

All emotions show in THE finals

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As the 150 gymnasts, representing 24 schools in the Peel-Halton District marched on to the floor, at M.M. Robinson High School in Burlington last Tuesday, to the tune of "A Place To Stand", it was obvious that this was no ordinary gymnastic competition. Although the girls smiled and waved to friends and supporters there was a tangible air of tension in the gym which didn't slacken even as the gymnasts went through their warm-up exercises. This was the Peel-Halton Championship competition and the girls were well aware that depending on how they performed, they would either be chosen to continue on to compete in the All-Ontario, or returning home to challenge again another year.

The importance of the event was underscored by the highly qualified judges present. Also the apparatus to be used by the girls was of Olympic standard. One of the head judges has a Federation Internationale Gymnastique Brevet, which represents the highest qualification any judge-

nationally or internationally can attain. Another judge had national qualifications and was working on International qualifications and the remaining judges were among the top of their field in Ontario. That the judging would be fair and impartial, there was no question, but this perhaps increased the pressure on the girls.

No other sport taxes both the mental and physical stamina of an athlete the way gymnastics does. A year's hard training could come to an end because of one slip in a routine. A swaying pose, caused by twitching, nervous muscles could mean the difference between winning and coming second in the event. Yet through all this, the girls must smile and exude confidence, as they are also judged on this aspect of their routine.

The Peel-Halton Championships, although the stepping stone to the All-Ontario's, are also a goal in themselves. Each gymnast performing was forced to qualify time and again in earlier competitions. The strain can sometimes prove too much and several girls finished their routines on Tuesday and left the floor with tears in their

eyes because they felt they hadn't given their best performance. Others bounced and cried with happiness after giving exceptional performances. On Tuesday, emotions ran the gamut from highs to lows, yet through everything the gymnasts' enthusiasm for their sport emerged in the forefront.

Gymnastics has made some remarkable advances over the past few years in Ontario. High schools have become aware of both the physical and aesthetic values of the sport but, of more importance, it is one of the few sports open to girls where they can display both their athletic talents and creative instincts without suffering the taunts of their male counterparts. All competitors at the Peel-Halton Championships displayed both of the above and the coaching staffs of all the teams involved deserve to be commended for the fine job they have done in raising the standard of gymnastics to such a degree in the Peel-Halton region.

The GDHS gymnastic team put on a strong over-all performance in the championships. Of the 24 schools involved, Georgetown finished second with 148.55 points. Lord

Elgin was first with 181.80 points, while T.A. Blakelock High School finished third with 133.81 points.

The GDHS team won the Intermediate Division and placed second in the Senior Division. Kelly Frost, who has improved with each competition, was the All-Round Champion in the Intermediate Division and Roseanne Hermann, who was the All-Round Senior Champion in the Haltons, was second in her Division on Tuesday.

Roseanne, in the Senior floor exercises, bars and beam; Kelly Frost in the Intermediate vault and floor exercise and Eva Smarda in the Intermediate bars and vault, will represent Georgetown in the All-Ontario's to be held April 28 at York University in Toronto.

For Georgetown, Janet Burns was second in the Intermediate beam; Marianne Nemeth was sixth in Intermediate floor exercises; Kelly Frost was second in Intermediate vaulting; Eva Smarda was first in intermediate bars and eighth in intermediate vaulting; Ruth Aggias was fifth in Senior vaulting and Roseanne Hermann was fifth on Senior beam, third in Senior floor exercises and fifth in Senior uneven bars.



THE GDHS GYMNASTIC TEAM finished second out of 24 teams in their recent Peel-Halton Championships. The GDHS girls won the Intermediate Division. The team is (front row, left to right) Roseanne Herrmann, Jane Aggias, Vickie Herrmann, Brenda Furlotte, and Janet Burns. (Middle row, left to right) Diane Memeth, Eva Smarda and Kelly Frost. (Back row, left to right) Coach, Shirley White, Val Phillips, Donna Ridley and coach Joyce Finley.

