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Three finalists selected for Award

Jim Hall, Harry Levy and Gerry Perkins are the three finalists for the first-ever Halton Hills Sports Builder

Award being sponsored by Miracle Food Mart and the Halton Hills Herald. The winner will be announ-

ced at the official opening of Miracle Food Mart on May 29. The winner and two runners up will all be honored at the Halton Hills Athlete of the Year Dinner to be held at St. George's Hall on June 18.

The decision on the three finalists was made by a committee composed of Karen Harrison, Michael Hollett, Brian James, Rick McArthur, John McCauley and Ruby Wilkes.

Other nominees who were submitted by the public, for the award were Red Asseltine, Don Fendley, Jack Gudgeon Sr., Robert Hooper, Gerry Inglis, Dave Kenner, the Lions Club, Irene McCauley, Ken McMillan, Herb Robinson, Ron Snow, Robert Tost and Bryan Turner.

HALL

Hall has been the physical education teacher at Centennial Middle School for the past several years. He is the coach and organizer of many of the sports at the school.

Hall has specialized in the coaching of wrestling and through his work has set up one of the finest pre-junior wrestling programs in the province.

Last year Hall was one of the coaches of the Canadian National Schoolboy Wrestling team and also its chief organizer.

The practices for the team were held at Centennial and the qualifying meet at the Georgetown district high school.

The Canadian team went on to represent Canada excellently at the World Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Hall will again be one of the coaches of the Canadian Schoolboy team in 1979. This year the team's headquarters will be St. Catharines.

A highlight in Hall's career will take place in the very near future when he travels to Moscow in the Soviet Union to study that country's wrestling program.

The Centennial teacher is one of the 15 coaches across Canada selected to make the jaunt.

LEVY

Levy has been the chairman of the Georgetown International Bantam tournament for the past 14 years.

Levy, who is also a Halton Hills councillor, first got involved with the tournament as a member of the Kinsmen Club. His involvement at first was to organize entertainment for the participants when they were off the ice.

In the sixth year of the

tournament Levy took over as chairman and he has held that post ever since. This was scheduled to be Levy's last year at the helm as next year the Lion's Club is slated to take over the running of the show. However, Levy will stay on as consultant for the

tournament.

After so many years of organizing the tournament, Levy has it working like a well-oiled machine. Before one tournament has taken place he is already working on the next year's getting the proper OMHA cards author-

ized.

PERKINS

Perkins started off as a referee in the minor hockey program in town 25 years ago. For many years he was getting up early Saturday mornings to referee the

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Sports Beat

By Tony Panacci
Sports Editor

The Halton Hills Athlete of the Year Award will be presented at a dinner on June 18 at St. George's Hall. Previously the dinner was to be held on June 14, but that date conflicted with the Athletic Banquet at Georgetown district high school.

A guest speaker or speakers for the event will be announced in the very near future. As soon as the speaker is confirmed the tickets will be made available.

Due to the date of the dinner being moved back, the deadline to submit nominations for the award will also be lengthened. The new deadline to submit nominations will be May 28 or this coming Monday.

To date there have been a fairly good number of nominations submitted. However, a couple of athletes are dominating the balloting.

ACTON

There have still been no nominations received from Acton, or its surrounding rural area. Several Acton teams and individual competitors have had outstanding years, but they will not be considered to win the award or as one of the two runners up unless they are nominated on a ballot.

Acton residents may drop off their nominations to the Guelph Mercury office at 16 Mill St. or mail them to the Herald, 103 Main St. S., Georgetown, Ontario.

Last year there were approximately 100 people on hand to see Georgetown district high school wrestler Peter Four receive the Royal Bank Trophy as Halton Hills' first-ever Athlete of the Year.

This year, as previously mentioned, the dinner will be at St. George's Hall on Guelph St. in Georgetown. It has a capacity of approximately 225.

The three finalists for the Award will all be invited to the dinner and all three will be honored. The winner from among the three will be announced at the dinner.

The committee making the decision on the top athlete is composed of Karen Harrison, Michael Hollett, Brian James, Rick McArthur, John McCauley and Ruby Wilkes.

.....Last week the same committee members selected Jim Hall, Harry Levy and Gerry Perkins as the three finalists for the Sports Builder Award.

The Athlete of the Year Award was set up last year under the sponsorship of The Herald and the Royal Bank to pay homage to the outstanding competitors in Halton Hills.

However, it was also meant to recognize the feat of athletes who do not necessarily break records or win major competitions. Those athletes' endeavors will be recognized in the June 13 edition of the Herald when the names of all the nominees and a story on their accomplishments are published.

There were several lesser-known athletes who received nominations last year. They were nominated for desire, dedication and sportsmanship. There was one athlete who received several nominations. On three of the nominations, under reasons or achievements, it said, "she always tries her hardest when she is competing."

Those are the type of athletes we would like to see recognized as well as the record and title holders. Remember, to win, be considered, or recognized a athlete must be nominated.



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