

Sports Week

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On your mark...

I'm off

I'm ready to run in the Second Annual Mayor's Road Race Sunday morning. Are you?

When Mayor Pete Pomeroy fires the starting pistol at 9 a.m. for the field of 11 kilometre racers, I'll be on the Gordon Alcott arena start-finish line bursting out of the pack with the best of the local runners trying to get a bit of a head start jump on them. I know I'm not going to stay with them all the way but, it should be nice to look back at the start of the race and see a few of the top class participants behind me, even if only for the first few minutes.

I'll have shed 30 pounds in preparation, these past six weeks, since I first publicly declared myself as an entrant back on April 23 in this space. I've checked with my doctor and he has given me the go ahead. I had a bit of bursitis on the knee this past week which he cleared up for me with some penicillin.

I ran a similar run in Huntsville about this time last year. It was a fitness run put on by the town and co-sponsored by the newspaper I worked for, The Muskoka Free Press. It was 10 kilometres. And I trained for it much the way I did this race, with the same results. I ran the 6.2 miles in 54 minutes.

Training for the Mayor's Race has meant a program of eating once every second day with daily runs. My Nike running shoes, which I used last year, have taken me through hundreds of miles of roads, paths, streets and trails in search of my quest to finish. I've done them here on the Fairgrounds track, the bike paths of Bramble and the back woods of Gravenhurst and Peterborough.

When I first got started, that opening mile seemed like this whole race. Now after having completed comparable distances, to the Sunday run, I feel confident that not only will I complete the distance but, I should be able to provide myself, if nobody else, with a respectable time for the (long, two laps) course that is just short of seven miles. Like All... I predict I'll finish in less than an hour.

Bob Daniell, the local master champion runner, is the professional adviser to the recreation department who are doing all the leg work for this race. He has okayed the 5.5 kilometre course and will be among the starters and finishers of the long race.

Young running sensation Ian Clark won't be competing but, many of his fellow GDHS cross-country teammates will be. Dr. Brian Markham who ran in the Ottawa 26 mile 385 yard marathon a couple of weeks ago will also not be running. However most of the other 10 who ran the same race with him will be entered in this one.

Approximately 100 took part in the first Mayor's Race last year and already entry forms indicate that that number will be surpassed. Entrants will be accepted at race time. See you on the starting line.

To the recreation department: Please accept this as my official entry form, to be accompanied by my \$2.

Bantams lose

The bantam boys hardballers are having a difficult time getting in the swing of things this season. In their fourth game up to bat, they were overwhelmed 8-2 by undefeated Oakville.

Dave Doucette and Greg Robertson were the only locals to make it all the way around the diamond in the errorless Georgetown contest Wednesday.

The bantams outthit Oakville 9-4 but left 10 men on base, in the six inning game, shortened by the dark. It was three runs in the third and two each in the fifth and sixth that won the game.

Statistics from Monday's game against this same Oakville team were not available.

Next action for the team is tonight in Mississauga and tomorrow at home at the Fairgrounds to Burlington at 6:30 p.m.

Stingers open

The Georgetown Stingers midget girls team in the Halton Rural Softball league, opened their season with a loss to Milton Wednesday. The 7-5 defeat was the result of an error filled game by the locals, which cost them dearly in the fourth inning when three runs were scored by their opponents. The team suffered a total of six errors.

Lisa Switzer, Denean Jones, Heather Wallace, Val Williams and Donna Sedore scored for Georgetown. All the team's hits were singles. Only two of the Milton runs were earned.

Tonight the girls are in the Glen at 8:30 for a game against Limehouse. Tomorrow (Thursday) they travel to Acton for a 6:30 contest.

Tennis split

Members of the Gordon Alcott ladies "A" tennis team split a pair of matches with Swansea this week.

Kay King and Linda Rice won their match 6-3 and 6-4 respectively. Doreen Thompson and Pat Harris also won with scores of 6-4 and 6-2.

Audrey Houston lost 3-6 and her partner Isla Allison went down 2-6. Ann Kennedy and Marilyn Serjeantson dropped their match 5-7 each.



Flag Football Season is back in full flight as this action from one Sunday's four games demonstrates. The league got off to a fair start despite the Halton Hogs defaulting their first game of the season.

Flag football is back

Sunday morning marked the beginning of another Georgetown Flag Football League season but, unfortunately it kicked off not with a bang but a whimper.

The Halton Hogs looked more like the three little pigs as they could only muster three players for the opening game against Delrex Smoke Shop. The Smokers were awarded the game in default.

