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Athletes predominant

Among the recipients at this evening's Halton Hills Municipal Awards Night, it should be noted that 99 per cent of those accepting special recognition from their community are in the athletic field. Only three people from the arts will have their efforts acknowledged.

Although the criteria for being invited to the testimonial dinner was a little more achievable in the sports world, it shouldn't deter from the honor. (Provincial or national acclaim was all that was required).

Jonathan Corwell on the motorcycle track, Stacey Hurley on the tennis courts, Ian Clark and Bob Daniell in running, Kris Barber and Kelly Johnson in figure skating, the Legion curling team, Dave Osborne for fund-raising, Clive Llewellyn and Pete Fournier on the wrestling mats and the entire GDHS cross country team; the Pee Wee boys soccer team the Horaby girls softball team, the Raiders and the Action Major Atoms hockey team are but a few of the ones who will be basking in the glory of the taxpayers money.

Achievements like these are rare in people's lives so, it is only fitting that they be recognized when the moments they are being remembered for are fresh in their minds. The town and its recreation department of Tom Shepherd and Jennifer Linton are to be congratulated for instigating the night and keeping it so alive.

Similar efforts are put forth by the people behind the Hockey Heritage Dinner and the Halton Hills Athlete of the Year and Sports Builder Award, the high school banquets and the season ending presentation that go on each year.

As Dave Kentner so rightfully puts it, "If you're going to win an award you want as many of your friends and family to be there to see you receive it as possible".

Kentner is the major force behind the Heritage Dinner and the Athlete and Sports Builder Awards. He and the organizing committee for the Athlete and Sportsbuilder Awards are busy this week soliciting nominations for these awards through the telephone.

Nominations have been slow. Many of the names and teams being honored by the town tonight are eligible and should be nominated by someone. Give us a shout at The Herald sports desk by phone if necessary.

Tickets for the June 16 presentation go on sale this week. They will be \$10 for the buffet style dinner. They will be available at Kentners Dairy Bar, Aker-Clark Real Estate, The Royal Bank and here at The Herald.

Jeff Haines the 22-year-old fastball pitching sensation who went 29 innings last September before losing a 3-0 contest to Hespeler, is in Michigan this week throwing with the California Cutes touring team.

After joining the team a month ago for two weeks of training camp, he and the team set out on its cross-country road trip of one nighters. Dressed as women, the team plays with just seven players. Haines is the second oldest. The oldest is 28.

He spoke with his father John, who manages the Glen Merchants with whom Jeff pitched last year, and told him that he enjoys the games but isn't use to all the bus travel.

Father John had some good news for son when he called. The Merchants had held a 50-50 draw to raised funds. Jeff asked his brother Scotty to purchase \$10 worth of tickets for him. One of them turned out to be the winner. It will bring both he and the club \$250, each. Should pay for a few phone calls home.

The big league sports teams here in Georgetown, if that's what you call the Raiders Intermediate hockey team and the Falcons soccer club, began new seasons here Monday.

The Raiders held their annual election meeting at which Bob Hooper was returned as president, when no one would run against him. He vowed to make the organization work harder in the coming season than it had this one. It was definitely not one of the best in the history of the team.

The hockey team itself didn't do too bad, but those surrounding them left much to be desired in terms of proper organization and "big league management".

Part of the problem with the organization is its apparent cliquish attitude. Only 14 people were on hand for the virtually unknown general meeting. Most were old faces who have been around the club too long. New blood is needed and it is not being sought out. If big money is being taken out of this community for the sake of a few people's hockey team, more should be given or allowed in the way of new and different input.

The Raider banquet is set for June 13.

Soccer which is by far the world's most popular sport has grown in leaps and bounds here in Georgetown in recent years. The youth program is close in size and importance to hockey. Youth soccer got off to a good start Saturday.

The Falcon organization is made up of four teams. The first division team, their reserve team, a junior B team and this year a bantam team. President John Heraty says that the eight man executive who handle the 100-plus people involved in gearing its development program toward the young players in town. They will be able to strive for the Falcon stream if they are a little more interested in playing competitive rather than recreational ball.

Crowds at the Monday evening games are sure to increase in size from the 100 who were out on this past cool Monday night for the 6:45 game. This will be the regular night for Falcon soccer says Heraty. Two of the organization's four teams will always be on hand.

Although some people may not consider darts a sport, its probably just as correct to call it a sport as it is to say cards are.

