



Speaking with and playing against GDHS students these Athletes in Action looked like they were having fun. Seen here clockwise starting above left: Peter Muller of the Argos; attentive students watching from balcony; Canadian cyclist Marilyn Frieson; Zenon Andrusyshyn points an instructive finger to help start the obstacle course while Gord Barwell and Marilyn Frieson look on.



(Herald photos by Dave Howney)

Athletes full of 'Action'

Hoping to win more than the five 'fun' events, the Canadian Athletes in Action trudged into competition and a heart-to-heart talk last Wednesday with Georgetown District high school students.

In their three-hour presentation at the high school, the Athletes in Action members, most of them professional football players, talked about their Christian religion amidst athletic events with the students.

During the three lunch hours, the athletes competed in a volleyball and basketball game, a tug-of-war, sit-up and relay events. The events were fairly matched up but the scores were not important for either side.

The athletes came to talk to the students and perhaps share with them some of their faith.

Football players Gord Barwell, Zenon Andrusyshyn, Stu Lang, Peter Muller, Drew Taylor and Dan Kerns were all in attendance. Special guest athlete was Marilyn Frieson, a pretty 5'6" Canadian team cyclist.

The Athletes in Action group consists of an organization which is part of Campus Crusade for Christ. Gordon Barwell, former CFL Saskatchewan Roughriders is the Eastern Canadian director for Athletes in Action and is a Georgetown resident.

Barwell says the Athletes in Action

members make a big commitment when they offer their time for special engagements like the presentation last Wednesday. The athletes usually give up at least three or four weeks of their off-season time for these speaking engagements.

In one week in Vancouver the touring Athletes in Action group will visit 60 high schools, Barwell says. As far as student response to their program, Barwell says that the feedback to their assembly is generally very good. In Toronto, the students are often indifferent to their program but communities such as Barrie, Orillia, London and Georgetown are much more receptive to their ideas, he says.

STUDENTS SURPRISED
Barwell says that often students are surprised to see these "pro" professional football athletes talk to the crowd about how Jesus Christ came into their life and how they were not happy just with social, physical and financial rewards.

Some students will say to the athletes afterwards, "you guys really got a lot of guts to say that," Barwell says. As Eastern Canadian AIA director (their Western office is in Vancouver) Barwell coordinates bible studies, arranges speakers and special events such as a Grey Cup breakfast.

Barwell has also been responsible for releasing a new Christian book about professional athletes called "Free Agents". The book is about hockey stars Paul

Henderson, Ron Ellis and football players Stu Lang, Peter Muller and Zenon Andrusyshyn, to name a few.

The book follows the athlete's career and how many of their problems were solved through their relationship with Jesus Christ.

One story is written about Zenon Andrusyshyn's wild and undisciplined life before he met Peter Muller while with the Toronto Argos.

"I even started going to pre-game chapel," says Zee. "Maybe I was out all night, but I'd put on the sunglasses and turn up for chapel. I trusted Peter and respected him as a friend."

ZEE'S TRUST
Since Zenon's trust in Jesus Christ he has hosted bible studies in his home with his wife and they have taken bible correspondence courses as well as travelled to South Africa as missionaries.

The Christian book "Free Agents" was released in November and has sold 15,000 copies since then. The book is only sold in Christian bookstores.

The next program of a religious-athletic nature will take place April 6 when Hollis Haff, chapel leader of the Pittsburgh Penguins and Pittsburgh Steelers will speak for the Halton Hills Christian Men's and Women's fellowship. Tickets are available through calling Gord Barwell at 877-1287.

Local bowlers gain trophies

Leanne Burt and Chris Somers, bowling with first-year teaching "Master" Bruce Clarke from Georgetown Bowl, won first place trophies and a shot at the provincial championship as representatives of Central Ontario.

The team of three finished at the top with a plus 352 over their average. Bantam Leanne Burt, who's average is only 127, rolled her first ever 200 game, a 203 even after fouling. The team of Bobby Coad, Lynn Baguley with Norton Sims from Guelph came second with plus 350, just two pins behind Georgetown. Brian Parkinson, Lisa Vivona with C. MacCormack from Streetsville finished third with plus 342.

Barry McLean (142 average) won the boys' High Triple Flat Trophy with 541 while Leanne Agnew (115 average) won the girls' High Single Flat Trophy with a

228. Other Georgetown finishers were: Christine Priddle, Jeff Larsen with Wendy Chaplin were fifth with plus 324 - Sandra Weeks, Brian Terrell with Roger Gervais came seventh with plus 302, after fouls were taken off but could have been in first place otherwise - Leanne Agnew, David Selandmeier with Andy Parent were 8th with plus 255 - Kathi Billard, Shane Curran with Margie Bratkin had plus 199 - Teri Cowbrough, Ian Vint with Geo. Archibald had a plus 177 - Judy Carroll, Barry McLean with Ann Nicholson a plus 87 - Michelle Webster, Jamie Priddle with Gary Hele, plus 71 - Toni McClements, Ian Wilkes with Ralph Miller, plus 68 - Tracy Weeks, Michael Compton with Shirley Chaplin a plus 21.

The Ontario finals will be held at April Lanes in Scarborough on April 4.

COACHES TIPS: Also be on time for games and practices.

Raiders play Owen Sound

After defeating Collingwood last Wednesday night by a 9-5 score, Owen Sound will be fired up for the Georgetown series, Raider General Manager Dave Kentner says.

"They've (Owen Sound) been getting 2,000 fans out for their games in Owen Sound and Collingwood and now we hear they have three fan buses lined up for the Georgetown series," Kentner says.

Kentner also says that Paul Evans, Owen Sound's assistant general manager has already booked their team for a flight to Timmins

in anticipation of winning the Georgetown series.

"I think that Owen Sound will really put it to us," Kentner says. Georgetown will be meeting their toughest competition of the year, Kentner says and that means he's not predicting an early end to the series.

The last February 22 game against Owen Sound set the mood for the playoffs as tempers were flaring in a fight-filled contest. "Coach Lumley is crazy," Kentner says. "He can get these guys going."

"We could be in real trouble because these real

young guys can be stupid and inexperienced enough to know that they can't be beat," Kentner says.

The Raider general manager would like to thank the arena management and staff plus the various sports teams who have co-operated with the Intermediate A club in arranging for playoff ice time.

The Georgetown Raiders play their second game of the series Sunday in Owen Sound at 7:30 and their third game will be back in Georgetown Tuesday, March 17 at 8:30.

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Boys gymnastics close to second

By HARALD BRANSCU

Herald Correspondent
The GDHS boys' gymnastics team opened their 1981 season by placing fourth overall at the Highland Secondary Red and White Invitational gymnastics meet held in Dundas last Friday.

Attending this meet were the top eight teams in Ontario and the Rebels were just 15 points behind the third place team and 5 points out from second.

The 13 senior gymnasts

performed the best on the team. Coach Fred Kotani said he was very pleased with the seniors but he was disappointed in the 13 juniors participating. He said it was a learning experience for the grade nine juniors.

Individual performances were lead by Dave Bootle as he placed second, 1.3 points behind the first place finisher, in the overall individual category.

Over the course of the day Bootle placed second in the

rings and the side horse, fourth on the horizontal bars and fifth in the floor.

Kotani said that the Rebels did very well and he is confident that the seniors have the best chance of winning the Peel-Halton but the juniors also have a chance of winning.

The seniors and juniors will now be building up for the Peel-Halton, being held at GDHS on April 14, and eventually the OFSAA finals. Their next meet is being held

in North Bay on Friday (today) in the Algonquin invitational meet.

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