

# Sports beat

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Brian Budd and J.I. Albrecht, who will be guest speakers at the Halton Hills Athlete of the Year dinner, will be donating their fees to the Georgetown Youth Soccer program. Any profit made from the dinner will also go to the Georgetown Youth Soccer program.

Budd, who has been a lower strength for the Toronto Metro-Croatia since joining the team, will present the award to whomever emerges as the winner.

The master of ceremonies for the dinner will be Trevor Moores, who did an excellent job when he acted in the same capacity at the Georgetown Raiders' Hockey Heritage Dinner.

It was nice to receive so many nominations for the award. There were however, in the opinion of this reporter some fine athletes who were not nominated, committee members Fred Kotani, Bruce Andrews, Bryan Lewis, Pat Doucette, Dave Kenter, Jack Handy and Brian James will have quite a task picking a winner from the outstanding athletes who were nominated.

The committee will be meeting tomorrow night to make the big decision. The winner will not be announced until the night of the dinner when the three finalists will all be present and Budd will open the envelope which will contain the name of the winner.

Five of the athletes nominated received more than one nomination. The highest number of nominations for one athlete was 13. Another one received seven and one more five.

However, the number of nominations received for an athlete will not have any bearing on the decision made by the committee. They will be basing their decision on merit alone.

Next week The Herald will be publishing the names and photographs of the three finalists.

It should be an interesting and suspenseful evening at 6:30 p.m. on June 22 when all three of the outstanding athletes are recognized for their achievements and a winner is crowned. Plan to be there.

The O.H.A.'s decision to reorganize the Central Junior "B" loop has the various executives of the teams scurrying to find answers. Apparently no one knows what is going to happen next in the situation.

There is no one more knowledgeable about the league than convenor Larry Robertson. When he says he does not know what is going to happen next you know the league is in a chaotic state.

The O.H.A. feels it has a valid reason for placing Barrie, Orillia, Oak Ridges and Thornhill in the Central league. There simply are not enough teams in northern centres to form a league up there right now.

It appears that there will not be divisions in the league and each team will play the others an equal number of times.

However, if the O.H.A. does an about face and decides to break the league into two six-team divisions I'll give you two guesses which division the Gems, if they have a team, will be in.

The chances would be pretty good that Brampton, Georgetown, Thornhill, Oak Ridges, Barrie and Orillia (Brrrr!) would form a northern division. I'm sure Bob Tost, Ron Dixon and Bob Thompson dread the thought.

No matter how valid the reasons the O.H.A. may have for adding the eight teams, a trip to Orillia for a 7:30 p.m. starter in the middle of January will seem a lot more valid reason for not making the realignment.

Well here's hoping the Gems put it together and field a team for next year.

I personally think Junior "B" hockey is very exciting and I do not want to travel to Brampton, Streetsville or Oakville to have to watch it.

The Gems did not have many crowds bigger than 200 last year, but once it is gone people will begin to realize what they are missing: a good brand of hockey played by very fine young people players giving it their all.

Congratulations to Doug Smith, the runner for the G.D.H.S. Rebels. He was the only Rebel to come out of the O.F.S.A.A. meet with a first place showing. He did it in the 800-metre race.

However, many of the other Rebels made excellent showings. Ian Clark, who had an outstanding season, had a second and a fourth. His fourth in the 1,500 was apparently a whisker off a third. They originally awarded Clark with third place, but after checking the video tape he was given fourth.

Cathy Clark and Bruce McIntyre also closed out their high school careers with excellent showings.

## Tickets for dinner are available

Tickets to the Halton Hills Athlete of the Year dinner can be purchased at The Herald office during regular business hours or at Kentner's Dairy Bar on Mill St.

The guest speaker for the dinner will be Brian Budd, star player of the Toronto Metro-Croatia and the two-time winner of the Canadian Superstars competition. Budd also won the World Superstars competition.

J. I. Albrecht, at present general manager of the Metros and the former general manager of the Toronto Argonauts, will be a special guest for the evening.

The main event for the dinner will be the crowning of the first-ever Halton Hills Athlete of the Year. There are 15 athletes nominated for the award.

The committee is meeting tomorrow night to select a winner. The three finalists will all be invited to the dinner and Budd will announce the winner that night.

