

Clark shows a good kick after slow start at Ireland

As over 25,000 spectators cheered him on, Ian Clark of Georgetown was the fifth man across the finish line at the World cross-country championships held in Limerick, Ireland last week. First place went to Eddy Depaul of Belgium, while Steven Bens of England was second.

Clark's finish was the major thrust to Canada's team finish of eighth place over-all in the field of 19 teams. Steve Snell was the second Canadian across the finish line placing 22nd.

There were 114 runners in the 7,360 meter contest which was run in pouring rain around an otherwise picturesque race track in the southern Ireland community located near the famous Gal-

way Bay. Just 25 seconds separated

Depaul and Clark who described the race as one of

hard work and strategy.

"Everyone started from the gun really fast, but our team seemed to be in poor position," Clark said. "I had to work really hard to get up to where I finished. The course involved three laps of the track and on the last lap I managed to move from eighth to fifth on the strength of my finishing kick. I saw the U.S. runner (Jess Nelson) ahead of me but I just couldn't reach him in time."

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To avoid any international incident, the course was heavy with security. Over 600 army troops were stationed along the route.

"It felt great representing Canada, and wearing a Canadian track suit," Clark said. "The Irish emphasize the sport of running and the good runners are big stars, so the people were really nice to us when we toured the countryside. We met lots of guys from other countries and our team got along very well with everyone, which was good for team morale."

After his great showing in Limerick, Clark now plans to continue running for the Scarborough Optimist Track club in competitions across Ontario. Later in June, he hopes to qualify for the Canadian Track team which will be travelling to summer meets in England and France.



Ian Clark

Rebels enjoy classic

The East team, with GDHS Rebels' Bill River and Steve Keslick in the lineup, defeated the West 93-65 in the Halton Classic held last week.

Rivers was one of the starters on the East team, but all the players selected, two from each of the six schools, received equal floor time.

Rivers, who plays both guard and forward, scored five points in his approximate 10 minutes of playing time.

Keslick a centre, scored two points and was very effective under the boards pulling down six rebounds.

Both the Georgetown players said they enjoyed participating in the Classic very much and both said there was a lot of individual talent on the floor.

Fred Murrell, of the East's T.A. Blakelock was selected as the Most Valuable Player. Murrell, Queen Elizabeth's Park's Gord Buch and White Oaks' Tim Findlay all scored 20 points or more.

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