

A night to remember



Sports beat

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The town of Halton Hills presented their annual banquet last Wednesday (May 13) where some of the region's top athletes were honored.

The Honor and Recognition awards evening serves a major purpose in the community because it shows our athletes that Halton Hills appreciates and admires their efforts. We have many dedicated athletes in the area who compete on a provincial level or better. One can feel proud to belong to such an active sporting community.

Rarely a week goes by where an athlete from Halton Hills is not competing at a provincial level. If we look at last week's Herald, stories can be found on Sara Aggiss, fifth-ranked member of the Canadian gymnastics team, Julie McCorry, national 5-pin bowling champ, John Warnock from GDHS attending a U.S. college on a scholarship and Bob Daniell finishing second in the Masters division of the Ottawa marathon.

SCANT EXPOSURE FOR SOME

The Honors and Recognition evening is oftentimes all the exposure these athletes receive. One parent told me that he appreciated award night such as the Athlete of the Year and the Honors and Recognition evening because often the high school student cannot compete for their school in some sports and it gives them a chance to be recognized by the town instead.

However, as the third annual awards dinner creeps into organizational adolescence there seem to be signs that growing pains are emerging.

The fact that some of the 1980-81 selection committee members were unsure of various athlete's applicability to the criteria should indicate that some new guidelines be set in motion.

On a personal note I have a bias towards the guidelines because I've often wondered if it's fair to evaluate an athlete's effort based on a measuring stick of his/her achievement in provincial competition.

NO FOOTLIGHTS

Oftentimes those whose names are not in the footlights but have contributed through coaching, teaching, organizing sporting events are overlooked by such awards nights. It would be nice to see a 'special mention' section added to the banquet for those who have served the town well, but never quite reached the provincial podium.

But asking to provide other awards except those already mentioned in the criteria creates new problems.

The town is faced with a limited budget in holding the awards banquet. I should think that a dinner format for the awards makes it necessary to keep the numbers of athletes at the dinner to a fairly realistic number.

The only alternative to expanding the

list of athletes would be to dispense with dinner thus freeing the money incurred for a guest speaker or additional medal pins. There are a number of "old hand" athletes who are so proficient in their sports fields that they have been at the awards night for each of the three years. Perhaps a special award could be given to a three-time recipient.

EXPANSION PERHAPS

Another point in favor of expanding the list of awards would facilitate a revitalization each year whereby a greater number of "new recipients" would complement the "old hand" athletes. Under this system, the Acton Legion would be the only available hall large enough to rent for the night.

My cross-town counterpart, Robin Insoe mentioned the feasibility of joining the Athlete of the Year awards with the Honor and Recognition night. A combined Athlete's Night would perhaps add twice the color and excitement and the pooling of funds between the Athlete of the Year and the town would add flexibility as to how the money could be spent. However, under this proposal, the town awards should still be considered the 'Town Awards' presented from the municipal government to our athletes in appreciation for the recognition they have brought the town.

Because of the town's limited budget for the night, I would like to see more of a cooperative effort between the three local newspapers in promoting and seeking applications for the athletes involved. A standard application form, similar to that used for the Athlete of the Year awards could be submitted by the newspapers as a community service free of charge.

MORE INVOLVEMENT

The selection committee can only benefit through more involvement by the general public and this should be encouraged by the newspapers whose staff sit on the committee. Those who participate in the sport of which an honored athlete is also involved, best knows that person's qualifications and contributions to the town.

Yet, an arbitrary line will always have to be drawn to limit the number of athletes attending. No written rule can ever completely satisfy the selection committee's criteria because even the strictest of guidelines can be interpreted differently depending on the people involved.

Nevertheless, we can say that last Wednesday was a total success and much of the credit has to go to the Recreation department's Jennifer Linton for her meticulous organization and Mayor Pete Pomeroy for his efforts as Master of Ceremonies. Above all, to watch many of the athletes accept their awards with immense pride and gratitude was perhaps the most captivating part of the night. It was truly a night to remember for them, as it was for us.

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M, N. Bright sparkly-front, short-sleeve T-shirts in fashion co-colours. Girls' eyelid-trimmed tank top in blue, pink, lilac. Both, polyester/cotton. 4-6x.
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P. Girls' pants in Summer fashion colours and fabrics. Both, 2-6x.



Children's Sleepytime Values

Q. Ruffled and lace-trimmed print gown of easy-care polyester/cotton. Pink/blue or pink/yellow. 2-6x.
R. Boys' polyester/cotton pyjamas with screen-print "Baseball" motif on chest. Blue, yellow. 2-6x.