A buffet dinner is being served for the occasion and tickets will cost \$7.50 a piece. Proceeds for the dinner will go to Georgetown Youth Soccer.

## Pee Wees in first after win and tie

The Georgetown baseball Pee Wees moved into first place in the league last week by defeating Oakville 8-7 and then drawing Burlington 9-9.

Rusty Gourlie was the winning pitcher in the win against Oakville and he helped his own cause by going two for two and knocking in a run.

The big stick that day however belonged to Rick Greenwood as he went three for three, one hit being a triple, and knocked in three more.

Mark Snow's double in the first inning knocked in two more runs for Georgetown, who scored five runs in that first inning.

Greenwood went three for three in the tie against Burlington as well. He also pitched

the full seven innings in that game.

Georgetown took a big lead in this game as they scored five in the first inning. Burlington chipped away at the lead with three in the third inning. They then scored two in the fourth, three in the fifth and one in the sixth to go ahead 9-5.

Georgetown scored four in the last inning to earn the tie.

Blake Harrison went three for four to help the cause. Greenwood, Craig Budweiser and Robby Wilkes all knocked in two runs each.

In other baseball action the Bantams defeated Brampton and lost to Oakville and the Midgets dropped two games by big scores.

# And the nominees are . . .

Nominations for the Halton Hills Athlete of the Year, being sponsored by The Herald and the Royal Bank, have officially closed with 43 received.

A few of the athletes received several nominations apiece. There were 15 separate athletes nominated.

The committee to select the Athlete of the Year will be meeting tomorrow night to decide on the winner and two runner-ups. The decision will not be reached easily as some top-flight athletes with superb credentials have been nominated.

Following is a list of the athletes nominated. They are in alphabetical order.

**KRIS BARBER**  
Sport: Figure Skating

Kris Barber and his dance partner Kelly Johnson had an outstanding year with the highlight coming in Megève, France where they finished second to a Soviet Union pair in the World Junior Figure Skating Championships.

The dance pair also won a gold medal in the Central Ontario Sectionals and a silver in the eastern division championships. In the Canadian Junior Championships Barber and Johnson, who lives in Toronto finished fourth. However, there were no pairs in which both partners were junior age by world standards that finished ahead of them.

The pair was a late addition to the Canadian team to Megève. Their second place finish there clinched the Cup of Nations for Canada.

Both Barber and Johnson will be eligible to compete in junior again next year.

Kris Barber lives in Glen Williams when he is not skating in Toronto.

**CATHY CLARK**  
Sport(s): Track and Cross-country

Clark finished off an excellent career at Georgetown district high school competing as a senior this year.

In September, 1977 Clark was fifth for senior girls in the OFSAA cross-country championships.

At the all-Ontario track and field meet this weekend she finished fourth in the senior girls' 3,000-metre race.

To get to the all-Ontario's Clark won three events at the Halton championships, the 800, 1,500 and 3,000. At the Peel-Halton she had thirds in the 1,500 and 3,000 and at the Regional championships she had third and fourths in the events.

Her time of 4:49 in the 1,500 at the Haltons stands as a record for the region.

**IAN CLARK**  
Sport(s): Track and cross-country

The grade 11 student at G.D.H.S. had an excellent year competing as a midjet and junior for the Rebels.

The year for him began on June, 1977 when he finished first in the 1,500 metres and second in the 3,000 at the all-Ontario meet as a midjet runner.

Last summer he raced in England where he established a record for his age group in the 3,000.

His second place finish at the all-Ontario cross-country in September, 1977 helped the Rebel juniors take the province title.

During the winter he competed in Toronto where he established an indoor record for this age group in the 3,000.

This past weekend Clark finished second in the 3,000 at this year's all-Ontarios and taking a fourth in the 1,500. His time for the latter was three minutes and 56 seconds.

**BOB DEAN**  
Sport: Hockey

Bob Dean was a centreman for the Gage Stationery Bantams, certainly one of the best rep teams in Georgetown this year. He helped his team win a major tournament in Heseler Ontario during the Christmas holidays.

The nominator said Dean is an excellent hockey player with a great deal of potential.

"I nominate Bob Dean for his dedication, team spirit, co-operation, leadership, potential, and willingness to accept constructive criticism."

