

# Our skaters remain world class

## Barber-Johnson team faces tough Europeans for impressive twelfth place finish

Glen Williams skater Kris Barber and dance partner Kelly Johnson competed against the world's best figure-skaters last weekend to finish an impressive twelfth.

Barber and Johnson placed second behind Marie McNeil and Rob McCall in the Canadian championships one month ago to advance to the world figure-skating championships held in Hartford.

However, at the world championships the Barber-Johnson duo finished ahead of their Canadian rivals - McNeil and McCall finished thirteenth overall.

For Kris Barber and his partner it was the first time they have skated in the world figure-skating championships so their finish was particularly meaningful. He and Kelly Johnson perform-

ed quite well although they skated better at the Canadian finals in Halifax February 1st Barber said. Barber said there was only the other team that placed better in the world competition that had not been to the figure-skating championships before - that was the eleventh place team from England.

**UPSET PRESSURE**  
This was also the first time the Barber-Johnson team had beaten Canada's top pairing of McNeil and McCall. Barber said the pressure was also on McNeil and McCall to do well because, "they knew they might be upset by us."



Kris Barber

The competition will even be more intense for the honors to represent Canada

next year at the world figure-skating championships. Because Canada did not place a skater in the top ten our country will only be able to send one skating pair next year.

Barber said that because he and Kelly Johnson have not been exposed to the European judges as much as the experienced skaters fresh from the European championships, they were at a disadvantage.

Although the skating duo did not attain their goals of placing first in the Canadian finals or in the top ten at the world's, "we were definitely pleased" Barber said of their performances this year.

In the future he and Johnson will be skating in a number of skating exhibitions and then in June they both will take a month off from skating. However, the pair will do most of their hard training in the summer before the competitions begin during the early stages of next winter.

The future seems bright for this skating pair because Barber is 20 years old while Johnson is 19 years old. The average age of world class dance pairs is about 24, Barber said.

Of the eighth, ninth and tenth place teams from France, Czechoslovakia and West Germany Barber said he and Johnson have beaten them before in competition. Therefore their goal of making the top ten next year is certainly attainable.



The Georgetown District High School swimming team came back to town last Friday in a festive mood after winning the OFSAA (provincial) championships. The girls team dominated the meet as they collected 137 points. Second place in the girls

division, T.L. Kennedy gained 81 points. There were 850 swimmers competing at the provincial high school finals representing 87 schools.

(Photo by Harald Bransch)

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## High school swimmers win OFSAA championships

By HARALD BRANSCH Herald Correspondent

The GDHS swimming team proved they were the best team in the province last Friday by winning the OFSAA (provincial) swimming championships held at Etobicoke Olympian.

Of the 87 schools attending the finals Georgetown placed first in the open girls division, dominating second place T.L. Kennedy from Windsor 137 points to 81 points. North Toronto placed third with 63 points.

The boys team placed fourth with 53 points, seven behind third place Oakwood

and 70 points behind first place Ridley College.

These totals combined to give Georgetown a lone first place with 200 points, 63 points ahead of second place Ridley College with 123 team points and T.L. Kennedy with 120 points.

Coach Tom Adams said the team deserved their dominance in the OFSAA finals because they have been training longer, harder and further than any other year. The Rebels placed seventh last year.

Of the 850 swimmers from all over Ontario competing at the provincials, the Rebels had some outstanding performances including Cheryl Thompson who won the girl's 100 metre individual medley and Eric Elson who won the boy's 100 metre individual medley.

### GIRL'S RELAY

The girl's relay team composed of Kim MacLeod, Allison MacDonald, Cheryl Thompson and Beth Stewart placed first in the 200m freestyle relay and the relay team of Heather Gibbs, Karen Coleman, Heather Michie and Kim MacLeod placed second in the girls' medley relay.

Thirteen Georgetown entries placed twelfth or better in the 29 entries the team competed in.

The Rebels couldn't have done any better, because they trained their hardest, and some national level swimmers paced many Georgetown swimmers to some of their fastest personal times ever, said coach Adams.

