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Sports Editor

## Born again

Well, I did it. I ran almost seven miles (six and eight tenths) in the second annual Mayor's Road Race. And I did it in just over 53 minutes. Now I'm a born again runner.

I and over 160 other young men and women braved the chilly Sunday morning air to run either once or twice around the 5.5 kilometre route, designed by the recreation department and Bob Daniell.

Even Mayor Pete Pomeroy donned his jogging shorts and sneakers to circle the course once. He fired the starting pistol for both the 11 kilometre and the 5.5 kilometre race, then got down and joined the 106 who ran the short distance.

The Sunday morning race was run amid overcast skies and chilly strong headwinds, which contributed significantly to the slow times. A few times I could feel myself quite literally being blown from one side of the road to the other during cross winds. Going against the gusts was like adding two extra steps to every one you took. Sort of a one move ahead, two back.

Yet, through it all, conditions couldn't have been much better. Maybe a little more sunshine might have helped the spirits a touch. But, the cool air kept everyone just about warm enough once the perspiration factor set in.

The route itself was well marked with police and radio operators at each of the major intersections to help redirect traffic and keep the runners on track. Most of the course was run on roads with a section through the Neilson property a rough path.

Most of those who took part ran the race for the fun of it rather than the competitive end which was more prevalent among the ones who lapped the Alcott arena loop for a second time round. The mood around the start-finish line at Alcott was light and easy going. Before the race there were the usual grunts and groans as people warmed up. Following the race smiling faces could be seen everywhere as the sense of pride and accomplishment began to spread with each finisher.

Like myself this was the first test of the summer season for all concerned. Some had run in a few of the other runs but, all finished with enough breath to praise the organizers of what is destined to become a major area sporting event.

As for my run, I missed the jump on the other 53 runners in the long run, when the Mayor just shot off the gun without the usual "On your mark...get set...POW".

However, I did catch up in the first few metres to the half dozen cross country runners from GDHS who took control of the race. My first few miles were close to being competitive with them but then gradually I began to fall back. I did remain true to myself by keeping them in as best sight as I could.

Now I feel good enough to go out and run the same distance again this weekend. I am already gearing up for a 10 kilometre run in Milton in August. Last year when I ran 10 kilometres I did it in 54 minutes. This year 11 kilometres in 53 minutes. In August, 10 kilometres in 48 minutes.



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## Tennis tourney at North Halton

Some of the area's best tennis players are expected to enter the North Halton President's Trophy tournament which begins its week of draws Monday. Members from the three local tennis clubs, North Halton, Gordon Alcott, and Acton, have been invited to compete.

North Halton. The club opened its season with an Early Bird set of matches. Maureen Burgoyne, and Frank Hampshire were the winners. Audrey Houston and Midge Hampshire came second and third respectively in the ladies section. Al Dean and Michael Burgoyne were numbers two and three in men's play.

## Fundraising for wrestlers

A fund raising campaign is in progress to send 12 or more local young wrestlers to the Canadian championships in Thunder Bay. The national bantam (13 and 14-year-old) and midget (15 and 16-year-old) finals take place June 23 and 29. Winners at this meet will qualify to go to the World Championships in Sweden August 1-4.

Wrestlers going to Thunder Bay are Doug Gillespie, Wayne Morrow, Gord Savage, Mike Gopsill, David Power, Brian Stone, Geoff Knight, Steve Power, Bob Sweetie, Mike McNiven, Derek Roy and Mike Sweetie.

Coach Jim Hall says that no amount is too small a donation. Income tax receipts will be given. Contributions may be addressed to the group in care of Hall at 814 Childs Dr., Milton.

## Athlete and Sports Builder Awards

# And the winner is...?

Monday evening a young man and an older gentleman will become the toast of the sporting community when they are recognized as the Halton Hills Athlete of the Year and Sports Builder Award winners. Both will be announced at

dinner at St. George's Anglican Church. The three finalists for each award were announced this week. Ian Clark, Kris Barber and Mark Bray are the athletic hopefuls and Jim Ford, Herb Robinson and Garry DeBruyn

will be on hand for the Builder presentation.

