

Master Plan looks into future of Halton Hills sports and recreation

By DAVE ROWNEY
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In April 1979 a Master Plan for parks, open space and recreational facilities was completed for the Town of Halton Hills after a two-year research period prepared the necessary materials required for the 315 page report.

Commissioned by the town in June 1977, the Waterloo firm of Balmer, Crapo and Associates delved into many questions about our present and past in order to prepare recommendations and plausible answers to our future needs.

Although many residents of Halton Hills have known of the report's existence, it might be fair to say that only the smallest of minorities in town have ventured to read this Master Plan. The plan itself is lengthy, informative and touches on areas such as different supply agencies (YMCA, Rec. Dept., etc.), land, facilities and program and other services.

As the Recreation department report to council states, "There were telephone and personal interviews held with nearly 600 town residents representing a multitude of varied recreational interests, and pursuits. These included agencies, community groups, service clubs, the Y, library, sports groups, as well as individuals."

LOTS OF INTERVIEWS

Community groups, organizations, school boards and churches were contacted to obtain background information pertaining to the facilities, programs and needs. They were also asked to comment on the present and future needs of the town as it would pertain to them.

The official recreational department view towards the plan as explained by director Tom Shepard is one in which the Master Plan makes several recommendations for improvements or additions, but the plan itself is seen as more of a necessary working tool rather than a manual to be followed verbatim.

In his report to the town, Shepard outlines some of the pitfalls of following the plan too closely: "Certain listed recommendations may be unrealistic in terms of actual costs (i.e. land acquisition) but they do serve to initiate the thorough process to encourage us to seek alternatives while still adhering to the general framework of the plan," he says.

"Plans, attitudes and current trends influence our department as do budgets and input by community groups and organizations, and this has caused some changes in the order of priorities as listed in the plan."

SPORTS FUTURE FILES

One of the more interesting aspects of the Master Plan for the general reader is to see what the plan calls for Halton Hills in the not-so-far future. Here, in a sense, is the Master Plan's stab at soothsaying with regards to our future growth and needs:

The report sees the town as very sports-oriented, but more recently, interest in the arts, outdoor recreation, physical

fitness and social activities has begun to "soften" the overwhelming "sports" image. "Child-oriented perceptions about town sports has been breaking down due to adults taking a greater interest in athletics as their discretionary time for involvement increases, says the report. As the number of children and teenagers decrease, comparative to young adults, children will soon be seen in the minority, according to the report's findings.

In the values and attitudes department, expect to see a decrease in interest towards organized sports and competitive activities with our peers.

"As values change, materialism, private ownership, capitalism and unqualified economic growth will become less important. Increasing emphasis will be placed on concepts such as the quality of life, self-actualization and creativity, individualism and humanitarianism," states the report.

The Master Plan says there will be a

greater interest in leisure activities that encourage self-expression, self-improvement, intellectual enrichment, individual involvement and which offer temporary escape. The use of recreational time by individuals will be greater than by groups and people will prefer lower levels of competition and more individual control over when, where and in what they participate, says the report.

DEMISE OF TEAM SPORTS

As an advocate of team sports, this future concept, whether it be a viable prediction would not be looked upon as favorable to me for the following reasons:

- I) team sports involve the social aspect, provide more motivation to improve and excel because your teammates often count on you to do well.
- II) team sports, especially for youngsters, help to show that people have to work together as a group, rather than have individual "stars". This example becomes very relevant to them when they enter the

workforce.

By 2001 between 20 and 50 per cent more free time is expected for working Canadians (as of today I will start to count years). This means that more of certain types of facilities and better quality facilities will be needed. Facilities will also have to be tailored to adult sized requirements, says the report.

A "characteristics of change" chart for leisure activities gives us some ideas on what we might be partaking in to a greater extent, by the year 2000. Squash, handball, sailing and canoeing plus camping are all seen as "increasing" activities. Soccer, tennis, floor hockey, cross-country skiing, jogging, riding and orienteering backpacking (let's not forget broomball) are also increasing.

Not too surprising are these findings in the report. But they do provide stimulus for ourselves and the Town Recreation Dept., and town planners in helping to assess our future needs. The report itself is well worth reading for those interested.

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Hornby infielders stretch to catch a throw from their catcher as a Stinger steals second base. Julie Fournier (right) pitches for Georgetown.



Legion girls win four straight Collision causes only loss for Royalettes at tourney

The Georgetown Royalettes came within a collision of proving they could beat any team they met at Richmond Hill's Ontario Super Series last weekend.

The senior girls fastball team were undefeated in tournament play except in one game where they had to default after injuries to two of their players forced them to the dugout.

Newmarket and Lakefield faced one another in the tournament finals. Georgetown defeated Newmarket in their home opener last month and during the tournament the Royalettes downed Lakefield 2-1.

Georgetown played their first game on Friday in the 12 team tournament. There were two divisions of six teams and each squad played five games. In opening against Richmond Hill the local Legion girls carried the play well, driving in one run to tie the score at 1-1. At the top of the fifth inning Richmond Hill had two outs when a short pop fly was hit into shallow right field. Second baseman Becky Halonen and fielder Bonnie Penney collided and as a result of their injuries, neither was able to return to the field of play.

