

# Cornwell roars to Leamington dirt bike victory

## Georgetown racer takes first half of Canadian championship

Jon Cornwell, of Georgetown, won the first half of the Canadian National Dirt Track Championship series Sunday at the Leamington Fairgrounds.

The 19 year old expert who has been honing his skills on the U.S. championship circuit grabbed a bike length lead off the start of the 750 class final and withstood the early lap charges from the 1980 Canadian champ Peter Grant and the U.S. Amateur champ, Charles Bowles to maintain his first place right to the chequered flag.

Earlier in the day Cornwell pushed his Yamaha 500 through the pack after a poor start to finish in a hard won third place and prior to that he had battled throughout the ten lap 250 expert final with Brian Hardin of Michigan to take second place.

Racing in all three classes kept the entire Cornwell pit crew working feverishly for 6 long hot hours.

The Inglis Cycle Centre 250 Yamaha, considerably improved after its outing at Ridgeway, repaid the Inglis family by running strongly enough to win Jon his heat and put Cornwell and Hardin half a track length ahead of the rest of the 250 class during the final.

Cornwell, still lacking in top end power managed to hang onto Hardin by out-riding him in the corners so that throughout the race the two riders traded leads as they muscled their sliding mounts through the bends.

Hardin could grab the lead on the straights only to have Cornwell dive under him into the corner and on the finish line Hardin managed to win by half a bike length.

Much of the Cornwell pit activity involved the problem-plagued 500 Yamaha. The newly installed cam seemed to

have solved Cornwell's horsepower problems but the stresses of national level competition have revealed weakness in the Canadian-built frame and cracks in the swing arm had to be welded between each excursion on the track.

During his 500 final Cornwell made a poor start, second last into the first corner, but sliced through the pack to breathe heavily down the necks of Chris Evans and Alan Loughhead while Chuck Bowles and Martin Lavoie opened up the lead.

It took Cornwell several laps to maneuver Evans and Loughhead into positions where he could pass them and when he took over third place he immediately closed on Lavoie but couldn't quite pass him before the flag dropped.

Brian Olsen of Acton, part owner and mechanic of the Yamaha believes he can solve some of the frame's problems before

Cornwell heads west for the second half of the series.

During practice Cornwell's EGF Racing team Harley sucked in enough of the fine limestone dust that makes up the Leamington track surface to bother the ignition.

During his heat the motor stuttered and missed causing Cornwell to run a poor second to Chuck Bowles' finely tuned machine. Between the heat and final and between the other races he was running Cornwell laboured over the ignition, dodging scorching exhaust pipes and cylinder heads to clean and adjust the points.

The rest of the pit crew members and anyone unwise enough to come within view found themselves fetching and carrying tools, parts, tires and wheels, cold drinks, wet towels and dry rags (to mop up the sweat).

In the end it was all worth it as Cornwell, after running a perfect race, smooth and controlled from start to finish, rode round the track on his victory lap triumphantly waving the chequered flag.

In victory circle Cornwell thanked his many sponsors, EGF, The Inglis Cycle Centre in London, long-time friend and mechanic Brian Olsen, Bel-Ray of Canada Lubricants, Microlon, Champion Spark Plugs, and Nican, suppliers of his Aral helmet. Thanking Jim Robinson of Robinson's Motorcycles in Wheatly, Ont., promoters of the day's event, Cornwell mentioned how much work and support it took to produce a winning combination.

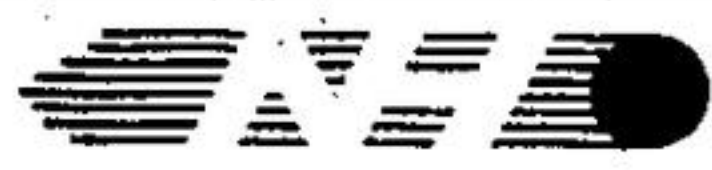
As a final touch the organizers provided the winners with nicely chilled bottles of bubbly and the overheated champions promptly treated each other to effervescent showers.



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It took two weekends to claim the top team in the Halton Hills Service club six-pitch tournament in aid of Cerebral Palsy, as Park Lincoln emerged the champions last Saturday. Seen here are the players (front row, left to right) Paul MacDonal, Walt Dixon, Jim Critchell, Yoshi Nagasawa, Marty Dezeuw (back row, left to right) Stephen Keir, Bill Tutt, Randy Critchell, Wayne Reid and Ken Sproule. Missing from the picture are: Frank Vandervalk, Al White, Adrian Zimja, Pete Melanfonie and Ryan Wilson.

(Herald photo by Astra Pape)

## Park Lincoln grabs benefit ball tourney

Park Lincoln emerged the champions of the Halton Hills slow pitch cerebral palsy tournament which concluded its activities last Saturday late in the afternoon.

The tournament started the week before but was rained out on Sunday and thus was postponed until the July 11 date.