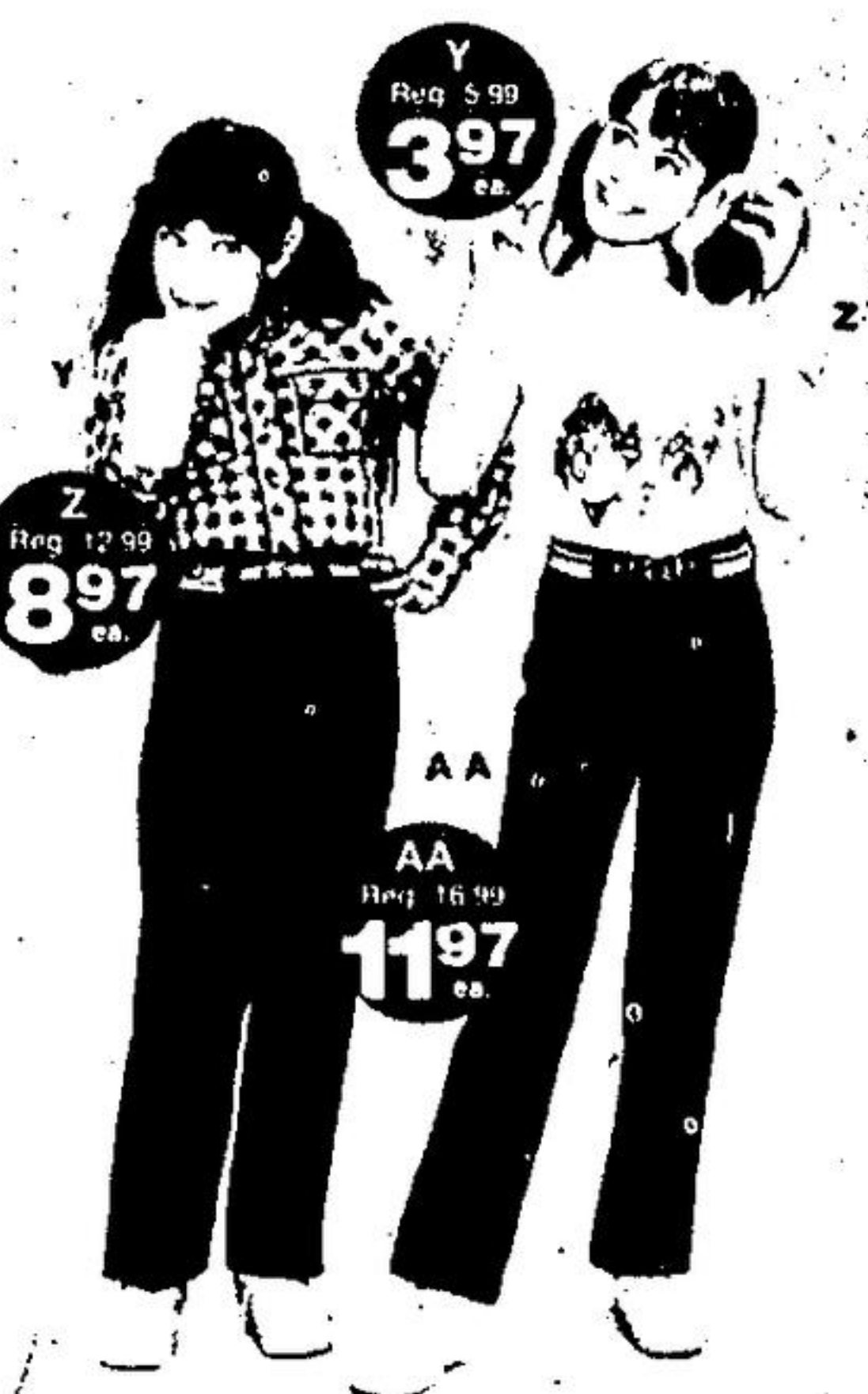
Boys' "Runner" Co-Ordinates

S, T. Nylon tricot "Niterunner" tank top and shorts with "Scotchlite" reflective tape. Royal/white, red/white. 3M Reg'd T M.
U, V. Black polyester/cotton tank top and shorts with vibrant contrast stripes. Not shown, matching T-shirt. All, S-M-L-XL.



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W. Pretty all-over print long gown with lace-trimmed shirred bodice, cap sleeves. Pink, blue, yellow. Both, polyester/cotton. 6-14.
X. Dainty floral print baby dolls with delicate lace trim. Matching panties. Pink or blue.



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Y. Save \$4. "Roadrunner" polyester/cotton shirt with long roll-up sleeves. Plaids and solid shades. 7-14.
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Awards

winners.
SARA AGGISS is collecting many gymnastics awards after eight years in competition, including a first all-round placing at the Canada-American games last August.

ACTON ASTROS PEEWEE SOCCER TEAM won the Beatrice Cup last fall, defeating two other city teams in provincial competition; members are Brian Bellert, Stewart Hox, Richard Kilpatrick, Tom Kranendonk, Mark Splinter, David Van Rhijn, Ronnie Vanitem, Peter Wright, Bradley Youmans, Jamie Taras, Adriano Buzin, Mike Hudson, Steven Kelly, Emil McInarevic, Sandy Hudson, coach, Burt Venema, asst. coach, Richard Kilpatrick Sr., manager.

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