

# Sports beat



by Tony Panacci

Georgetown district high school was definitely the place to be last Thursday night. It was on that night that the school paid tribute to its many excellent athletes at the annual awards night.

It was my first athletic banquet at the high school. Someone who has attended many more than that number told me it was an unusually low-keyed evening. There are usually more standing ovations, the veteran banquet goer said.

The people who received standing ovations last Thursday truly deserved them. The first standing ovation went out to the catering staff who prepared what can only be called a fantastic dinner. When you're used to a steady diet of quarter pounders and submarines two 50-foot buffet tables packed with vegetables, fruits, cold cuts and hot meat can only be described as fantastic.

Big ovations were also reserved for the athletes who took the major awards this year. Nancy Phillips, Female Athlete of the Year, and Dave Paterson, Male Athlete of the Year, both appeared to be very popular choices.

By the way, it is not often that you see a correction on story in the same issue, but there is a mistake in the story on the banquet. Phillips and Paterson both participated in four sports, not three. Both the athletes were also on the badminton team.

One of the biggest ovations of the evening went to the three men who prepared the annual slide show. They are Grant Clatworthy, Al Finlayson and Don Hunt.

I had heard very much, all good, about the slide show, but it proved to be even better than I had expected. The three men did a remarkable job of photographing the various Rebel teams in action. The topping on the cake was the very appropriate music they chose to accompany the slides.

On slide, which showed wrestler Peter Fournier walking off the podium after receiving a gold medal, in my opinion best exemplified the theme of this year's banquet: The Joy of Effort. Fournier had the medal around his neck, his arms raised in victory and the look of pure ecstasy on his face. Winning isn't everything, but it sure made Fournier a lot more joyful a young man than finishing second would have.

However, it was Sue Alexander, who spoke on behalf of the athletes, who best said what the Joy of Effort is all about. She pointed out that participation, not necessarily winning, is the main thing in sports. After all, you can't get the great feeling of winning without first participating and giving it your best effort.

There are some people who feel that individuals should not be recognized because it tends to breed contempt and competition between teammates and friends. I tend to think that recognition is a big part in participating in sports. People like Paterson, Phillips, Ian Clark, Fournier, Dan Farkas, Doug Smith and many others work extremely hard during their season. Part of their payment has to be getting decked out, enjoying a good meal and in essence receiving their due recognition.

Speaking of receiving due recognition tomorrow night at Oddfellow's Hall in Georgetown the Halton Hills Athlete of the Year will be crowned. The three nominees for the award are Peter Fournier, Kris Barber and Ian Clark.

The guest speakers for the evening will be J. I. Albrecht and Brian Budd. Albrecht is the general manager of the Toronto Metro-Croatia and Budd is a player on the team and also the World and Canadian Superstars champion. Budd and Albrecht will be in downtown Georgetown tomorrow afternoon, approximately 5:30 p.m. for a press conference. They will be somewhere on the Main Street so come on out and have a chat with them.

The dinner gets underway at 7:30 p.m. and apparently there are still a few tickets available. They can be purchased at The Herald or at Kentner's Dairy Bar on Mill St.

The typesetters here at The Herald have been complaining about my typing this week. They'll have to excuse me, but my wrists are sore from having them slapped the other day.

It seems some members of the Georgetown Raiders executive were not happy with that Wayne Gretzky piece in The Herald last week.

General manager Jack Handy said he was "very upset to read in one of the local papers that the Raiders have made an offer to Wayne Gretzky."

Handy said that the Raiders are an amateur team and that kind of story is not helpful to their image.

"As general manager of the Raiders any player negotiations with any player will be made by me," Handy's letter goes on to shout.

The letter also states that there is no way that Handy would spend that kind of money on any one player. The Herald stated the Raiders had offered Gretzky a new car and 10 per cent of the gate for each game he played.

My apologies to Handy and anyone else the story may have rubbed the wrong way. However, it should be stated that the story came from a member of the Raiders' executive and not someone just off the street.

# Inglis returns as Raiders' coach

Gerry Inglis was named coach of the Georgetown Raiders at a press conference on Saturday.

