

Eric Fobert Canadian Champ



ERIC FOBERT, displaying his All-Ontario Trophy, is the 1975 Canadian Wrestling Champion in the 123 lb. division.

Eric Fobert, an 18-year-old student from Georgetown District High School, is the 1975 Canadian Wrestling Champion in the 123 lb. class. Eric won the Canadian Championship this past weekend in Vancouver.

For Eric the honor of being a Canadian Champion provides a fitting climax to a highly satisfying and successful wrestling campaign. He did not wrestle for GDHS last year as he was attending school in Northern Ontario. However on his return to Georgetown this year, GDHS coach Lew Martin expressed optimism about Eric's chances of gaining wrestling prominence if all things went as planned and, of course barring injury.

In all the tournaments in which he wrestled, Eric completely dominated his opponents. In two tournaments, in Montreal and Burlington, he was named Most Valuable Wrestler, and his classy style of wrestling drew envious comments from both his opponents and their coaches. Eric won All-Ontario laurels in the 130 lb. class, but dropped down to 123 lbs., his optimum weight, for the Ontario Junior Freestyle Wrestling Championships held several weeks ago in Toronto. His victory at that tournament paved the way for his appearance in the Canadian Championships.

Eric was under no illusions as he headed for Vancouver. He expected that he would

perform up to par and would hopefully pick up a medal. However it was really the experience of competing with top calibre wrestlers—some with university training, and some who had competed internationally—that loomed as the biggest prize.

As with the Ontario competition, Eric's wrestling proved an unhappy experience to his opponents and no doubt taught them all some invaluable lessons. Eric had six matches, all victories, three on Friday and three on Saturday. He was pushed to the limit and endurance limit in all of them. He readily admitted that he was sorely tested in all his matches, but admitted he never lost his confidence or changed his style.

In the final, Eric defeated Leo Raines, who was the All-Ontario Champion in the 123 lb. class. In his second match, Eric came to grips with Vern Federic, the Canada Winter Games Gold medalist. A CBC crew, telecasting the event, interviewed Federic and hailed him as the obvious choice to win his class. Eric noted with humor that at this point he was totally ignored.

This all changed however after his victory over Federic. Eric was besieged by coaches from the University of British Columbia Simon Fraser, Western and Lakehead, to name a few, all attempting to induce him to attend their school. Apparently, more than an education was dangled before him. Their pleas were to no avail as Eric had already made his choice, but it must have been an amusing sight for him all the same.

His win will allow Eric to attend the Canadian National Wrestling Team's camp in Winnipeg, July 23, to August 1, but it does not necessarily guarantee him a place on the team. According to Eric, he will have to prove himself again at the camp if he wants to represent Canada in the World Cham-

pionships to be held in Bulgaria. Prior to the National team camp, Eric will be going to Fergus to prepare for the national tryout. Again this is a singular honor, as only the top 35 wrestlers from across Canada have been invited.

It's been quite a year for Eric and there are possibly more honors ahead. Be that as it may, I'm sure this paper echoes the sentiments of all of Georgetown when it extends heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for the future to Eric Fobert, our 1975 Canadian Champion.

GDHS graduate also in

Georgetown was well represented at the Canadian Wrestling Championships held this past weekend in Vancouver. Aside from Eric Fobert, who won the Canadian crown in the 123 lb. class, Clive Llewellyn of Georgetown, representing the University of Western Ontario, also com-

peted. Clive won the Greco Championship in the 149 lb. class and was fourth in the Freestyle event, also at 149 lbs. Clive is the captain of the western Mustangs Wrestling Team.

While attending Georgetown District High School, Clive was

captain of the GDHS team and an All-Ontario and Canadian Junior Champion.

With the success of the GDHS team in recent years and the outstanding individual wrestlers who have been a part of the team, Georgetown is quickly gaining the reputation as a hot bed of wrestling talent.

HERALD sports

Norval 1974 GIHL Champions

Norval Alouettes captured the Georgetown Industrial Hockey League Championship for the fourth time in the past seven years last Sunday when they downed Mac's Milk, 2-1, to end the league finals. Their win on Sunday gave them a three-game sweep in the best three out of five series and made

them double winners as they also finished in first place in regular season play.

