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Sports Editor

Hello Halton Hills

Good morning sports fans, this is your new sports editor at the Herald. My name is Mark Clairmont. Each week through these pages I will be covering the sports scene in the Halton Hills region. So, eventually we shall meet face to face. Please get to know me and I shall do the same. Contacts, for any reporter, are an essential part of the job. Fortunately many contacts have been made with the Herald by my predecessor Tony Pannaci, for which I am thankful.

I like to consider myself a good sport and hope that others do too. I am, have been or will be involved with all the numerous sports in this community, either as an active participant or as a reporter covering them. Through this column I will take my involvement and endeavor to continue to give you the comprehensive indepth coverage you have become accustomed to reading in the Herald Sports Week.

Although I am a newcomer to the area, I have in this past week gotten to know some of the people responsible for making Halton Hills the outstanding sports community that it is. There are many I have yet to meet and I am looking forward to doing so.

Sports people are somewhat of a breed unto themselves. There is something unique about their approach to life. For some life is a game. For others it is a contest or merely a recreation. Whatever it is, they all seem to relate to one another. That probably accounts for why this area has turned out so many international class athletes and sportsmen.

The sports scene here is an active one and one which I hope to get out into the thick of from this week on. Drop into the office or stop me on the street. You are the sports and I am one who reports them. My job and your coverage will be a lot better off through our contacts.

Most people who run 26 miles 385 yards competitively in one day just don't go out the next day and enter a fun run. Then, there is Bob Danell.

Take this last weekend for example. Saturday he entered the Owen Davies Marathon in Bramalea and topped the Masters class with a time of two hours 48 minutes, and placing 16th overall among the more than 100 runners. This was the third time for the marathon and Bob has competed in all of them.

Sunday, he, his wife Agnes and their two children, Doug 7 and Karen 10, all entered the Erin Mills Fun Run. The two children entered the 2.5 kilometre race accompanied by their parents, who Bob says did it "for moral support for them." Then Bob and Agnes ran the five kilometre race, where they both won their respective class divisions.

Now, that's a lot of running around. Daniel's been running around for six years now and daily runs a couple of miles to the GO Train here in Georgetown, hops the train, then gets off in Toronto and runs a few more miles to work. He repeats this on the way home every day. "I go about 11 miles each day and when I'm training for a marathon I increase it to about 20 miles."

This Sunday he will be entering the prestigious Spring Bank Road Race in London. "It is probably the best race in Canada. All the good runners will be there. Ian Clark should be there, and if he is he should win it."

Clark, a Georgetown high school and Canadian running champion, says he and a half dozen other runners from Georgetown will be entering.

Georgetown ran into the winning circle again on Sunday when local councillor Marilyn Serjeantson captured the women's division of the 10,000 metre Erin Mill run.

SPORTS SHORTS - With the hockey season now under way, many of the local young players will be avidly watching the TV this winter looking for local players. **DAVE BURROWS** in the Toronto Maple Leafs lineup and



MIKE FORBES and **DICK POPEIL** in Edmonton Oilers uniforms. This time next week we should have a better idea whether they will indeed be playing....**MAYOR PETE POMEROY** and some councillors will be swimming this Saturday at the Georgetown Pool to help raise money for equipment as part of a swim-a-thon.

Raiders tie in opener

After four weeks of training camp, the Georgetown Raiders Intermediate 'A' hockey team played their first exhibition of the season Friday night in Stratford. The Raiders, last year's Intermediate league champions, had trouble icing a full team and were hard pressed to hold on to a tie with the Stratford Senior 'A' team.

Coach Steve Blundy, a Raider player last year said the 5-5 draw "gave him an opportunity to look at the team" as it was. He said he saw some good skating and playing by the Raiders. He said their first home game the Friday, against another senior team from Preston will enable him to get a better idea of how the team will fare this season.

The game against Stratford was difficult because of the shortage of players which put added pressure on the three lines and four defence-men who played. However, it gave Blundy an opportunity to see these players in depth. They arose to the occasion and managed to hold on to a

tie which had it not been for a Stratford goal with 3:04 left in the game, been a win.

Juri Kudrasova picked up a couple of Raider goals in a strong game for him while Steve Lyons, Bruce Ellison and John Boyce had the other singles.

Graham Snyder had a big night against the Raiders scoring three times with singles going to Dan Seguin and Marley Bosomworth.