First basketball pennant for Centennial

In one of the lowest scoring finals in years, the Centennial Public School's boys basketball team defeated St. John's of Burlington 21-10, last Wednesday in Oakville, to win the pennant as this year's Halton County Champions.

Perhaps the pressure of being involved in a championship contest un-nerved the players as neither team played well in the first half. The game that

point featured wild shots, erratic dribbling, and generally scrambling basketball. Centennial left the floor at the half, leading 6-4.

This defence completely blanketed what little offence St. John's had to offer and Centennial took advantage of the resultant turnovers with their fast break. The fourth quarter continued in the same style of play and Centennial was never threatened.

Although it was a low scoring contest, guards Rick Fisher and Terry Waldrum came up with solid performances. They were the team leaders, and it seemed that on every fast break attempt, either Fisher or Waldrum were scurrying down

the floor to the basket. Centennial has been in the Halton County league for the past four years and although

the team made it to the finals last year, the win on Wednesday was the first league championship for the school.

Records broken at meet

If the first track meet of the season is any indication the Georgetown District High School are going to be making quite a name for themselves

this coming season. Records fell one after the other last Wednesday as 65 competitors from GDHS and a small, six-man contingent from Milton, competed in the season's opening indoor track meet at GDHS.

Of the 16 events the results saw 15 new GDHS records set. The only previous record to withstand the onslaught of new talent was the 1500-metre boys event in which John Clark's 4:47 time still stands.

Overall champions in the meet were John Clark and Mike Moretto, who shared the boys' crown, and Doris Tuchel who topped all the girls.



THE HALTON COUNTY CHAMPIONS for 1975. Centennial Public School of Georgetown. Centennial defeated St. John's of Burlington, 21-10 last Wednesday night to capture the pennant. Members of the championship team include: Front row, left to right, Dave Pierce, Bob Doyle, Rick Fisher, Terry Waldrum, Eddy Howard, Mark Bingham and Dean Spittal. (back row, left to right) coach Mike Hopwood, Jeff Temple, Jeff Gimpel, Dave Townsend, Kevin Neil, Brian Scott, John Karolidis and manager, Jim Atkinson.

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Bantam Tournament Schedule

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

D 7.30 a.m. Cayuga or Delhi vs Mooretown or Bolton also 3.00 p.m.

B 8.45 a.m. Chinguacousy vs Brockville Also 4.15 p.m.

A 10.00 a.m. Peterborough vs Hamilton Also 5.30 p.m.

C 11.15 a.m. Ancaster vs Collingwood Also 6.45 p.m.

D 12.30 p.m. Ottawa West vs St. Catharines B Also 8.00 p.m.

D 1.45 p.m. Leveck vs Nobleton Also 9.15 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

B 7.30 a.m. Belleville or Owen Sound vs P. Colborne or Thornhill or Richmond Hill or Woodstock Also 3.00 p.m.

A 8.45 a.m. Peterborough or Etobicoke vs Nepean Also 4.15 p.m.

B 10.00 a.m. Chinguacousy or Brockville vs Ottawa W or St. Catharines Also 5.30 p.m.

A 11.15 a.m. Toronto R.W. or Burlington vs Buffalo or Waterloo Also 6.45 p.m.

B 12.30 p.m. Georgetown or Niagara Falls vs Gloucester Also 8.00 p.m.

D 1.45 p.m. Saltfleet or Unionville vs Leveck or Nobleton Also 9.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

C 7.30 a.m. Lindsay or Markham vs Ancaster or Collingwood Also 3.00 p.m.

D 8.45 a.m. Cayuga or Queensmount or Mooretown or Bolton vs Saltfleet or Unionville or Leveck or Nobleton Also 4.15 p.m.

A 10.00 a.m. Toronto R.W. or Burlington or Buffalo or Waterloo vs Peterborough or Hamilton or Nepean Also 5.30 p.m.

D 11.15 a.m. Fraser or Erin vs Elora or Port Perry Also 6.45 p.m.

B 12.30 p.m. Chinguacousy or Brockville or Ottawa W or St. Catharines vs Georgetown or Niagara Falls or Gloucester Also 8.00 p.m.