Although it was not mentioned on the nomination sheet Dean is also a good midjet runner for the G.D.H.S. Rebels.

**PETER FOURNIER**  
Sport: Wrestling

Peter Fournier was almost unbeatable wrestling in the 112 and a half class for the G.D.H.S. Rebels.

His record for the year was 64 wins and one loss. The loss came in match he had tied his opponent on points.

Along the way Fournier won eight championships including the Halton, Peel-Halton and all-Ontario.

He was co-captain of the Rebel team that finished second in the province.

Fournier also entered the Canadian Junior Wrestling Championships where he finished second to George Gunowski, a Canadian senior and international wrestler. They were in the 114 and a half pound class.

One nominator said "Achieving the amount of success Pete has realized the past year does not come easily. It comes from many, many hours of hard work."

Fournier is in grade 12. He has been contacted by many universities concerning continuing his academic and wrestling careers at their institutions.

**ROSEMARY GALE**  
Sport: Track and field

Rosemary Gale is a sprinter and shot putter for the Centennial Middle School. In the North Halton Track and Field Championships she finished second in the 100-metre dash in the Intermediate Division. She also took a third in the shot put.

One of the people who nominated her said she did so, "because Rosemary is a dedicated athlete and always tries her best."

**BRIAN HAYWARD**  
Sport: Hockey

Hayward was the number one goalie for the Guelph Holyday Flyers of the O.H.A. Junior "A" Tier Two League. For two years in a row he has been the all-star goalie in that league. This past year he had the lowest goals-against average in the league.

This year Hayward was instrumental in the Flyers winning the Centennial Cup, emblematic of Tier Two Junior "A" hockey supremacy in Canada.

Hayward went through the Georgetown Minor hockey system and is a student at Georgetown district high school.

The goaltender is only 17 years old and was the outstanding goaltender during the Centennial Cup playdowns.

**JURI KUDRASOV**  
Sport(s): Hockey and Football

Kudrasovs joined the Georgetown Raiders this year and quickly established himself as one of the Intermediate "A" Leagues' top centermen.

He battled for the league scoring title for most of the year and finally finished among the top five scorers.

Kudrasovs also had an excellent semi-final against the Thorold Athletics, being a dominant force in the Raiders' triumph.

The good all-round athlete spends his summer playing football in the top-flight Beaches Football League in Toronto.

**MARIO MACDONALD**  
Sport(s): Hockey and Football

MacDonald was according to statistics the top goaltender in the Intermediate "A" league while playing for the Georgetown Raiders. He and backup Gregg Hooper had the best goals-against average in the League.

MacDonald was a standout for the Raiders throughout the playoffs and was chosen to join the Dundas Merchants when they played for the Intermediate Eastern Canadian Championships. As a Merchant MacDonald was in the net for a 4-2 triumph and was also there when they lost 6-4 in the semi-final against the Campbellton Tigers.

One nominee says, "Mario MacDonald is the reason the Raiders went as far as they did this year."

During the summer MacDonald plays football in Burlington, where he lives.

**CHARLENE MILTON**  
Sport: Football

Charlene Milton is one of the top players on the Georgetown Legion Royals, of the Central Ontario Junior Ladies Football League.

This year Milton is the starting shortstop on the team. Last year she was at second base.

The nominator says, "Charlene has helped the Royals win team awards as well as winning individual awards herself."

It goes on to say that Milton, "has a hunger to learn, sportsman-like attitude and dedication to football."

**PHILIP NOBLE**  
Sport: Football

Phil Noble, who hails from Georgetown was a good enough linebacker with the University of Western Ontario Mustangs to be a first round draft choice of the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League.

The Mustangs have won the College Bowl, which goes to Canada's top university football team, two years in a row with Noble anchoring the defensive unit.

Noble has had outstanding college football career and barring injuries should go on to enjoy an excellent professional career.

**KEVIN PARKER**  
Sport: Figure Skating

Kevin Parker, started his figure skating career at the Acton Figure Skating Club at age 6 where he has won the Outstanding Achievement Award.

In 1977-78 Parker has won five gold medals in competitions he has entered.

He was the gold medalist in the Western Ontario championships in Brantford, Ontario and in the Canadian Central Division Championships in Winnipeg. Parker is still of Junior age.