Organizing committee chairman Dave Keatler says all systems are go. Ticket sales are coming along slow but sure, for the big night. He says Mayor Pete Pomeroy, several

councillors, MPP Julian Reed, MP John McDermid and a host of other special guests are expected to be on hand to honor the two individuals.

Guest speaker Debbie Van Kiekebell has confirmed her presence and the former Can-

adian Olympic competitor says she is looking forward to her visit here.

The winners have already been selected but will remain secret until Monday. And the envelope please.....



Garry DeBruyn



Herb Robinson



Jim Ford



Ian Clark



Mark Bray



Kris Barber



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# Sports Week

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The 11 kilometre Mayor's Road Race got off to a sudden start when Mayor Pete Pomeroy, far right, fired the starting gun. Sixty more runners than last year took part in the second annual race won by Bruce McIntyre. (Herald photo by Stephen Frost)

*They're off for wide open spaces*

## McIntyre wins Mayor's Road Race

Bruce McIntyre, for the second year running, has won the Mayor's Road Race. The former GDHS cross country runner, now attending university, won the second annual event Sunday morning over a distance of 11 kilometres (km) against a field of 53 others. His time for the six and eight tenths miles was 35 minutes and 47 seconds. R. Poloni was

second at 36:32 and J. Cooper third with 37:57.

McIntyre won the first annual twelve months ago with a time of 18:48, covering 5.5 km.

This year he will have his name engraved on a newly presented championship plaque.

Doug Smith won the short 5.5 km distance run against 105

others in 17:25. Jim McIntyre, brother of Bruce, was second in 18:04. Josef Smarda came in with the third best time, 18:34.

Despite the cool windy overcast weather, all 160 entrants finished the runs, even Mayor Pete Pomeroy, the man the race is named after.

In the women's section of the 11 km race S. Marciniuk place first with a time of 45:15. H.

Kristensen was second at 49:33 and D. Wallbridge 52:53.

The top three finishers in special categories of the 5.5 km race were: Junior boys Keith Rieger 20:25, Victor Longo 22:59 and Brendon Cleary 24:22. Junior girls Lisa Carter 30:51, Susanne Parker 31:39 and Norena Andrew 33:29.

Teen girl winners were Lynn McPhail 21:11, Sherry Finucan 21:18 and Kim Newcombe 22:14. Teen male winners were Doug Smith 17:25, Jim McIntyre 18:04 and John Warnock 18:38.

Senior women winners were Shirley White 27:45, Kathy Collison 27:56 and Christine Kogan 28:40. Senior men winners were Josef Smarda 18:34, Glen McKenzie 19:37 and Gary Berry 19:57.

Master women winners were Anita Warner at 23:42, Margaret Squires 26:05 and Marilyn Serjeantson 27:10. Master men winners were Don Mounsey 21:31, John Peaker 22:35 and Ed Serjeantson 23:35.

Kenneth Jones, age 50, was the oldest competitor and won the Esquire class in 25:09. Six-year-old Kim Collison was the youngest to complete the

course. Her time was 36:32. The Hoddinotts, Boyd and Andrew won the team championship with a combined time of 47:40. Dave and Davey Payton were second with 50:19. Ed and Brett Serjeantson had a time of 51:55.

Full details on all runners and their times in next week's Herald.

## Smith first in 800 and second in 1,500

## GDHS track and field team give all at OFSAA

By JACK HARLOW  
This past Friday and Saturday the Georgetown Rebel Track and Field team gave everything they had at the Provincial (OFSAA) meet held at Etobicoke's Centennial Stadium. The twelve qualifiers (Kim Newcombe joined in the Midget Girls 1500m) forced the best Ontario had to offer, and some of the best in the nation.

The Ontario Federation Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) meet clearly contained top-notch athletes from each of the five regions (north, south, east, west) and Metropolitan Toronto) more than 2,100 competitors were entered in the meet, some of which are Canadian record holders and even more of which are provincial record holders.