In the club meet on Saturday, Adams said they only swam in that meet for personal reasons and were not significant, or close to the previous day's performances.

### OFSAA FINALS

Girls Medley Relay	
Heather Gibbs	
Karen Coleman	
Heather Michie	
Kim MacLeod	2nd 2:19.52
200 m Free	
Allison MacDonald	3rd 2:24.20
Sheila MacDonald	13th 2:35.92
100 m I.M.	
Beth Stewart	2nd 1:15.98
Cheryl Thompson	1st 1:14.65
50 m Free	
Kim MacLeod	9th 30.73
Debbie Newman	12th 30.89
50 m Fly	
Heather Michie	2nd 32.85
100 m Free	
Allison MacDonald	3rd 1:05.39
Cheryl Thompson	8th 1:07.00
100 m Back	
Heather Gibbs	12th 1:20.55
Heather Michie	22nd 1:22.39

100 m Breast	
Beth Stewart	2nd 1:24.77
Karen Coleman	11th 1:28.83
Free Relay	
Kim MacLeod	
Allison MacDonald	
Cheryl Thompson	
Beth Stewart	1st 2:00.10
Boys Medley Relay	
Rick Eastwood	
Craig Carlisle	
Kevin Thompson	
Don Olson	8th 2:07.83
200 m Free	
Malcolm MacLeod	9th 2:15.40
Craig Carlisle	24th 2:26.14
100 m I.M.	
Eric Elson	1st 1:05.43

Don Elson	19th 1:11.58
50 m Fly	
Kevin Thompson	7th 29.69
Gary Gillespie	39th 32.60
100 m Free	
Eric Elson	4th 59.30
Malcolm MacLeod	21st 1:02.24
100 m Back	
Kevin Thompson	9th 1:11.37
Rick Eastwood	16th 1:14.04
100 m Breast	
Gary Gillespie	12th 1:17.08
Craig Carlisle	23rd 1:21.54
Free Relay	
Christian Book	
Rick Eastwood	
Don Elson	
Malcolm MacLeod	22nd 1:55.42

## Sports in brief

### Sara first in England

Sara Aggiss of Georgetown placed first on her floor exercise routine last Saturday against competition from the United Kingdom's gymnastics team.

Aggiss, 17, is a member of the Cambridge Kips gymnastics club and was recently chosen to represent Canada on their 16-day European tour. The Canadian team now moves on to Holland for more competition.

Canada won the competition against United Kingdom after they gained 186.55 points to their opponent's 180.10 points. The Canadian women's team dominated the competition and won all the medals awarded except one.

Elli Schlegel of Toronto placed first with 38.10 points to earn the overall gold medal. Sherry Hawco of Cambridge, Ont., won the silver with 37.65 and Bonnie Wittmeier of Winnipeg won the bronze with 37.30.

Aggiss placed fifth at the Canadian selection meet two weeks ago which earned her the right to compete in the European tour.

### Royalettes host tourney

Legion Royalettes application to host the All-Ontario Intermediate Ladies Grand Championship has been approved by the provincial Women's Softball Association. Action will begin Friday, August 14 and continue through Saturday and Sunday. Ten teams from Ontario will compete in a Double Knock-Out Tournament to decide the All-Ontario Championship. Contenders for the finals will be decided at regional playdowns across Ontario.

Co-ordinating the tournament for the Legion Royalettes will be Jim Ford who has many years of experience in ladies ball in Georgetown.

This is the first time a provincial ladies final has been awarded to Georgetown.

### Novices defeat Ching

The first place North Halton Sports Camp Novices overcame a stubborn Chinguacousy team to win 4-2. Chinguacousy took an early lead at the three minute mark of the first period, on a good shot from the slot.

Georgetown tied it up when Mike Barnes banged in a loose puck after teammate Wade Serjeantson dug loose his own rebound. In the second period, goalie Shannon Finn was called for interference and Chinguacousy scored on a penalty shot.

Georgetown again tied the game when fast skating, Andy Pearce banged in Wade Serjeantson's rebound.