Full credit must be given to the play of the Mac's Milk team. Outclassed and outpointed during the regular season, they entered the playoffs meaning to redeem themselves. They won their

semi-final and had their opponent in the final not been the powerful Norval team, could have chalked up the championship. Mac's was never out of any game in the short series and gained a lot of respect both from the fans and the Norval players.

Norval coach, Kent Ridgall,

elated and relieved that his team had won, credited the win to "a total team effort" and admitted that it was an excellent series and that Mac's put up a real battle.

As indicated by the score, the game was a close fought contest all the way. Wayne Reid from Bill Campbell and Keith Smiley, and Jack Hepes from Max Korzack notched first period goals for the Alouettes and, as it turned out, this was all they needed.

The second period produced no scoring as both teams were checking closely. Dave Holmes, of Mac's, on an unassisted effort produced the only goal of the third period. Norval rose to the challenge however and kept the Milk crew off the scoreboard until the final buzzer signified the championship.

As is to be expected, Norval and Mac's dominated the playoff scoring statistics.



We're Number One!! Norval—Champions of Mercantile Hockey League



DON FENDLEY presents the GIHL Championship Trophy to Norval captain, Bob Moncton. Slickboy and good luck charm, John Tassone, looks on. This makes it four championships in the last seven years for Norval.

Juveniles take one game lead

The Georgetown Rotary Juveniles made a successful debut in this year's OMHA semi-final series, when they downed Oak Ridges, a suburb of London, 6-3 last Sunday in London. Juvenile coach Paul Robinson, despite his team's success this year was not taking Oak Ridges for granted.

He expected a tough, hard hitting series and Oak Ridge played true to form in the first period of Sunday's game. Their basic tactics appeared to be working as they opened the scoring early in the opening frame. Georgetown could not

manage a reply until there was less than three minutes remaining in the period. Kyle Harkins scored for Georgetown and Peter Kennedy notched the Oak Ridges marker.

Oak Ridges continued to set the pace as they took a 2-1 lead on a goal by Joe Henry at the 2:50 mark of the second period. Ian Syme tied the game for Georgetown at the 14:46 mark of the second and this seemed to get the Georgetown crew moving as they left the ice at the end of the period with a 4-2 lead. Larry Peterson was the

marksman on both Georgetown goals. It didn't take Georgetown long to add to their lead, as Doug Barnes blinked the light with only 49 seconds gone in the third period. This seemed to take the steam out of the Oak Ridges team and, although they scored once more before the final buzzer, never really threatened Georgetown's lead.

Marty Weaver added an insurance marker for the Rotary Juveniles at the 13:45 point to clinch the 6-3 win. Coach Robinson praised goaler Brian Laird for his play,

especially in the first period and singled out Chris Milne and Bill Kirby. Kirby is normally a centre but played defence in place of injured Bill Allison, for their part in the victory. The Rotary Juveniles played in

Georgetown on Tuesday evening, but at press time, the score was not available. The third game in the series will be played at the arena on the University of Western Ontario's campus in London.

with the fourth game, if necessary scheduled for 9:30 p.m. March 29 here in Georgetown. Should a fifth game be necessary, it will be played in London.

Midgets let down

The Georgetown Al Pihluti Minor Midgets opened their OMHA semi-finals here on Sunday with Riverside. The visitors from Riverside outscored Georgetown 8-2.

The Pihluti crew, after winning the quarter-finals were maybe a little lax on Sunday. Andy Broadbent, Larry Burns, Mike Buck and Bob Hill gave a little extra and came up with the puck a lot of times but just couldn't connect.

The game was delayed an hour and a half because the Riverside bus broke down on the way here. This seemed to have a bad effect on the Pihluti team.

Riverside outplayed Georgetown throughout. Riverside scored their first goal in the first minute of the first period, then came up with another three minutes later. This seemed to knock the starch out of Georgetown.

Georgetown's Randy Bergeron made a good play to Russ Clarke who put on past Riverside.

This picked up the Pihluti team but were soon deflated again as Riverside put four more into the Georgetown net. Georgetown played better in the last period and seemed to

play more together. This caused the other team to get five penalties, but trailing so badly, Georgetown couldn't catch up, even when Mike Richmond connected with Bob Hill to score. It was just too late.