Dairy Queen, last year's finalists, also fell on hard times as Fobert Real Estate jumped on some sloppy defense for a 21-13 win.

The teams traded first-half touchdowns with Rick Rodgers scoring for Fobert and Hal Hulme for Dairy Queen. Bob Arthurs converted for Fobert and Hulme for DQ.

Fobert received the second half kickoff and Brian Pembleton raced 65 yards for a major, then later in the quarter Keith Peacock returned an interception for a touchdown to put the game away. Dairy Queen's only points came on a 30 yard pass to John Halliburton.

DAVE'S BP 24 - WIMPY'S 14

Both Dave's BP and Wimpy's looked a shade rusty in their opener. Neither offense was particularly crisp but "sparky" McGill managed to put enough together to give BP a narrow 21-14 win.

The teams were tied at the half on the strength of TDs by Gord McNeilly for Wimpy's and Rob Taylor for BP. John Clark and Rick Gorden supplied the respective converts.

BP went ahead by 6 in the third quarter when Paul Eberton caught a strike from McGill. They increased their lead again in the final quarter when Jeff Chisom hit for 6 and Wayne Denmore added a 2 point convert. Wimpy's quarter-back Bob Lockwood finally found Peter Koch late in the game to make the score close but time ran out on the comeback bid.

GREEKS 39 - GLEN WILLIAMS 21

In the day's final game Glen Williams paraded brand new uniforms but the result was still the same as they lost a shoot out with the Greeks.

The Greeks are a young team with not a whisker among them but they displayed a pretty fair game of football coming up with 39 points to the Glenn's 21. Scoring touchdowns for the Greeks were James Allen with two, John Karlidis, Rob Rivers, Moe Rivers and Rick Fisher. Paul Wilson caught a 2 point convert attempt and Fisher booted a single.

Larry Cunningham, Bob Paul and Kevin Brown had majors for the Glenn. Bill Fournier had a 2 point conversion and Andy Tyrell a single.

It may have been first day jitters in front of the home town fans or just the rust of a long winter that accounted for the lack-lustre football of opening day, but things are bound to improve.

New executive for skate club

The Georgetown Figure Skating Club's 1979-80 season drew to a close with the annual general meeting held at the Gordon Alcott Recreation Hall, Wed. May 21. Approximately 60 interested members were present to hear the annual report of the club and the report of the accountants and to elect the new executive for the 1980-81 season.

The new executive will be: President - Lynn Moray; Vice-President - Jane Hoddinott; Treasurer - Sandy Morrow; Ice Committee - Anne Moorhead; Tech Chairperson - Moira Mason; Carnival Chairperson - Margaret Garrison; Costume Chairperson - June Snyder. The six new directors are: Monica Hancock, Sylvia Hamilton, Pat King, Sherrill Sowery, Elaine Wasserman and Lloyd Young.

For the first time in 25 years, the club has exercised its privilege of bestowing lifetime Honorary Memberships upon two members. They are Kris Barber, who is well-known for his outstanding achievements as a Canadian figure skating champion competing at national and international levels and who also is the club's nominee for this year's Athlete-of-the-Year Award. The other honorary member is Denny Shepherd who has been an active participant in the G.F.S.C. for 15 years. Whether it was carnival time, competitions or fund raising events, Denny has always been there with his enthusiasm, suggestions and willingness to lend a hand and get the job done. His contribution in terms of dedication for the best interests of the club has been invaluable and an inspiration to all who know him. We at the G.F.S.C. feel honored to have such distinguished persons in our midst.

Stewarttown wins relays

Stewarttown Senior Public School captured the seventh annual Burlington Relays Friday night at Nelson High School with a total of 82 points. Centennial was a close second with 79 points in a competition dominated by Georgetown schools. Sixteen schools participated from Hamilton, Halton and Peel counties.

Two Stewarttown teams had team firsts, winning individual plaques. They are the 4 x 100 senior boys team of Gord March, David Leslie, Mark Webster and Scott McColeman, and the 4 x 200 senior boys team of March, Leslie, Brian Martin and Pat Primerano.

Last Wednesday in the Halton Relay Championships Stewarttown's senior boys 4 x 100 team won first place overall with an excellent time of 51.1 seconds.

Glen Merchants ball tourney

The Glen Merchants of the Halton Rural Football League evened their record at three wins and three losses this week with a pair of victories that should bolster the team in preparation for its annual tournament on the weekend.