A 1.45 p.m. Brantford or Detroit L.C. vs Oshawa or Detroit L.M. Also 9.15 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

8.00 a.m. D Series Final

9.30 a.m. B Series Final

11.00 a.m. C Series Final

12.30 p.m. A Series Final

2.30 p.m. B vs D Semi-Final

4.00 p.m. A vs C Semi-Final

7.00 p.m. Grand Championship and Awards.

Juveniles lose in Oak Ridges

Georgetown Juveniles lost the semi-final game to Oak Ridges Acres Saturday, 6-3. The next game will take place after the Bantam Tournament Grand Championship game in the arena Saturday night.

Juveniles less than impressive when behind

The Georgetown Rotary Juveniles lost more than just the game when they were defeated 6-3 by Oak Ridges last Tuesday night in Georgetown. They lost a fair amount of the fan's respect. Any team can have an off night—it happens to the best of clubs—but last Tuesday, when the Juveniles realized that a win was out of reach, a few members of the team resorted to what could only be termed "bush tactics".

Perhaps the fact that the team has been so successful in steamrolling most of its opponents this year has left the Juveniles with the idea that they were unbeatable. Oak Ridges put an abrupt end to this train of thought on Tuesday and it was obvious that the locals had forgotten that even top teams drop the occasional game.

With the score 4-1 in Oak Ridges' favor, in the third period, the Juveniles started taking runs at their opponents and getting in cheap shots whenever they could. This caused a steady stream of Rotarians to head for the penalty box and players and fans alike to hear abuse on the officials. Comments after the game centred around criticism of the officials, but this just doesn't hold water.

In the first period, only down by one goal, the Rotarians picked up only six minutes in penalties. In the second period

(Georgetown's best) although scored on twice, the Juveniles picked up a mere two minutes in penalties. After the fourth Oak Ridges goal however, the dam burst and Georgetown logged 50 minutes in penalties; five minors, two majors, two misconducts and one match penalty.

Why the big change? Because the Rotary Juveniles couldn't accept defeat and there was no doubt that Oak Ridges had the better club on Tuesday night. Georgetown played perhaps ten minutes of solid hockey. The rest of the game belonged to the visitors.

Brian Laird was one of the few Georgetown players who put in a creditable performance. Time and again defensive lapses had him facing two on one and sometimes three on one breaks. The Oak Ridges forwards roamed at will in front of the Georgetown net and either ignored or brushed off the feeble attempts of the Georgetown defenders to put them away.

The Georgetown forwards seemed unable to make the change from offence to defence and were constantly caught either up ice or out of position. It was a good game to get out of a team's system. Hopefully the Rotary Juveniles will learn from it and realize that losing is also a part of the game.

The first period produced close checking by both teams with good solid clean checks being handed out by both sides. It was obvious that the referees were not going to stand for any nonsense, as at one point both teams had two men in the penalty box. The first Oak Ridges goal came as a result of a Georgetown error. Doug Barnes, in attempting to bring the puck out of his own end, lost it to Craig Helsdon of Oak Ridges who skated in on Brian Laird, almost at his leisure, feinted to his right then slipped a neat backhand into the net. This was the only scoring in the opening frame but it could be seen that the locals were not on top of their game. They didn't display their normal poise, were passing badly and not really handling the puck with confidence. Coach Paul Robinson on the way to his team's dressing room, appeared to be worried. It was in the first period also that an incident occurred which might have been the root of the third period problems. Bill Kirby was knocked clear over the side boards with what was certainly a hard check but just as certainly, a clean one. No penalty was assessed, and rightly so. As he sat on the bench, Kirby appeared to be dwelling on his embarrassment.