Georgetown went ahead 3-2 in the third, when Mark Lorto shovelled in a perfect pass from an outstanding Rod Pasma. Georgetown secured the victory when Andy Pearce scored an empty net goal, with Mark Lorto and Mike McElroy assisting. Goaltender Shannon Finn was exceptionally sharp in stopping a number of tough drives.

## Raiders finish playoff series in four straight

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders completed one more step in their aim to reach the Ontario Hockey Association finals and beyond when they eliminated Orillia last Friday night after four straight games.

The final game in Orillia ended in a 7-5 trouncing by the Raiders in a matchup that was anything but like the other Georgetown away game when the Raiders squeezed past the Terriers 3-2.

Orillia didn't seem as enthusiastic as their last away game contest Raider coach Gerry Inglis said. Orillia even put their second-string goaltender in instead of the talented Clyde Harris. The fact that Harris wasn't playing took some enthusiasm away from both sides, Inglis said.

Although Georgetown took 19 minutes in penalties to Orillia's 6 minutes in the third period, the Raiders still managed to score three goals to put the game away. After

the second period the game was tied at 4-4.

Colin Gordon was the first Raider sharpshooter when he scored with a minute into the period on a Rick Kessell and Bob Roselle pass.

Gary Ford added another at the mid-way mark in the period from Bill Hamilton and Ron Twiss. Rick Kessell made it 3-0 with a goal assisted by Colin Gordon and Ron Twiss.

At the end of the first period it was 3-2 for the Raiders but Orillia came alive in the second period to score two goals by the Terrier's Mike Kinnear, who eventually scored a hat-trick.

Ray Tonelli scored the lone Raider goal from Gary Ford and Bill Hamilton.

Third period goals came from Bill Hamilton, Bob Roselle and Rick Kessell, his second of the night. Steve

Lyon assisted on two of the goals while Gary Ford and Juri Kudrasovs assisted on singles.

The Raiders now move on to either Collingwood or Owen Sound in the other playoff series. In the Collingwood-Owen Sound series the games have all been extremely close.

Three of the four games have gone into overtime periods. Collingwood has only won one of the four games and it took them a triple overtime game to beat Owen Sound 6-5.

In the first game Owen Sound beat Collingwood 6-5 while the second game went 7-6 for Owen Sound in double overtime. In the fourth game Owen Sound beat Collingwood more convincingly in a 8-4 score.

The Raiders play the winner of the series this Friday night at Gordon Alcott arena.

Steve Lyon pushes aside an Orillia player during the Raider-Terrier series. Georgetown swept their first round of playoff hockey against Orillia in four straight games. In their fourth game last Friday in Orillia, the Raiders blasted the Terriers 7-5. (Herald photo)

## Soccer enthusiasm sets registration records

By ALEX TOUGH

The second day of youth registrations reached 836 last Saturday, a record for the second day total. Following the usual late enquiries we shall have a late registration evening early in April, depending upon availability of premises. Keep your eyes open for the 'ads' and article notification later.

There were some notable names missing and hopefully they will sign up later.

Phil Woosnam, NASL commissioner, was a surprise guest at the OSA AGM and seminar weekend and spoke on the NASL-FIFA problems, future of NASL, youth soccer and realizing soccer dreams. A dream is essential for the game to progress in North America and for Canada the eventual winning of the World Cup is mine (after Scotland, of course). A young player may dream of playing for the Provincial team, obtaining a scholarship, playing for Canada, and playing for a Canadian NASL club.

To part of this end the provincial coach, Tony Taylor, is committed to go and find the talent and has been invited to

Georgetown to look at some players in particular. Mr. Woosnam did not wish to pass too much comment on the possibility FIFA outlawing NASL on March 31st, the deadline day. The main controversy is the 35 yard line offside rule in the NASL, the only soccer body to use such a law.

However, whilst discussions continue there is hope for a solution pleasing to both sides. The owners of the North American pro clubs have no wish to injure the game and suggest that the Old World at least listen to the New World (of soccer). Mr. Woosnam concluded by saying create the dream, make the means possible and perhaps.....