In round three of the tourney, the Kinsmen, Firefighters, Newfoundland Club, Jaycees, Park Lincoln, Randon Car Club, Royal Pizza and Lions Club were left to spar for the winning trophy.

In the morning the Kinsmen

Unlocks blasted past the Firefighters with a 14-10 score to take the first game at the Fairgrounds on Saturday. Newfoundland Club followed by walloping the Jaycees 28-9 while Park Lincoln demolished the Randon Car Club 25-12.

At 10:30 the Lions Club took to the field and roared to a 7-3 victory over Royal Pizza. The Lions then met a strong Kinsmen team and were edged out 7-6 and thus were eliminated from further play.

Park Lincoln fought well against the Firefighters to emerge as the winners 6-3.

The Kinsmen played against the Newfoundland Club at 12 noon and were edged out by their opponents 12-11.

In the semi-finals the Newfoundland Club found themselves in trouble against Park Lincoln as they went down to defeat 10-3.

The finals saw Kinsmen Unlocks play Park Lincoln to a standstill until Park Lincoln emerged the champions of the tournament after extra innings. Peter Warton was awarded the MVP trophy for the tournament which was donated by Barrager's Cleaners.

Injuries plague ladies' fastball club

## Legion Royalettes split week's games

The Georgetown Legion Royalettes can't seem to shake the injury jinx which has followed them from game to game for the past month, but spirits are high on the Intermediate fastball girls team, says coach Ted Wilkes.

When veteran pitcher Barb Curry was injured after a line drive hit her throwing hand at full force last Wednesday night, Michelle Miehme came in and pitched for the Royalettes even though she had started the previous night under humid conditions.

Although defeated Wednesday by Oshawa, 12-4 the team never quit, says Wilkes.

Barb Curry was hit in the first inning from a line drive coach Wilkes says he's never seen come so hard or fast from home plate. Barb will be out for a couple of games with a bruised hand and she should be back in plenty of time for the Ontario Intermediate finals in Georgetown August 14. The club had at first thought Curry had broken her throwing hand.

The game against Oshawa was the first time the team has had a full roster for weeks after injuries had kept third baseman Monica Pollock (infected legs caused from sliding in the infield) and Jennifer Linton, who sprained her ankle some weeks ago.

Becky Halonen won't be playing this week as she was hit on the end of her finger on her throwing hand. The club is hoping she will be back for the Ontario Regional finals to be held in Stouffville starting July 24.

Cedar Hill 10 Royalettes 13

When the Royalettes set their mind to a comeback, they do it in an all-out

determined fashion, as illustrated when they bounced back from a 9-0 deficit in the first inning against Cedar Hill to eventually win 19-10.

The Legion girls were bombed with seven hits while two runs were caused by defensive errors. Michelle Miehme started as pitcher, then Barb Curry came in for the Royalettes during the rest of the first inning, but Michelle continued to pitch again once the second inning began.

The Royalettes slowly began to come out of their slump as they scored one run in the third inning, one in the fourth and four runs in the fifth inning. Cedar Hill got one more run in the fifth inning to make the score 10-6 for Cedar Hill.

The Legion girls started to rally in the top of the seventh inning as they blasted seven runs past the Cedar Hill girls.

Barb Curry came back into the game as pitcher in the bottom of the seventh and after walking one batter to load the bases, she struck out the next one and a pop fly caught the remaining batter to retire Cedar Hill for the night.

Becky Halonen was the top hitter of the night for the Royalettes connecting 3 for 4 while Janet Mackay and Joey Bennett hit twice while at bat.

The Royalettes will be playing Elmville Friday July 24 to begin their climb towards a top position in the Ontario Intermediate girls fastball regional championships.

There will be other regional tournaments playing the same week in London and Kingston to determine who the top nine or ten teams will be that can attend the Ontario finals to be hosted in Georgetown August 14.



The injury-plagued Georgetown Legion Royalettes added another casualty to their list last Wednesday when Barb Curry (seen above) bruised her hand. It was first thought that Curry had broken her hand after the talented veteran pitcher was hit by a line drive. Nevertheless, Barb and her teammates should be ready for the regional finals July 24.

(Herald photo)

## Sports in brief

### Stingers defeat Lowville

Last Friday evening the Georgetown Stingers midget girls fastball team narrowly defeated Lowville at the Glen Williams field.

At one time the Stingers were leading 5-1, but a strong surge by Lowville tied the score at 5-5 and the team actually fell behind 6-5 when Lowville scored another run.

However, Georgetown came through in the bottom of the seventh inning and scored two runs.

Coach Brian James said the team had the determination to go out and win the game after a current string of losses had hampered the Stingers play.

Scoring for the Stingers were Denean Jones (2), Karen Penney, Julie Fournier, Sandra Marcinuk and Cindy Pettibone (who scored the winning run).

Cindy Pettibone was one of the hitting stars of the game as she hit 2 for 4 during the night. Julie Fournier was 2 for 3 plus a two-run homer.