The new coach, who has spent the past five seasons

coaching the Junior "B" ranks, is not new to the Intermediate "A" ranks. He was coach of the Raiders for five years before leaving to coach Junior hockey, first in Dixie

and then in Milton. Three of his five years with the Raiders were banner seasons.

"I only saw the Raiders play three times last year," Inglis said. "So I don't really know what to expect to see in training camp." Milton's home night was on Friday, the same night the Raiders played their home games.

Inglis said he has not had a chance to speak to any of the Raider players from last year's squad.

There are a few Raiders from last year who were with the team during Inglis' first

turn as coach. Neil Cotton, John Boyce, Tom Gilbert, Doug Tate, Steve Blundy, Ray Evans and Bill Currie, who spent part of last season with the team, were all Raiders before Inglis left the post.

Inglis said he will have complete say on who wear Raiders uniforms next year. He and general manager Jack Handy will both be involved in inviting players to training camp, but it will be the coach who decides which players make the team.

The new coach said that every job on the team is open next year. Handy said he expects most of the players from this year's team back next year vying for positions.

Inglis said he would also be talking to Currie about the prospects of the veteran blueliner rejoining the team. Currie was the Raiders' top defenseman before he left the team in the middle of last year.

Handy also said that Colin Gordon, who was cut by the Raiders during last year's playoffs, will also be invited back to camp.

The Raiders coaching job became open after Junior Tibbits left the post. The former coach said he would not be returning to the post after the Raiders dropped the final playoff series to the Dundas Merchants in five games.

Inglis had a successful season last year with the Milton Flyers. The Flyers upset the Burlington Cougars and Oakville Blades in the playoffs before being eliminated in four straight games by the powerful Streetsville Derbys in the championship round.

Inglis said he was returning to coach the Raiders because after five years in Junior "B" it was time for a change.

Handy said he and Inglis talked about the latter returning to the Raiders for two months. The Raiders had also talked about the job with former Toronto Toro Tom Martin. Martin decided to return to Sweden to coach.

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Inglis would like to also field as big a lineup as possible next year, because aside from liking his players hardenosed he also likes them big.

"I've always had the belief that if a team look across the red line while the national anthem is being played and sees a bunch of big players standing on the opposite blue-line its got to score a little," he said.

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## Minor Atoms tie and win

The Georgetown Baz Motors soccer Minor Atoms had a good week drawing with

Late in the first half Malton tallied to send the two teams into halftime tied 1-1.

Against Malton, Georgetown lost the coin toss and had to start the game playing attacking into a strong wind.

Neither team was able to notch a tiebreaker in the second half although both had several good chances. Stefan made a few sparkling saves to ensure the tie.

In spite of the wind Mark Zebedee put Georgetown ahead when he scored with five minutes gone in the first half.

Terry Dixon scored twice in the first half to give Georgetown the lead against Streetsville. Streetsville got one back before the half ended.

After the Zebedee goal Georgetown had several good scoring chances but failed to connect. On one play they hit the upright.

Dixon dominated the second half with James Xanthos and Dixon tallying Dixon, Xanthos, Scott Kowalski and Mark Moody all played strong games.

Goalkeeper Jon Stefan came to the rescue for Georgetown stopping a penalty kick in the first half.

## Pickells headed for Venezuela

Bill Pickells and Debbie Danard, from the Northern

event is the Grand International Tournament of the Martial Arts. Aside from the karate competition there will also be a judo tournament.

The tournament is being partially sponsored by the Venezuelan government.

Some of North American's top karate people are being flown down to compete in the tournament. Among the people going are Joe Lewis, James Cook and Aaron Banks. Bill Wallace has also been invited, but has not confirmed yet.

Pickells, a black belt, and Danard, an orange belt, both finished fourth in their respective divisions.

Pickells will be the only Canadian competing in the tournament. In most tournaments Pickells only competes in the kata division, but he says for that event he may also compete in the fighting.

"Meeting the Venezuelans sure make the trip worthwhile," Pickells said.

The tournament promises to be one of the year's best. There will be a \$2,000 prize going to the Grand champion. The Venezuelans are spending \$10,000 to fly competitors down for the event so it will definitely be a gathering of some of the martial arts' best people.