Bonnie returned to play later in the tournament but Becky was not able to continue play. The game was awarded to Richmond Hill because Georgetown didn't have enough players to continue the game. The rules say that one run is given to each inning that is not played so the Georgetown team ended up on the bottom end of a 7-1 score.

UNDAUNTED TEAM
Although somewhat dismayed at their misfortune, an otherwise undaunted Royalettes squad took to the field determined to give their best effort in the remaining games. The next morning the

Legion girls easily handled the Oshawa Intermediate girls 6-3. Showing heavy bats for Georgetown were Janet MacKay (4 for 4) and Barb Curry (2 for 3). Michelle Meihm started to pitch for the Royalette, but was relieved later in the game by Barb Curry.

In the afternoon the Royalettes beat the best team they have played all year when they edged Lakefield 2-1

after a hot and gruelling 13 innings. Coach Ted Wilkes had words of praise for starting pitcher Michelle Meihm who kept the girls in the game for four innings before Barb Curry took over at the mound.

"Barb Curry pitched for two outs in the fourth inning and was super for the rest of the game," Wilkes said. Monica Pollock's triple put her in good position for clean-up batter Janet

MacKay to lay the wood against the ball to knock Monica home for the first run.

For their second run, Monica Pollock singled then Janet MacKay sacrificed to let Monica to second, but an error advanced her to third base. Barb Curry stepped up to bat and drove her in. In what the coach called a

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Stingers close to winning Acton tournament

By BRIAN JAMES

Herald Special
The Georgetown Stingers midget girls fastball squad had a busy week with four games, the last of which ended in a chance to become the girls division champions of the Acton minor baseball association's weekend tournament.

The Stingers met Milton in the finals during tournament action last Sunday, but according to coach Brian James, six errors "which cost us dearly," assisted Milton in their 4-2 defeat of

the locals.

Losing pitcher for the Milton game was Donna Sedore. Scoring runs were Heather Wallace and Lisa Switzer while hitting well were Lisa Switzer, Heather Wallace, Julie Fournier and Denean Jones had hits while also gaining an RBI. The team received a crest from the Acton minor baseball association for their placing in the tournament.

In other games, the Stingers defeated Acton 5-3 last Thursday and again on Saturday 7-0. In the Satur-

day encounter Donna Sedore was the winning pitcher when she pitched a one-hitter. Scoring runs were Val Williams (2), Donna Sedore (2), Lisa Switzer, Karen Penney and Denean Jones.

Hitting well for the Stingers were Val Williams, Lisa Switzer, Karen Penney, Connie Hay and Denean Jones.

Last Friday the Georgetown girls defeated Hornby 21-2. The winning pitcher was Julie Fournier. Val Williams, Karen Penney, Heather

Wallace and Jody Peebles each scored three runs. Sandra Marciniuk, Julie Fournier, Donna Sedore and Cindy Pettibone scored two runs during the game.

The Stingers gained five runs in the first inning while taking six runs in the second inning for a fast start during

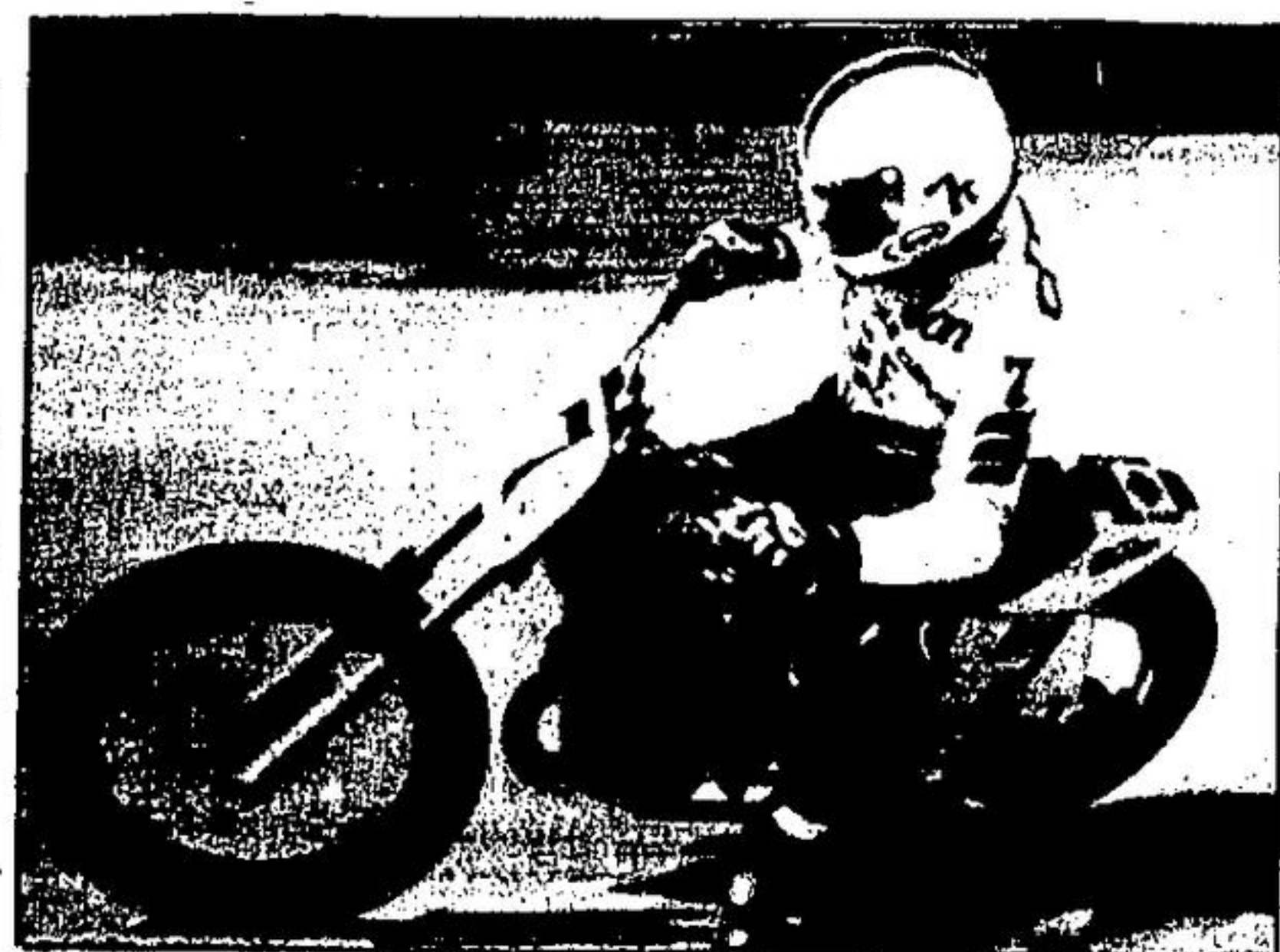
the game.