Parker went to the Canadian

Figure Skating Association's championships in Victoria B.C. where he finished fourth in the junior men's division.

Parker also received his Gold Test Medal in Kitchener during this past year.

**NOEL STOYLES**  
Sport: Hockey

Noel Styles was nominated for leading the Milliere, T.V. Bantams to the championship in the Georgetown House League.

Styles was a forward on the team and the nomination sheet says "he made it possible for Milliere to win the championship."

**MARK WILLIAMSON**  
Sport: Baseball

Williamson lives in rural Acton and according to the nominee is the "best baseball player ever to come out of Halton Hills."

This year Williamson is playing Intercity with the Guelph Junior Forums.

He plays in the outfield and is the second leading hitter on the team.

Williamson was seriously scouted by the Toronto Blue Jays last year and next year he is headed for Arizona on a baseball scholarship.

**JACK WINGROVE**  
Sport: Soccer

Jonathan "Jack" Wingrove was nominated posthumously for his contribution to Pineview Youth Soccer, an organization he formed. Wingrove passed away recently, before this year's soccer program got underway.

One nomination sheet says, "because of his dedication to sports for the children of all ages he made Pineview soccer work."

Wingrove was a coach, referee and organizer for the soccer program and spent countless hours to make it work. "Jack spent many hours with the program so that he could give the children some pleasure," one nominator says.

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## Junior league 12 teams Gem future doubtful

The Ontario Hockey Association's decision to include four new teams to the Central Junior "B" league puts the future of each of the eight existing clubs in jeopardy.

Barrie, Orillia, Oak Ridges and Thornhill will have teams in the league next year which will be extra travelling and expenses for every team in the loop.

The four teams last year competed in the Mid-Ontario league last year. The other team from that league, Owen Sound, will join the Mid-western league which includes province champion Stratford.

Brent Ladds, secretary-manager of the O.H.A. said the realignment was made to give the five teams somewhere to play next year.

"We tried to talk Collingwood into joining Junior "B" this coming year, but they said they would rather play one more year of "C" hockey," Ladds said.

Larry Robertson, convenor of the league, said he does not know whether any of the teams will be operative.

"It's all up in the air," Robertson said. "None of the teams have said they will be fielding teams next year. It's a real mess."

Most of the teams will be meeting with their executive this week to decide if they will field a team next year. Most of

the teams are waiting for other operations to declare before they make a decision.

Representatives from the eight "old" teams and four "new" teams met with officials of the O.H.A. a week ago Monday in Milton to discuss the proposed realignment. Later in the week Ladds phoned Robertson to tell him the O.H.A. had decided to add the four teams to his league.

One of the teams that is disappointed at the decision is the Georgetown Gemini.

General manager Bob Tost said he was very disappointed at the decision and he doubts that the Gems will operate next year.

"The realignment means that it will cost us an extra \$1,000 next year in travelling alone," Tost said. "Unless we can get more sponsors to carry us through I can't see us operating next year."

The Gem executive is meet-

ing sometime this week to decide on the team's future.

Tost also said if the Gems do manage to field a team next year he would not stay as general manager. "I just haven't got the time to do all that extra travelling."

Tost also said, "I guess the O.H.A. is letting the teams that don't want any part of the new alignment to fall by the wayside."

Ladds said the eight teams from last year will have to make approximately two trips each to the new centres next year, but as Robertson said that would mean that the four new teams will be making a lot of trips down south.

Robertson also said that the league is no further ahead now than it was before the meeting in Milton. "All the teams are uncertain and we're running out of summer," he said.

Robertson said he would not know anything on the situation until after June 15.



**WIN TOURNAMENT**  
The Georgetown Y.B.C. mixed team was all smiles after returning home with the first-place prize in a tournament in Hamilton. The team was comprised of two seniors, two juniors and two bantams. From left to right are bantam Kelly McCorry, who had the highest total, juniors Roberts Burke and Lenard Fisher, coach George Archibald, seniors Grant Richardson and Wendy Hayes and bantam Charlie Weatherall.

## Industrial standings tight

Limehouse lost two; Georgetown Chrysler lost one; tied one; Rexway Towing lost two; Sportsmen won two, tied one; are just some of the major reasons that the Industrial League standings may appear to have been put into a butters helmet and giving a severe hit with a bat.