Many are getting into the challenge of hitting the black and yellow board. Sir George's Tavern held registration last night for a new dart league that is being set up. That will please the boys at the McGibbon Hotel who have been playing the game the past six months and could do as well or better than their shuffleboard and bowling teams.

Entry forms for Mayor's Race

Entry forms for the June 8 Mayor's Road race are still available. They may be picked up at either of the Halton Hills recreation offices in Georgetown or Acton.

The second annual will be run a week Sunday from the Gordon Alcott Arena. It will commence at 9 a.m. sharp with the open class 11 kilometre (km) race, twice around the 5.5 km course. The rest of the field for the shorter, local residents only, course will head out 15 minutes later.

Refreshments and split-time results will be available at the halfway mark of the circuit.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy will be on hand to fire the starting gun for the first group of runners. He will then suit up for a quick running tour of the course before returning to hand out the awards.

If all estimates are correct both classes of competitors will reach the Alcott start-finish line at the same time. Awards categories for the 5.5 km race include juniors, teens, seniors, masters, equities and team events with prizes for the first three places. In the 11 km race first, second and third positions, male and female, will be awarded.

The overall winner of the race will also receive a trophy and plaque to be awarded annually.

Halton Cable TV systems will once again be filming the entire race and awards presentations.

Spectators are urged to come out and cheer the efforts of runners.

Sports Week



Rebels second at Peel-Haltons

By JACK HARLOW GDHS Correspondent

Two weeks ago the Georgetown Rebel Track and Field Team was dethroned by White Oaks after a three year reign as Halton champions. Georgetown was second in the meet, but trailed White Oaks in the 'overall team' category by more than 50 points.

This past Tuesday however, the Rebels came on strong at the Peel-Halton's, which were also held at Centennial Park in Etobicoke and this time were only 16 points behind this meet winner.

The Peel-Halton meet contained the best from both county's with only the top four in each event qualifying for the regionals.

Peel's Erindale won the meet edging out Georgetown. During the course of the day, the Rebels qualified 18 competitors, for the regionals being held today (Wednesday) at York University.

RESULTS In the first event of the day, the Open Boys 2000 metre steeplechase, Dale McGregor set a Peel-Halton record placing first with teammate Arnold Brakel coming fourth.

Kim Newcombe captured the Midget Girls 1500m with Susan Kristensen coming in third.

The Junior Girls 1500m event had Sherry Finucan placing third and in the Senior Girls 1500m Heather McLaren was fourth with Debbie Newman coming in behind for fifth.

Mark Ezard placed fourth against tough competition in the Midget Boys 1500m while teammate Harold Bransch finished sixth. "It was excellent competition and a really fast pace," Bransch said.

When Doug Smith was in third spot with 400 metres to go in the Junior Boys 1500m race, the possibility that he might not win crossed the minds of more than a few at the meet. He didn't disappoint the Georgetown crowd, however, and with about 75 metres left, he took the lead to the finish-line for his first win of the day. Smith said he was very pleased to have a time "under four minutes".

At the 800m mark of the Senior Boys 1500m Jon Lancaster was fourth and Arnold Brakel was behind in fifth. They used strategy and at the finish, Lancaster saw gold and Arnold squeezed passed another runner for the bronze. Brakel later remarked, "I couldn't lift my legs." This was probably because of the gruelling steeplechase he ran earlier in the day.

PERSONAL BEST

Liz Ramsay, a first-year junior set a personal best time and came fifth in a very competitive Senior Girls 800m.

In the Midget Girls 3000m event, teammates and close friends Susan Kristensen and Lyn MacPhail made excellent showings, placing one, two respectively. In this same event at the Halton's the girls tied for first.

The Peel-Halton race was similar to the Halton's as MacPhail, a first-year midget stayed by her friend's side for the majority of the race. Kristensen overtook her towards the end of the race, for a Peel-Halton championship.

Sandra Marcinuk, who felt she "could have done better", placed third in a tough 3000m Junior Girls race. Kathy Webb was sixth.

Midget Debbie Newman captured silver as she placed second in the Senior Girls 3000m, and Heather Reed came fifth.

EZARD WINS Ezard, well known for winning many cross-country races this season (including the Peel Haltons) took the lead early in the Midget Boys 3000m before two runners passed him. He "planned it well", however, and knowing the two would burn themselves out, he let them go. Ezard then passed both of them, maintaining the lead to the finish line for a Peel-Halton championship.