The two martial artists were going to stay in the United States to compete in another tournament, but Pickells had to come back home immediately to make arrangements for a trip to Venezuela.

"The best thing that came out of the trip was that I ran into the people who are sponsoring a tournament in Venezuela," Pickells said. "They told me they would sponsor my trip down there to compete." Pickells had to rush home to make all the necessary arrangements.

The official name of the

Georgetown Figure Skating Club competed in the recent Scarborough Rough Skate Competition. There were many competitors entered in this competition, coming from Ontario, Quebec and the United States.

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Sherrard - 4th, Pre-Novice Ladies B - Group 2 - Sandra Percival - 6th, Group 9 - Karen Sparkes - 6th, Pre-Novice Men B - Mark Snow - 3rd, Novice Ladies B - Shanna Armstrong - 5th, Pre-Junior Ladies - Lynn Muir - 6th, Junior Ladies - Group 3 - Janet Shepherd - 5th, Group 6 - Kirsten Mogg - 4th, Group 7 - Leslie Pritchard - 3rd.

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Approximately 15 schoolboy wrestlers from Georgetown will be competing in the Summer Wrestling Open this Sunday at Etobicoke's Olympium.

The 15 boys are all vying for positions on Canadian Schoolboy Team which is being coached by Centennial School's Jim Hall and Toronto's John Pickard.

Hall said he hopes a few of the wrestlers from Georgetown will be on the Canadian

team which makes the trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico in July.

The selection of the wrestlers that will make the trip to New Mexico will be made in a two-day tournament in Georgetown on July 15 and 16. The 13 and 14 year old wrestlers will be selected on the first day and the 15 and 16 year olds on the next.

The wrestling at Etobicoke will get underway at 9:30 a.m.

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The Rebels Bonnie-Lea Beckett prepares to kick the ball upfield during the Halton final against Q.E. Park. The Rebels lost a heartbreaker 1-0 in overtime. In the background is Beth Kewley. Photo by Drew Clarke

## Rebels defeated 1-0 for championship

The Georgetown district high school Rebels suffered a tough 1-0 defeat at the hands of Queen Elizabeth Park in the Halton girls' soccer final held in Oakville on Thursday.

The Rebels had control of the game in the first half, but were unable to put the ball in the net.

The second half proved to be a different story as Q.E. Park took to the offense and forced Georgetown goalkeeper Dena Kent to make some good saves.

With neither side able to score during regulation time the game went into overtime.

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Midway through the first overtime Burlington scored what proved to be the only goal they needed.

In the second overtime Linda Wilde had a good chance to notch the score at one, but was stopped by the Burlington goalkeeper.

Coach Ruth Armstrong knew Q.E. Park would prove to be tough competition, but she said after the game her team was ready for the challenge and she thought they could take the championship.

The Rebels suffered a bad break near the end of the first half when Carolyn Harrison, one of the leading scorers during the regular season,

suffered an ankle injury and had to leave the game.

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## Karate not deteriorating three instructors say

A few weeks back an article appeared in The Herald on Wally Stocki in which the sport of karate was said to be "deteriorating" and dominated by "salesmen and cheaters."

Bill Pickells, who runs the Northern Karate Club in Norval, took exception to the article saying that the champions in karate today match up to those of yesterday.

Pickells said that karate is much more scientific now than it was when he first started taking it approximately 10 years ago.

"I only have 15 or 20 students at my club," he said. "If I was in it for the money I'd be crazy. Sure there are instructors a round who are in it solely to make a buck, but most of them are in it because they enjoy it."

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"When I grade a student it is not just on physical prowess," he said. "I look more at their technique and their mental attitude."

Frankie DeLorenzis, who was the organizer of this year's Canadian Karate Championship in Hamilton, said the competition at his tournament was better than he has ever seen in Canada.

"Wally was the best karate man in Canada a few years back," DeLorenzis said. "Now that he isn't anymore of course the sport is not as good."

DeLorenzis operates a karate school in Hamilton and he says that the karate fad is over now, but that as an art form it is on the upswing.

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