For the first three minutes of the second period, Oak Ridges continued to hold the edge in play. Their second goal however seemed to give

Georgetown the push they needed and for the rest of the period Georgetown marched Oak Ridges stride for stride. The Oak Ridges second goal was a case in point of the troubles plaguing Georgetown. Joe Henry, of Oak Ridges retrieved the puck from the corner, and although shoved a

couple of times, was left standing and he banged it past Rotary goaler Brian Laird. By and the boards rattled as checks were handed out. Bill Kirby was again the victim on a hard hitting play, as he was knocked into, and in fact bowled over, the net in the Oak Ridges end. A penalty was

handed out but Kirby, who received a bang on the back of his head, was far from happy at the way things were going. The third goal for Oak Ridges and the third goal of the game showed just where the breaks knocked into, and in fact men short, Oak Ridges cleared the puck down the ice. Brian

Laird came out of his net to feed a team-mate a pass and hit Steve Stoyanovich of Oak Ridges with the puck. Stoyanovich retrieved the disc and sailed in unopposed to score. Oak Ridges also got out of their two-man short situation, unscathed.

The Oak Ridges' defencemen were playing excellently at this point. They were taking the puck carrier out and starting rushes with good, first passes. Oak Ridges could do no wrong and Georgetown could not get their game together.

The Rotary Juveniles opened the scoring in the third period when Chris Milne beat the Oak Ridges goaler with a quick shot from the top of the face-off circle and it looked as if the Rotarians were on their way. Unfortunately another defensive lapse allowed the opposition to pull in front 4-1. Georgetown was sloppy in getting the puck out of their own end and Craig Helsdon of Oak Ridges picked up the puck and fed it to Joe Henry, who cruised about 15 feet in front of the net and scored, with a Georgetown player draped over him. Charlie Knoepff narrowed the score to 4-2 and it looked like Georgetown might get back into the game when the antics started.

At the 7:54 mark of the third period, Doug Barnes was caught spearing and was given a five-minute elbow, possibly

out of sheer frustration was sent off. Oak Ridges scored their fifth goal in this situation. At the 4:40 mark, Bill Kirby was nailed with a cross-checking penalty and by mouthing off, received a ten-minute misconduct. He then turned around and among other things, called the referee a "goat" and was promptly banished for the night. Then Marty Weaven decided to get into the act. He became wrapped up with Oak Ridges player Bill Nediger at the blue line and promptly threw a punch. Nediger skated away but Weaven pursued him and laced Nediger with a punch from behind which caught the Oak Ridges player on the side of the head. Needless to say, the referee signalled a five-minute penalty for Weaven. Then, just as he was about to reach the penalty bench, Weaven wheeled around and took after the Oak Ridges player again, who was on the other side of the ice. This resulted in Weaven being tossed out.

Admittedly the referees did make some questionable calls, but the majors and misconducts were all deserved. While Georgetown was exhibiting their pettiness Oak Ridges scored again to salt away a 6-2 win. For Georgetown, a poor, all round display. If they wish to make the OMFHA finals, their play and temperament will have to improve.

201 pupils turn out for Optimist basketball

St. Francis of Assisi Separate School was the scene on Saturday of the Optimist Tri-Star Basketball Contest and a successful contest it was. The contest was open to all boys and girls between eight and 13 and the response was terrific.

One hundred boys and 101 girls turned out for the tournament which saw the youngsters attempt their best at passing, shooting and dribbling with the following results.

Girls
Age eight: 1, Leslee Kozak, St. Francis; 2, Susie Martin, St. Francis; 3, Caroline Shullis, Sacre-Coeur. Age nine: 1, Alexia Dender, St. Francis; 2, Angela Tucker, St. Francis; 3, Rosemary Gale, George Kennedy.

Boys
Age 10: 1, Val Longo, St. Francis; 2, Stacey Hurley, Centennial; 3, Roberta Burke, St. Francis. Age 11: 1, Bambi Kozak, St. Francis; 2, Kathy Sevenster, St. Francis; 3, Joanne Tucker, St. Francis. Age 12: 1, Judy Krnjacich, Centennial; 2, Shelley Coleman, Holy Cross; 3, Lynn Gallant, Sacre-Coeur. Age 13: 1, Carol Carter, Centennial; 2, Meredith McLaren, Centennial; 3, Patty Barber, Stewarttown.

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