POURING RAIN  
In the Junior Boys Pole Vault Dave Bootle (the only

Rebel pole vaulter ever to make it to the provincials) placed a fantastic fourth. Because of the pouring rain, the meet was postponed and almost everyone was forced inside from the weather. When the rain stopped, the meet continued, and Bootle found himself under the same conditions as the other pole vaulting competitors.

On Friday, despite the rain, cold, and slippery pole, Bootle amazingly set a new personal best and broke his own school record when he vaulted 3.45m (11'4").

Meredith McLaren finished 7th in the Senior Girls' 100m hurdle final. McLaren's time of 15.44 is her best this year.

Kim Newcombe and Susan Kristensen faced tough competition in their Midget Girls' 3000m final when they were seventh and twelfth respec-

tively. Newcombe clocked a 4:56.5 and Kristensen was a 5:05.8. Had Susan run her best time, she would have been sixth in the final.

PERSONAL BEST  
Doug Smith set a personal best of 3:56.4 when he earned the Silver medal in the Junior Boys' 1500m final. Smith sliced more than 1 second off his previous best time which he set with his win at the regionals.

In the Senior Boys' 1500m final, Jon Lancaster and Arnold Brakel battled against high calibre competitors when they finished eleventh and twelfth respectively. Their best times would have made Jon fifth and Arnold, sixth.

SATURDAY  
Sherry Finucan met extreme competition in her Junior Girls' 800m heat. Her time of 2:29 is far from her personal best but with the pace of the

OFSAA race, Finucan practically ran a personal best for the first 400 metres. She is only a first-year junior, however, and next year she will surely beat her best time of 2:21 for the 800 which was set indoors.

In the first heat of the Junior Boys' 800, Doug Smith placed first clocking 1:57.2. This was fast for a heat, as the time is only two-tenths of a second off his best.

Dale McGregor lined an approximate 2:03 for his heat in the Senior Boys' 800m. McGregor was obviously tired from the gruelling steep-chase he ran only the day before.

SENSATIONAL  
First-year midget, Lynn MacPhail ran a sensational race in the midget girls' 3000 m final. She earned a bronze medal for her third place finish when she set a personal best of 10:32, shattering her previous

time by an incredible 11 seconds. Sunday, she also won the female division of the Mayor's Road Race at the 5.5 km distance.

In the midget boys' 3000 final, Mark Ezard was seven seconds off his personal best when he finished fifteenth at 9:25.6. Coming around one of the corners, Ezard was spiked by another runner. This of course, caused him to slow down. He has done well, however this entire season in track and cross-country.

SMITH WINS  
Doug Smith finally broke his best of 1:57.0 when he won the junior boys' 800 m final. His time at OFSAA of 1:56.1 is now a personal best and school record.

As well as excelling in track, Smith has also won the junior boys' Halton and Peel-Halton championships in cross country. On Sunday, the day

after OFSAA, Doug won the 5.5 km distance of the Mayor's Road Race.

Jon Lancaster placed sixth against positively unreal competition in the senior boys' 3000 m final. He tried to hold on to Dennis Stark for the beginning of the race, but the pace was unbearable (Stark placed fourth in the World Junior Cross Country championships in March). Lancaster did however set a personal best time of 8:42.

Except for the rain, the OFSAA '80 meet went over well and was professionally run. The Georgetown team did very well in the toughest meet of the year, against the best athletes in the province. Coaches Karen Cosgrove and Donna Metcalfe trained the team hard to the meet.

LOT OF PRESSURE  
Coach Metcalfe made some comments about the meet.

"There's a lot of pressure & OFSAA. Some can respond to the pressure, while other don't respond as well. Doug Lynn and Dave are examples of those who can respond to the pressure, while some other are still learning. Even making it to OFSAA is fantastic as far as we're (the coaches) are concerned."

### SENIORS MISSED

Some of the senior faces will be missed by many around the school and on the cross-country and track and field teams, as this is their last year. A number of them are going down to the United States to attend university. Some of those that will be missed include Meredith McLaren, Jon Lancaster, Ian Clark, Arnold Brakel, Jim Allan, Fergus Barnes, and Helen Kristensen.