Barrie Clarke, Canadian National team coach expounded his tactics for the recent successful run which took our national team to the next round.

Indoor this week Pool retained a two point lead with a hard fought win over Mariners. Goals from Wait and D. Chapman beat one by Fear to earn the win. Mariners played

## SOCCER

By ALEX TOUGH

to a 2-2 tie with Vikings in their second game of the night. I Wilde and Tough scored for Mariners and Rannachan and Parker replying for Vikings. Vikings earlier lost 3-4 to Acton. The winners counted goals by Devlin (2), Fryers and Constyn; Vikings Parker, Rannachan and Cartwright also scored. Notting kept their all low record going 3-1 down to Meteor goals coming from Knoepfl, Palmer and Traynor. At the time of writing the league is in danger of losing the playing gym at Centennial. Discussions are continuing with the Board, School, Rec. Dept. and Falcons to reach agreement.

## Chewing his way to nostalgic card collection

For Morley Leeking, English teacher at Georgetown's District high school, collecting bubble gum cards is one way to take a nostalgic journey back to his youth.

But not only that, Leeking has one of the best gum card collections in Canada, perhaps within the top five collectors. With gum card collecting ranked third behind stamps and coins, Leeking's cards are worth much more than their nostalgic and aesthetic value.

Leeking says he has over 200,000 cards in his collection with some cards dating from 1888 when they were first introduced. Sports cards were first given out with cigarette and tobacco in the 1890s but in 1913 cards became available with candy.

In 1932 sports cards became available in bubble gum packages. The Morley Leeking collection started when he was a youth, but most of his cards were thrown out. His interest in gum cards was re-kindled with the inception of the Toronto Blue Jays.

In 1977 there was an ad offering a complete set of Major League baseball cards and Leeking sent away for the package.

An avid baseball player and fan in his youth during the 1950s, Leeking started to collect other baseball cards in the 1970s. He went to garage sales and flea markets searching for gum cards to trade.

### INTEREST EXTENDED

After two years his interest extended past local displays and he started to travel to the United States to card shows. In the United States there are 6 million gum card collectors, Leeking says.

"I started getting calls from Americans for Canadian

variations of gum cards," Leeking says. "Americans want everything."



Jean Beliveau and a Washington Senator baseball player.

Leeking has met hundreds of interesting people in his travels which have taken him to such places as Michigan, Ohio and New York State. He hopes to attend a gum card convention in California within the next two years.

A person can go to conventions as either a dealer or you can pick up and buy cards yourself, Leeking says.

His collection specialty is baseball, but he carries a large selection of hockey and football cards. "My pride is my baseball collection," Leeking says.

Leeking has almost the complete set of baseball gum cards from the 1950s and their condition is very good. Condition is important to a card just as it is in stamps. Each card is graded from a standard format and collectors often cancel deals if the standard is not up to par.

Leeking says his collection can take the pressure away from the day-to-day working schedule. "If I feel pressured, I go up and do some card sorting," Leeking says.

### FAMILY AFFAIR

His collecting is a family affair as wife Trieneke enjoys helping search for cards at garage sales and flea markets as well as travelling to conventions. Leeking's children Andrea, 5, and Paul 1½, also lend their support.

"Andrea helps me sort cards into sets and Paul likes to eat them," Leeking says.

Leeking grew up in Burlington and attended the University of Western Ontario before moving to Halton county seven years ago. He started teaching at Georgetown's District High School seven years ago and has coached the senior and junior boys' basketball team since then. Only four months ago he bought a new house in Acton.

Last year Leeking had an article published in the Canadian magazine "Canadian Collector" which is about gum card collecting.



In Leeking's collector's den in his new house there is barely room for more cards, but he continues his search for additional sets to add to his collection.

As Leeking says, there is the nostalgia, the aesthetic, artistic appreciation of the cards, the fun of gaining hockey and baseball trivia and he has something to leave to his children.

Morley Leeking spends time in his collector's room (above) sorting cards and searching for new cards. His daughter Andrea, 5, helps sort but Paul, 1½, likes to eat his valuable collection.

(Herald photo)