The next two games are in Riverside at 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

The Al Pihluti Georgetown Minor Midgets won their quarter finals playoffs by defeating Grimsby Peach Kings 4-1 here last Thursday night.

This was a terrific game as both teams played super hockey. The first goal came at the 10-minute mark of the first period for Georgetown. The faceoff was in the Grimsby circle. Centreman Greg Schenk got the faceoff and passed the puck to Russ Clarke who "blasted" it

past the Grimsby goalie. The second period was a bit slower for a few minutes then Paul Prevost from Grimsby got a breakthrough and put one in the Georgetown net.

The third period started with the Pihluti team really putting a lot of pressure on. Agaln No. "14", Greg Schenk, came up with a great play. He passed the puck to Meryl Hache who put the puck past Grimsby.

The third goal for Georgetown came with players all around the Grimsby net. Finally, after a lot of tries, Mike Richmond dumped it in.

The fourth goal for Georgetown came at the end of the third period when Grimsby pulled their goalie. Mike Richmond made a beautiful pass to Andy Broadbent who put it away into the open net.

Foster brothers run afoul of refs, Lakers

Play-off action got underway in the Halton Hills Men's Basketball league last Thursday, with the Cougars routing the Knicks, 53-32 and the Warriors edging past the Lakers, 45-39.

The Knicks were never really in the contest as their play was highlighted by erratic shooting and errant ball-handling and passes. The Cougars jumped off to a 21-8 half-time lead and never looked back. Hustling Freddy Harris was high man for the Cougars with 23 points, while Jim Ridley contributed 16 points. John Shaw carried the Knicks, hooping 22 of their 32 points.

The final outcome of the Warriors-Lakers game was in doubt until with less than two minutes remaining, the

Warriors opened up a four-point lead. The Warriors looked to be well on their way to an easy win with a half-time lead of 11 points, but the Foster brothers, Colin and Dave, brought their team back into contention. At one point late in the game, the Lakers held a slim, two-point lead, but the Foster brothers, over-reacting to game pressure, ran afoul of the officials and allowed the Warriors to regroup for the win.

Jim Costigan paced the Warriors with 18 points, Rob Phillips added 10 points, Colin Foster gunned for 23 points for the Lakers, while brother Dave added nine.

The semi-finals continue next Thursday, with the first game scheduled for 7:45. Winners of two out of three games, advance to the finals.

GBA will push for washrooms for ball fans

The annual Georgetown Baseball Association's meeting was held this past Sunday at Cedarvale Community Centre. Association President, Ron Sguigna was pleased with the turnout, especially so, as many people new to the association were in attendance. He expressed the hope that these new members would take an active

part in this summer's program. The only change to the association's constitution was the dropping of the position of the second and third vice-presidents. Their duties will be taken over by the executive committee.

In answer to questions from the floor, it was revealed that it costs the association roughly

\$7,000 annually to run the baseball program in Georgetown. The biggest expense, totalling \$4,000 comes from the purchasing of equipment and uniforms.

Last year, 300 youngsters were involved in baseball and the association is hopeful that this year will attract an equal number. Leagues are set up to

handle youngsters from age six through 20 and the divisions run from T-Ball to Junior. It is doubtful if a Junior league will operate this year, due to lack of player response. Last year, the association had five divisions operating, however, player response plays a big part in the decision regarding age group teams.

Elections were held, but there was a definite lack of response from the people present to serve on the executive and some positions were left open. Only one name was suggested for president, but, as the gentleman was not present to signify acceptance, last year's president, Ron Sguigna will continue in this capacity until the position is filled. Brian James is the new vice-president and Denise Hatcher takes over the dual duties of secretary-treasurer.

Members of the executive committee include Ken Hutt, Jim Pearson, Don Davis, Al Leanning, Trudy McNiven and Bob Wray.

One demand from the floor which gained support from those present was for washroom facilities to be made

available for both the players and fans. One person stated, "The lack of washrooms is a disgrace." This sentiment was echoed by others present and one member commented that he was "...ashamed when out of town teams came into town for games, because of the lack of proper facilities." Association president Ron Sguigna agreed that there was a crying need and explained that he had approached the proper authorities to try and rectify the problem but all he had got was a run around and no satisfaction.