Recent acquisitions Gary Ford and Peter Mara, from the International Hockey League, did not play. Ford injured a finger at work and Mara sat out to give coach Blundy a better look at the other players.

TOUGH LEAGUE

The Raiders will play in a seven team league this season, against Dundas, Barrie, Orillia, Collingwood, Owen Sound and Port Elgin.

Competition should be stiff for the Raiders, as the folding of the Senior 'A' league in Ontario has meant that some of those teams, like Orillia, Barrie and Col-

lingwood entered the Intermediate league. And, players on other folded senior teams have signed on with the clubs in this league. As well a few players from the now defunct World Hockey Association have come to terms to play.

The Raiders do have a jump on many of the teams in their league, who are just beginning their training camps this week while the Raiders are winding up and are close to finalizing their lineup for the season.

Hockey camp signs up 245

Friday, Sept. 14 saw the conclusion of the very successful Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group Hockey Conditioning Camp. Co-ordinator Ed Rieger reported that two hundred and forty-five registrations were accepted for the two week period and many names were put on a waiting list.

Head instructor Bill Hayward conducted a rigorous programme assisted by Bob Webster, Jr. Tibbitts, Neil Cotton, Rich Lorito, Keith Bennett, Graham Tyler, Charlie Hanman, Harold Gilmer, Bill Kirby, Bill Lee, Doug Ward, Chris Milne, Brad Butterworth, Ron Finn, Bob Inglis, John Boyce, Mark Webster, Scott Taggart and Pat Brooker.

Team try-outs are well underway with good turnouts for most levels. Dates have been advertised regularly in the sports section of each newspaper.

COSTS UP

Earlier this month the G.M.H.S.G. deliberated for considerable time over increased ice rates, equipment costs and O.M.H.A. referee fees, in the proposed fifty thousand dollar budget.

All players must register with the Georgetown and District Minor Hockey Assoc. When a boy signs his O.M.H.A. card with a "rep" team he will be required to pay thirty dollars plus an additional ninety dollars payable in two postdated cheques of forty-five dollars each, one due Nov. 1, 1979 and the other due Jan. 15, 1980. This registration fee will provide for a minimum of twenty hours practice time, Tri-County and OMHA registration fees, ice time for twelve home games, all Tri-County and OMHA playoff games. It will help pay referee costs for regular season playoff games, insurance, team pictures, tournament entry fees (to a maximum of two) and a regular season pass for one family member. If this registration fee exceeds the group's costs, the balance will be returned to the player at the end of the season.

The group is trying to initiate a hockey school-type practice, as well as a regular weekly team practice for Novice through Major Pee Wee. Hopefully with a sequential systematic programme we can develop much better players and see our teams advance further in OMHA playoffs.

G.M.H.S.G.

At least ten members will attend the annual OMHA meeting on Sept. 29, at the Royal York in Toronto.

Ref returning

National Hockey League (NHL) referee John McCauley said this week he expects to be able to see his way back to regular duties this season, after suffering an eye injury last February.

McCauley suffered the injury when an irate fan gave him a "sucker punch" to the left eye at a bar in New York, following his assignment in the Canada-Russia Challenge Cup. Since that time two operations have failed to clear his double vision.

McCauley, a 13-year veteran official and a Georgetown resident, told the Herald this week that he will

not be returning until his eye is 100 per cent corrected. "It's improving," he said, "my vision is 20-20 but, I have double vision." It's aggravating and frustrating but, I hope to be back within six months. I may still need another operation."

Despite the injury McCauley joined 49 others at this year's NHL officials training camp in Etobicoke. "I just had to keep myself in shape." When his eye is back to normal he will join the regular 48 man team (up 16 this year with expansion) following a week in the minors, "to get my timing back."

Super clinic for skills

A level two super clinic will be held Sept. 21 and 22 to cover coach as teacher, game techniques, team play, goaltending, basic skills, skating, push control, conditioning, an injuries workshop, offensive systems and defensive systems. The \$18 fee includes Saturday's lunch. Friday's clinic runs from 6 to 11 p.m. at Cedarvale while Saturday's events run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Alcott arena.

Pre-registration is being requested and further information is available from Bill Richmond or Joe Pentesco at 877-3451.

The Georgetown and District Minor Hockey Association is sponsoring two coaching clinics in co-operation with the Hockey Technical Director's office and the O.H.A.

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