girls' 400 and 800 metre events and third in the 200 metre event. The two firsts qualify her for the Peel Halton meet coming up this week.

## Fread dumps bears to remain on top

After defeating the Bears 2-0 Fread remains alone in top spot in the Industrial Fastball League.

The Roadrunners stayed in second place after they dumped the Bears 12-0 and the Acton A's are third. Fourth place is held by Halton Hills Furniture, fifth is maintained by Pioneer Gas Bar, sixth is Canadian Tire and the Bears are seventh.

The A's opened this week's industrial action pitted against Pioneer Gas Bar and after nine innings the two squads drew to a 4-4 tie.

Dave Lawson scored for Pioneer in the first and fifth innings while Andy Broadbent and Ian Campbell notched a run each for the tie.

E. Maltby notched one run for the A's in the first inning and for the next three innings the A's couldn't muster another point. In the top of the fifth inning, however, the A's bats

started swinging and B. Routledge and S. Townsley notched a point each. Maltby tied up the match with his second run of the day after being singled home by B. DeForest.

Halton Hills Furniture dumped the Royals 7-0 on Sunday as M. Behling ran the bases twice for the Furniture squad. B. Shannon, B. Little, M. Morris, J. Ahearn and S. Malcolm recorded singles.

Scoring for Fread in their 2-0 romp over the Bears was Baker in the first and Spear in the sixth inning.

Halton Hills Furniture bombed Canadian Tire in game 17 of the season 13-0 in four and a half innings of play.

Scott Malcolm, B. Andrews, M. Morris, A. Campbell and J. Ahearn pegged two runs each and K. Fiden, B. Shannon and F. Allen recorded a point each.

In the Roadrunner's 12-0 blitzing of the Bears Don Richards roamed around the

bases three times while Jerry Marshall and Glen McKenzie scored twice each. Single points were earned by Keith Fendley, B.J. Legate, Mike Coffey, Bruce McPherson and Terry Winter.



Frank Coda drew this week's lucky number 1421 at the Hockey Draw at Heady's Hairstyling on Saturday. R. Hedge of Georgetown won the \$1,000 prize with a ticket sold by Diane Preston. Next week's draw will be held at A and B Foodland.



Halton Hills Firestone batter Mardie Phillips swings and fouls the ball off the first baseline in an exhibition game against a Simcoe team on Sunday at Prospect Park.



Margie Parker (left), Melanie Paterson (middle) and Kim Hagan also braved the cool temperatures and pelting rain to compete in the McKenzie-Smith triathlon on Sunday.

## Matson places at Nationals

Competing against 150 wrestlers in the Canadian National Bantam Wrestling championships in Mississauga on Saturday local wrestler Eric Matson came away with a silver medal in the 24 kilogram class.

It was one of the largest and toughest competitions coach Wayne Sumbler said but the local squad competed extremely well.

Julian Ashworth and Greg Wagner, who are both McKenzie-Smith students ranked eighth in their division after several tough rounds.

Steve Sheppard managed an eighth place finish in a field of 18 wrestlers and Jim Wheeler, who didn't place unfortunately as well, lost both his matches by one point, remarked Sumbler.

The meet, held at Erindale Secondary School, saw competitors from all over Canada competing.