A demand for washrooms does not seem out of the question. Perhaps if members of the governing body were forced to sit through a triple-header they might come around to the view that washrooms are a necessity.

Centennial to the finals

The Centennial boys basketball team advanced to the Halton County final, when they downed Oakwood Public School, 60-40, last Wednesday in Acton. In public school playoffs, games are played on neutral high school courts because public school courts are not uniform in size and the home team would have a decided advantage.

The game was a tight one at the half—Centennial held a meagre 29-26 lead—but a combination of things allowed the locals to sprint to the win.

Centennial changed its defensive tactics for the second half and Oakwood really lost most of its offensive potential as their big centre took four fouls in the first half and was not a factor at all in second half play. Centennial did deserve the win as, apart from their strong defensive play, the boys were shooting extremely well and hit on a high percentage of their shots.

The next game is the big one and it will be played at White Oaks Secondary School in Oakville, next Wednesday. It is the

Halton final and the goal the Centennial boys have been aiming at all year. As yet their opponent has not been decided.

In a prior game, the Fairview girls team, which had earlier defeated the Centennial girls team, won honors for the North Halton league, as they defeated E. J. James Public School to advance to the Halton final.

For Centennial, in Wednesday's contest, Terry Waldrum was high point man with 17, Kevin Neil had 15 and John Carolidis had eight points.

OBA okays metal bats

The Halton County Senior Baseball League will be sporting something of a new look this year, as several teams have been added and a new Senior chairman has taken over the reins of the league.

This year's Senior chairman, is Georgetown's man about sports, Bill Richmond. Bill is looking forward to bigger and better things for the HCSBL this year and this augers well for area baseball fans. League members include, Leaside, Brampton, Mississauga, Burlington, Oakville, Campbellville, Dundas, Waterdown and Cambridge.

The league will play a 24-game schedule, with six teams entering the playoffs. All playoffs series will be two out of three game affairs. This year's all-star contest will be played in Dundas on August 10th.

The Brampton coach Jerry Jerwak, is anxious to make his senior an area team and urges all prospective baseball players

to get in touch with him at 457-9197, regarding try out and practice information. Locally, Bill Richmond, 877-4878, is also available for inquiries.

With interest in baseball picking up throughout Canada, and especially in Ontario, it truly is a shame that Georgetown does not have the proper facilities to host a Senior team. The players are here but because of a decision to remove the lights from the ball park, a Senior team is not feasible. The games must be played under the lights as the Senior league has an unlimited age qualification and the majority of the players hold down steady jobs.

In the HCSBL only Campbellville, Dundas and Waterdown are without lights, and plans are in progress in Dundas to rectify the situation. The Dundas town council has pledged \$50,000 to be spread over three years to provide lighting. The local Optimist Club has agreed to take over the handling of the lights as a club project.

Surely, with Georgetown being the sports-minded town that it is, some group can once more raise the banner for baseball in Georgetown. The time would appear to be ripe.

Bill Richmond also announced that an OBA sanctioned Umpires Clinic will be held from April 6 to May 6, every Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Lion's Community Centre in Oakville. The clinic will be run by former professional umpire, Dick Willis. Interested parties should either contact him at 877-7941 or Mr. Bill Richmond at 877-4378.

A convention last week in Toronto and certain rule changes will not only affect the Halton County League, but also the Georgetown Baseball Association. The OBA approved the use of metal bats in all leagues and made it mandatory that batters wear helmets with protective ear flaps. In a revolutionary move, the OBA is using the Peeewe "C&D" classifications, which includes Georgetown, as the testing area

for a new format for provincial playoffs. Instead of teams travelling from town to town, all teams in the Peeewe "C&D" classifications will gather in York-Simcoe over one long weekend for a tournament to decide the provincial winner. This experiment will continue over three years and is to be checked and revised annually should the need arise. If the experiment is a success, then this format will be used for all classifications.

It was felt that this would enable the respective leagues to finish earlier and also that it would cut down on expenses for those teams involved.

It was also ruled that no longer would the Tykes, Peeeweas and Bantams use smaller baseballs. All divisions will now use the regulation sized ball.

It was decided that Burlington will host the 1975 Senior All-Ontario playoffs, and they will take place on the 5, 7 and 8th of June.