Twelve teams are entered in the two-game knockout event. Action will commence Friday night at 7:30 with two games slated. Saturday and Sunday play will go all day with the championship to be decided in a 7 p.m. game Sunday.

Teams lined up are the Alton Dairy Queens, Hespeler Bees, Hillsburgh, Erin, Brampton Legion, Milton

Stags, Collingwood, Philp Publishing, Orangeville, Dundas, Brampton Alben and the Glen.

Prize money will be distributed as such: \$250 for first, \$150 for second, and \$75 for third and fourth. Entry fee is \$50.

If Andy Broadbent is in as fine a form as he was this week the Glen should have a good shot at the tournament crown. Broadbent powered the team to an 8-2 win over Hillsburgh Sunday. Unfortunately he and his team-mates weren't up to Alton and lost 2-1 the previous Tuesday.

Athlete of Year and Sports Builder selected

We have a new Halton Hills Athlete of the Year and Sports Builder Award winner. Both will be announced to the public at a dinner presentation June 18 at St. George's Anglican Church.

Nominations for the two prestigious awards were closed this week and the selection committee made the decisions last night (Tuesday). The three finalists for each award will be announced later this week.

Nominated for the Athlete of the Year Award were Kris Barber for his figure skating accomplishments; Ian Clark for his running achievements; Mark Bray for his swimming pool feats; Gord Miller for his soccer skills; Mark Ezard for his running ability; Kevin Parker for his figure skating accomplishments; Jonathan Cornell for his motorcycle ice racing skills; Stacey Hurley for her tennis exploits; Peter McDuffe for his Raider goaltending and Terry Dixon for his soccer prowess.

Ian Clark, Kris Barber and Kevin Parker were the 1979 finalists, with Clark winning.

Those considered for the Sports Builder Award were Gerry DeBrune for his all-round sports contributions; Jim Hall for his public school wrestling coaching; Jim Ford for his Legion and Kinmen sports involvement; Paul Burroughs for his basketball co-ordinating; Karen Harrison for her hockey and general sports interest; Bill Fisher for his Legion, hockey and baseball assistance. Also considered from the list of 1979 nominees were Red Asselme for his international bantam tourney involvement; Don Fendley for his overall sports help; Jack Gudgeon Sr. for his hockey and bantam tourney assistance; Gerry Inglis for his hockey contribution; Dave Kentner for his activeness; Harry Levy for his bantam tourney chairmanship; the Lions Club for their help on building sports facilities and teams; Ken McMillan for his hockey achievements; Herb Robinson for his hockey support;

Irene McCauley for her basketball program; Bob Toat for his hockey work and Bryan Turner for his soccer and hockey help.

Gerry Perkins, Jim Hall and Harry Levy were the first three finalists of the Builder award last year with Perkins winning.

Debbie Van Kiebel; former national Olympic track and field competitor, has been confirmed as guest speaker for the Monday evening presentation. She is now seen more regularly on City TV doing sports news as well as two fitness programs. The pentathlete may also be seen on NBC sports programming.

Tickets for the dinner are available at Kentner's Dairy Bar, the Royal Bank, Akers-Clark Real Estate, Miracle Food Mart in Georgetown. In Acton the \$10 tickets may be picked up at Carghill Motor Homes, J&T Sports and Acton Travel.



Doug Smith breaks the tape winning the Junior Boys' 1500 metre event by more than 30 metres. Smith set a personal best time of 3:57.6, and will now join 10 other GDHS competitors at the OFSAA finals this weekend. (Herald photo by Jack Harlow)

Many set personal bests

Rebels qualify 11 for OFSAA

By JACK HARLOW

Georgetown's Rebel High School Track and Field Team "exploded" at the Regionals held at York University last Wednesday. Of the 18 who qualified for the regionals, 11 will go on to compete at the Ontario Federation Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) meet at Etobicoke's Centennial Park, June 6 and 7.

Unfortunately for GDHS there was no team title.

Although not all of the Georgetown competitors placed, the Rebels were magnificent, as there were at least 11 personal bests set against incredible competition.

"We were pleased with the number of qualifiers," coach Karen Cosgrove said. "The calibre gets better every year," added co-coach Donna Metcalfe.

Georgetown's first win of the day came when Meredith McLaren broke the tape in the heats of the Senior Girls 100 metre hurdles event. She was first with a time of 16.0 seconds.

A highly competitive Midget Girls 1500 metre final had Susan Kristensen placing fourth, setting a personal best of 4:54.0. Kim Newcombe came in close behind for sixth, setting a personal best with 4:54.4.