Hornby came back with one run in the third inning while Georgetown knocked in seven hits.

The next games for the Stingers will be Wednesday night (tonight) in Brookville and Friday night home against Limehouse at 6:30.

Bill Smith Invitational winners - see page B4

'Indy Mile' for Jon Cornwell results in crash



Jon Cornwell wasn't very upset when he crashed at the State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis. He was enjoying his first national ride but the heat was intense.

Some good news and some bad news...

"I've got some good news and some bad news...I made the final - but I crashed on the second lap!"

Jon Cornwell, RRI, Georgetown, didn't sound very upset by the crash during his long-distance report on the "Indy Mile" just completed. "I had to ride the semi and right off the start I got a good lead, about seven bike lengths - but then Freddie Spencer went down hard and they stopped the race," he said.

"On the restart I was about fourth into the first corner so I had to start passing people. It took me the whole race but I finally caught the leader, Steve Eklund on corner three of the last lap and he couldn't get up the steam to re-pass me before the finish.

"I can tell you it was pretty

exciting. I had a great time but by the time I got back to the pits I was just about boiling in those leathers," he said. The heat was fierce and he had to go right back out for the final. "I guess I got too excited and heat really does me in - I never function really well when I'm too hot so I guess when I crashed it was because I just went into the corner too hard. I lost my concentration, and the front end washed out. Too bad - I was really enjoying my first National ride," he said.

"The bike doesn't seem to be too badly damaged - the usual bent pipes and torn seat cover - I hope that's all," Jon said.

"I was beginning to get a bit discouraged cause I couldn't seem to make the final - but I feel better now - I know I can do it - maybe by

the end of the season I'll actually win a final - that's my goal - the next step is to finish one!"

The EGF racing team led by Erhardt Frohlich and tuned by Doug Shel of Water-down, expressed cautious glee over Cornwell's progress.

While berating him for being a turkey during the final, they were nevertheless pleased by his performance in the semi and the evident ability he demonstrated in being able to pass some of the fastest National class riders like Eklund (a former Grand National Champion).

Cornwell will ride a couple of regional races in Illinois next weekend and return to the National Championship series for two races the following weekend.



Sports beat

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had participated in the Town's summer programs as supervisor and leader and just completed a Kinesiology degree at the University of Waterloo.

Being a local girl and an athlete at that perhaps gave you the edge in finding the root of some problems involving sports and recreation around town. They say your love of baseball started with the Kinmen league, but as you readily progressed, the Armstrong Georgetown claimed you, then finally the Royalettes last summer.

In gymnastics you were active on the high school team and were deeply disappointed when you found out the University of Waterloo had no team. Mrs. Joan Aggias, who started the gymnastics club in Georgetown remembers you at Harrison Public School as a "terrific child,



JENNIFER LINTON

But anyhow, we at The Herald have noticed the good work you have done for the 'Town and would like to say thank you. We know the job you are leaving is not always easy - indeed, it is in so many ways similar to our jobs here at the newspaper.

You are oftentimes dealing with individuals who suffer from 'tunnel-vision', never being able to see beyond their own sport or activity to realize we must provide a service to all - not just a select group.

Well, the editor should soon be calling for us to stop our chattering and prepare for our past-up deadlines. We wish you the best in your new endeavors. See you at the baseball diamond.