In a high calibre, Junior Boys 3000m race, Dave Griffiths was fifth, with Jim McIntyre sixth.

Jon Lancaster took the lead at the 500m mark of the Senior Boys 3000m event. With a half-hand of about 4.32, he held that position to the finish line and captured his second gold medal of the day. Conditions weren't ideal to run under. Lancaster later remarked, "I felt tired because of my 1500 and the heat."



Kim Newcombe was a winner, by a nose, in the Midget Girls 1500 metre event at the Peel-Haltons held at the Etobicoke Centennial Park.

In the Midget Girls 800m event, Kim Newcombe earned a silver with her second place and Lyn MacPhail came an easy fifth.

Following the Junior Girls 800m, Sherry Finucan stated, "It felt good, but not really good. I think I could do better." Although the competition was tough, Finucan earned a bronze for her third place finish while teammate Maureen Gale, who also thought she could have done better, came sixth.

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Expenses questioned

Tennis controversy not over

By STEPHEN FROST Herald Staff Writer

Attempts by Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson to have council propose a ceiling on the amount the town's tennis clubs should have to pay for upkeep of courts almost backfired last Tuesday.

Coun. Serjeantson expressed concern at a council meeting over the proposed \$2,800 charge to be levied by the town recreation department against Gordon Alcott Tennis Club to cover court maintenance costs.

"I'm not going to ask council to change the agreement worked out between (recreation director) Tom Shepard and the club," Coun. Serjeantson said. "Most of the people don't

mind paying a percentage of their dues to the rec department, and agree that user-pay is the only way to do, but they feel that \$2,800 for maintenance purposes is way out of line and wonder if there shouldn't be a ceiling on what the recreation department receives."

Coun. Serjeantson asked Mr. Shepard what becomes of any extra money obtained from the tennis clubs but not used in maintenance.

"If there is any extra money, and in some years there is bound to be, then it goes into our general recreation finances," Mr. Shepard said. "Because the courts are a relatively new facility here in town, there will be no need for

resurfacing for quite some time, but when the need to resurface comes up, we will cover the costs out of our recreation budget.

"So, if there is a surplus in some years you can be sure the tennis clubs will see it all come back, and more, somewhere down the road."

Coun. Russ Miller expressed concern about the new rates for the Alcott club and if they were the result of the user-pay charge the club has to pay now.

"The rates were set by the club prior to any discussions on what their fee to the recreation department was to be," Mr. Shepard maintained.

"They called a meeting at (member) Tom Hull's house to discuss what the rates to members of the club would be this year and invited me because under the old agreement with my predecessor, they needed approval from the recreation director. They simply felt that their rates were too low. Only after they raised them did any discussion about user-pay fees come up."

NEW RATES

New rates for joining the Alcott Tennis Club are \$15 for juniors, \$25 for seniors, \$35 for couples and \$45 for families.

Coun. Miller remarked that \$15 dollars is low for a whole summer's play.

"I don't know of any other sport in town that you only have to pay \$15 for," he said. "You certainly pay more for

Falcons open season



This is the 1989 Georgetown Falcon Soccer Club. The team plays in the first division of the Toronto and District Soccer League. After four games they have one win, two losses and one tie. Coach Bob Morrow says the team, comprised of mostly local players, just seems to be having a little trouble scoring. He expects they will remedy that shortly. Team members are, front row, left to right Jim Harkin, Ed Patterson, Dave Patterson, John Klomp, Orrilla Garcia, Peter Koch and Bill Blackburn. Back row coach Bob Morrow, Lauri Traynor, Don Thompson, Doug Thompson, Mike Osborne, Ian Syme, Oscar Traynor, Stephen Foster and manager Eddie Patterson.



Falcon Dave Patterson, in the white, had a rough time with this Oakville Zebra Club member Monday night in the team's first home game of the season. Patterson must have given him a little of his own medicine as the game ended in a 1-1 tie. Peter Koch got the Falcon goal in the first few minutes of the game forcing Oakville to score on a penalty shot with 10 minutes left in the game.



The 1989 Raider executive are front row, left to right, VPs Dave Kentner and Stan Larso, re-elected president Bob Hooper, 1st VP Finn Poustrup and VP Jack Handy. Behind are directors Don Fendley, Harry Altes, Fred Engleby, Jim Barclay, Ralph Fletcher and Paul Campbell. Missing are Bryan Day and Trevor Moore.