Sherry Finucan came sixth in a very tough Junior Girls

1500 metre clocking a personal best of 4:51. Teammate Kathy Webb finished ninth with a personal best of 5:01.

Heather McLaren also had her best time, a 5:05, when she came seventh in the Senior Girls 1500 metre final.

In the Midget Boys 1500, Mark Ezard, facing tough competition came sixth with a time of 4:22. This is one second off his best time of 4:21.

Doug Smith ran his best clocking 3:57.6, in the Junior Boys 1500. With 300 metres left, he took the lead and never let go. Smith had his first win of the day when he hit the finish line.

Later he remarked, "I'm glad I took it at 300 metres instead of 100".

LANCASTER FIRST

With only 100 metres left in the Senior Boys 1500, Jon Lancaster took the lead and set a personal best time (and senior record) of 3:55.7, as he crossed the finish line for first. "I was pleased with my 1500," Lancaster remarked.

Teammate Arnold Brakel, placing third, had a fantastic race. He demolished his previous personal best by an unbelievable seven seconds, with a time of 3:57.5. "I just wanted to hang on to Jon," Brakel said.

The Senior Girls 100 metre hurdle final was won by McLaren in 15.5 seconds, her best time this year. "I'm

closing in on my best time and hope to better it at OFSAA," McLaren stated.

STEEPLECHASE

In a grueling Open Boys 2000 metre Steeplechase, Dale McGregor placed second, handling the water jumps with professional style. "I ran as hard as I could," McGregor said happily, following his race. He set a school record and a new personal best with a time of 6:05.2, shattering his former time by five seconds.

Lynn MacPhail had no trouble cleaning up in the Midget Girls 3000 metre race. "That was super. You ran it so well," the coaches congratulated her after the race. MacPhail set a Midget Girls record and personal best time of 10:43 with her win, knocking three seconds off her previous time.

ONLY MIDGET

Mark Ezard, the only midget boy to qualify for OFSAA, placed fourth in a tough Midget Boys 3000 metre. "I wanted it," Ezard said, following his race. Although he didn't win, Ezard set a personal best time of 9:18.

Debbie Newman and Sandra Marciniuk met stunning competition in their Midget and Junior Girls 3000 metre events. Newman was eighth in her race with Marciniuk ninth in seventh in hers. Both girls had a time of 11:22.

After winning the Senior

Boys 1500 metre earlier in the day, Lancaster claimed another title as he won the Senior Boys 3000 metre in a time of 8:49.9.

It was uncertain with 200 metres to go, whether Lancaster could catch the runner in first, who was only a stride in front of him. As they approached the end of the curve with just 100 metres to go, Lancaster took the lead, and maintained it to the wire, giving him an additional race to run in at OFSAA. "I was very tactical, but I was confident I could out-kick him," Lancaster remarked at the wire.

Doug Smith also claimed his second title of the day by winning the Junior Boys 800. "The last lap was fast," he said afterwards. Smith clocked a time of 1:57.0, tying his personal best and the school record.

"I was pleased with my 800, but I was hoping the time would be faster," Smith added. (He has run a time of 1:57.0 more than once).

Dale McGregor placed a very close fifth in a tough, Senior Boys 800 metre. He sliced an incredible two seconds off his previous personal best, with a time of 1:57.5. McGregor earned a second event to run in at OFSAA.

NATIONAL CALIBRE

In an extremely competitive

Junior Girls 800 metre race, Sherry Finucan placed fifth at 2:23.2. The winner of that race had national calibre time.

It was "definitely an off day" for Harold Branch in the Midget Boys High Jump, as he finished seventh, jumping only 1.72 metres (5'8"). Branch would have easily made it to OFSAA had he jumped his personal best height of 1.77 metres, set at the Peel-Halton's two weeks ago.

Although she didn't set a personal best, Heather Michie did very well in the Midget Girls Shot Put. She placed third with a distance of 9.16 metres.

It was mistakenly reported last week that Dave Bootle's personal best pole vault height of 3.35 metres (set at the Peel-Halton's) was equal to 10 feet. This is incorrect, as 3.35 metres is 11 feet. An apology is made to Dave for this error.

"SURPRISE"

Bootle's third place Peel-Halton position was bettered when he captured first place in the Junior Boys Pole Vault.

"I was surprised that I won and I didn't even think I was going to place. The pole that I used really made a big difference," Bootle stated. He broke his own school record and destroyed his previous personal best, setting a new one with a height of 3.40 metres (11'2").

OFSAA results next week.