Last week saw Limehouse on top, undefeated, and this week they are in a tie for fourth with Hornby Farmer Jacks who last week were tied for first. Georgetown Chrysler who were tied for first last week now find themselves in third. Harley Motors who were in a four-way tie for fifth, now are in a two-way tie for first with Acton Merchants who have remained in a tie for first, only

last week being tied with three other teams. Glen Williams who failed to win a game fell to tenth spot while the sportsmen won two and tied one to go from a tie for last place to ninth in the overall standings. Gage, the only team to yet gain a point have been close to victory a couple of times, losing to Fobert's Flyers 3-1 on Sunday.

In a feature game last week saw lead-off batter for the Sportsmen Dick Popple score in the first inning and pitcher Ed Charlton score in the third inning to give the Sportsmen a two to nothing lead over Park Toyota in a game played last Sunday afternoon. For Park Toyota Glen Inglis led off the fourth and John Miller hit an in-the-field home run to tie the

score at two each and pitchers Doug Humley of Park and Ed Charlton of the Sportsmen continued their fine pitching demonstrations by holding each team to only two runs each for the balance of the game. Ed Charlton struck out nine Park batters while Rumley allowed only seven Sportsmen batters to reach base.

In another very exciting game last week Acton Merchants on a run by Terry Cole in the bottom of the sixth, defeated Georgetown Chrysler 1-0. Pitchers Norm Topping of Acton and Keith McKinnon of Georgetown Chrysler stuck out a total of fourteen batters in total during the game that took a little more than an hour to play. Toppings for Acton

Merchants were - Dan Fields, Terry Cole, Gord Stanbridge, Bill Routledge, Les Deforest, Terry Masales, Norm Topping, Gory Wilson, Steve Marshall, Bob Jarrett and Don Archibald. For Georgetown Chrysler the following player played - Weren Mikoleit, Steve Graham, Alan Desimore, Jamie Moody, Hugh Williams, Ron Kerslake, Mike McCandless, Nell Korzack and Keith McKinnon.

Tonight should find some good ball at the fairgrounds park as Gage go after their first victory when they play Rexway Towing with Royal Trust and the Sportsmen and Limehouse and Hornby Farmer Jacks doing battle with 8:30 starts.

## Royalettes down Brookville

On June 1st, the Brookville Selects were defeated by Georgetown 9-6. Brookville led the game 4-1 until the seventh inning, when Georgetown came from behind to score 8 runs.

Crossing home for Brookville were Margo Butler, Cathy McLeod, Deb Wilson, Robyn Snow and Sue Thomson. Georgetown's runs were scored by C. Milton, D. Shortt, N. Shortt, J. McKay, M. Pollock, N. Atkinson and B. Curry.

In the Selects sixth season game on June 4th, they defeated Brantford 8-3. Brookville started off the scoring in the third inning by hitting in 3 runs and never gave up the lead. Brantford's pitcher was called twice for not having both feet on the pitching rubber, giving the Selects two extra runs. Touching home to

tally for Brookville were Gloria Hamilton, Sue Thomson, Cathy McLeod, Robyn Snow, Deb Wilson and Sandy Snow. Deb Wilson pitched the Brookville victory.

The Selects record now stands at 4 wins, 2 losses. Their next home game is Thursday night at 8 p.m. against Grimsby.

Over the weekend, Brookville participated in the Byron Girls' Annual Football tournament, held near London. Although they went down to defeat in their first game against Richmond Hill 5-4 on Saturday, the Selects came back on Sunday to take North Bendale 8-6, and win a berth in the consolation final. The Selects met Brantford in the consolation game and were beaten 5-2. Swinging big bats for Brookville throughout the tournament were Gloria Hamilton, Cathy McLeod, Margo Butler, and Deb Wilson.



## SENIOR CHAMP

Floss Tracey of the Georgetown Bowl will be competing at the Canadian Senior Championships to be played in Wimppeg, Manitoba this coming weekend. Above Floss is showcasing the silverware she won for placing first in the Southern Ontario Regionals. She is only 53 plus above her average to take the top prize. There are only three bowlers from throughout Ontario who will be at the Canadian championships.