

Sports Week

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Clark forced out of world race

An irritated leg injury and the desire to be competitive forced Georgetown's Ian Clark to drop out of the World Junior Cross Country Championship race after running only one mile of the four and a half mile course Sunday in Paris, France.

"I could have finished the race but, it would have increased the intensity of the injury," Clark told The Herald only minutes after he arrived back at his Chipper Court home Monday evening. "I would have finished if that had been my goal," he said. "But, it was not a good gamble." Clark had injured the leg weeks before and was a doubtful starter until race-time, suffering a micro stress fracture of the left leg. After finishing in the same

position the team achieved this year in the 18 country competition won by Spaniard Jorge Garcia in 22 minutes 17 seconds.

"Times are irrelevant," said Clark because each course is different. This one, run on a racetrack called Long Champs Hypodrome, similar to Woodbine, was pretty flat said Clark.

Racetime Sunday morning was warm. The Canadian junior champion said he actually felt "lousy" before the race. "The first half mile I was fourth. It (the leg) didn't really hurt, it was just sort of numb. After 1,200 (metres of the 7,000) it (his leg) started to hurt and I figured it wasn't worthwhile," finishing. "Pretty near any movement irritated it."

Clark flew into Paris last Monday and did a bit of sightseeing and not much training before the race. Friday he moved into a competitors village where he renewed a few friendships he had developed at the 1979 championships.

Fellow team-mate Dennis Stark of Belleville finished fourth, Ross Chilton of Van-

cover was 15th, Ted Murphy of Toronto was 32nd, Kerry Penner of Winnipeg was 39th and Dave Reid of Toronto was 43rd in the field of more than 100 runners. The Canadian senior men's team finished 11th and the women's team 6th.

Clark, 19, will now move up to the senior men's class, open to all men over 20.

As for his junior career and his big chance to be a world champion this year, Clark says quite matter of factly that "it was better to give it a shot than not."

Now Clark intends to rest and resume further treatment and training later. Then it will likely be off to the University of California at Berkeley where he expects his running career to peak, perhaps just in time for the 1984 Olympics, if they go, in Los Angeles.

Garcia, the winner had finished behind Clark in Ireland while the second place winner of that race, an American dropped out and the two others who finished ahead of him moved up to senior.

After finishing fifth in the same race in Ireland last year, the grade 13 GDHS student was expected to do better, perhaps even win. As one of six members of the junior men's Canadian team, his finish might have helped his team move even further up from their eighth place finish last year, to the six

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SUFFERED

In retrospect, Blundy says things could have been better for the team this season. "We had a lot of new players to form our nucleus with this year. And we had a lot of centres. We really suffered in left win."

"Maybe three (for third place) is our lucky number. Everyone will be concentrating on knocking of Collingwood and Dundas."

"I've got a pretty good reading on the guys now...as a coach I have seen the combinations and can see what we need."

The coach says the first playoff game is extremely important in the best of five series. "Get the first win and then the emotions can play a big part."

With the inconsistency of the players on the Raider team this year, both in terms of play and dedication, the series could be a surprise to many.

more rugged game." Blundy did concede that he would like to have played the Greys because they are closer and he likes their arena better. However he said, "we have the team and we're ready," for anyone.

UNDERDOGS

Port Elgin coach John Teskey says "If you put the two teams on paper, we are the underdog. But, you never know in hockey. You've got to be realistic. They (Georgetown) have more experience but, we have a lot of spirit (from the Owen Sound win Sunday)." Teskey admits that Georgetown "has a good team and we'll have to play hockey against them. We'll just play them one game at a time. It should make for a good series."

The Raiders have only lost once in the six times they have met the Sunocos. On their last meeting, here at Gordon Alcott Feb. 22, the Raiders shut them out 7-0.

Georgetown finished the season with a record of 19 wins, 16 losses and one tie in

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BANTAMS!

Some of the future stars of the hockey world will be coming to town this week as more than 700 boys from 44 teams will be here to play in the 20th annual Georgetown International Bantam hockey tournament. Young ladies, be prepared.

Hockey scouts will be watching the 79 games looking for young prospects as teams from all over the province and two teams from Detroit, vying for the Michigan state championships this weekend, will also be here. Several notable players have played in this event, including the Toronto Maple Leafs' Daryl Sittler and Marcel Dionne of the Los Angeles Kings.

The 10 days of play from Friday to the following Sunday will have the teams divided into four divisions, A to D, from which each will determine a winner in the double round knockout. The four winners will play off in a round-robin series the final Sunday at Alcott. All other games will be played at Memorial arena.

Hurley is nearing Ontario tennis title

With singles and doubles wins on the provincial Grand Prix tennis circuit this past weekend in Kitchener, Stacey Hurley of Georgetown has come within 50 points of the current leader and may be able to overtake her to win the under-16 championship.

The young 15-year-old defeated her doubles partner Monica Kowaleski on her way to winning the singles crown before teaming up with her to take the doubles championship also. The pair of wins give Hurley 400 points for a total of 1,250 with just two of the seven tournaments on the circuit completed.

In winning the singles title Hurley defeated N. Nemez



Stacey Hurley

6-2, 6-2, Kowaleski 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 in the quarter-finals and K. Hadden 6-4, 6-4 in the semi-finals to advance to the finals. Here she beat out L. Wilkinson of London 6-3, 6-4.

Along with her doubles partner, from Cambridge, Hurley defeated C. Ivic and J. Johnson in the semis 4-6, 6-1 and 6-3. In the final match Wilkinson and S. Hatch went down 6-2, 6-3.

The last two competitions on the provincial Grand Prix circuit to determine the all-round champion go in Burlington at Cedar Springs Racquet Club April 4-6 and in Mississauga at the Cobblestone Courts on May 2-4.

The DRG Stationary Major Bantams and the Optimist Minor Bantams will be representing Georgetown in the big international bantam tournament that gets underway this weekend and goes for the next 10 days.

Both teams played in last year's tournament with neither coming out a winner. Junior Tibbitts says his major bantam team could do well this year. "We play so much better in tournaments. If only we played as well in regular season play." He says he figures that the players like to play against new faces. "They play in the same league against the same kids all the way (growing) up. It's very monotonous."

The DRG team will meet Owen Sound in their first game. "We play Milton in our league, and we lost to them and they lost to Owen Sound. We just hope to make a good account of ourselves," says Tibbitts.

Bob Webster, coach of the minor bantam team, says he feels the same. As long as the team plays well that's all anyone can ask. "We're only 13 and the others will be 14-year-olds," the coach points out.

They are getting ready for further playoff action this week and will play this tournament and one in Sudbury late next week. So, it could be a long week for the boys.

"The main thing is the experience," says Webster. "We could surprise someone in the first round."

Local teams entered



(Herald photo)

Coming to a soft landing during a practice vault looks kind of fun. This young lady got a hand over the horse by her coach during Saturday's gymnastics meet at GDHS. More details on page 39.

Raiders in playoffs

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