Donna Sedore was 1 for 3 and she drove in the winning run at the bottom of the seventh inning. Donna was also the winning pitcher.

Standings for the league as of last Friday are:

	G	W	L	T	PTS
Brockville	11	8	3	0	15
Georgetown	12	8	4	0	18
Linehouse	11	5	5	1	11
Hornby	10	4	5	1	9
Lowville	9	3	5	1	7
Acton	11	2	8	1	3

### Falcons downed by Malton

The Georgetown Senior Falcons travelled to Malton July 3 for a game against Black Bermuda and came away slightly 3-1.

Coach Stu Robbins called the game "probably the poorest game we played all season". After the first half the Falcons were tied with the Malton squad.

However, the coach's game plan of working on the open spaces when the boys had possession, broke down. Robbins said that when Malton had the ball Georgetown moved away, but when Georgetown had the ball in the second half they didn't utilize the open spaces.

"In the second half, we didn't deserve to win," Robbins said. Jim Lindsay scored for the Falcons in the first half of play to give the Georgetown team an early lead. Then Malton tied the score with about 10 minutes left in the half.

In the second half, Malton scored 15 minutes into the half and then again on a penalty shot.

## Local track champ recalls year 'on the hoof'



Georgetown's Ian Clark says he's disappointed his U.S. of California Bear team didn't reach the U.S. college finals. However, Clark had a good year as a freshman runner for the team and he's looking forward to an even better season this fall.

(Herald photo)

Georgetown's Ian Clark, our homebrew nationally ranked cross-country runner and University of California team member has returned home for the summer after a brief trip to England with his U. of Cal. teammates.

Clark returned to Georgetown last month after completing his first year of general studies at the Berkeley campus. He's disappointed that he and his five California Bear teammates didn't reach the goal they set for themselves last September: that of placing within the top three schools in the Pac 10's.

The cross-country Pacific 10's or Pac 10's as they are called, is the race in which ten schools from the West coast, in California and Arizona compete to see which top three schools can go on to represent the region in the nationals. Clark said his team was doing well until the Pac 10's and they had even beat the 14th, 10th and 17th ranked teams in the U.S. during the regular season. The University of California is not listed in the national rankings.

"On the whole our goals were to go to the nationals. It put pressure on us, but it comes right down to it that we just didn't come through," Clark says.

### GOOD FORTUNE

However, the season was marked by some good fortune for Clark and his teammates throughout the cross-country season. Ian completed the Stanford Invitational race in a time that was better than the top rookie freshman from last year.

In October, Clark finished second at the University of California Invitational, break-

ing the school record by 25 seconds.

But the hoped-for icing on the racing cake for the U. of Cal. cross-country team was to attain third place at the Pac 10's so that they might compete at the national cross-country championships in Wichita in November.

Clark's team finished fifth out of the 10 teams. It was particularly disappointing because Clark says the team should have

### Mayor's Roadrace winners

Two of Georgetown's long distance runners are on their way to the Canada games to be held August 10 after they qualified at the Ontario trials in Ottawa last week.

Doug Smith and Bruce McIntyre, two well-known track names in Georgetown have been selected to the Ontario team. Bruce, who competed for Georgia Tech. last year on an athletic scholarship came second in the 10,000 metre run in Ottawa. Doug Smith won the 800 metre event and finished first ahead of a runner who had beaten him at the

Provincial track finals last May.

Smith won the 5.5 km run at the Mayor's race this year while McIntyre won the 11 km run in record time.

The Canada games, to be held in Thunder Bay, feature some of the best young athletes from across Canada. The games are open for male and female athletes 22 years old and younger.

The games are of particular interest to McIntyre who was originally from Thunder Bay but has lived in Georgetown for 12 years. It should be a real homecoming for the

professors.

In the University which has 30,000 students, Clark says there "are a lot of pretty weird people". He says the people are more liberal than he's used to seeing and protests about Ronald Reagan and anti-nuke demonstrations are commonplace.

Clark is living at home in Georgetown for the summer and is now working with

DRG Stationery in town. Although he is a member of the Scarborough Optimists track club, Ian will do most of his running on his own time and he won't be competing for the club in any races this summer.

Clark was on the Canadian national team in 1978 and 1979. In 1979 Ian finished fifth in the World Junior cross-country championships.

## Smith, McIntyre head for Canada Games

local track star.

McIntyre feels the hardest part of the Summer games was making the Ontario trials. He's been competing for the Scarborough Optimists for six years and two years ago he won the Ontario Junior 5,000 metre at the provincial high school championships.

Bruce is recently home from his studies and track activities at Georgia Tech. where he had a very successful season for the University track team.

McIntyre finished fourth in the State University cross-

country finals last fall and came in first in the State 10,000 metre run this past spring.

Last March McIntyre finished first at the celebrated Florida Relays in the 1500 metre event.

Doug Smith won his 800 metre event at the two day Ottawa trials last week by 8-100 of a second over his arch rival Mark Gunby.

Gunby finished first at the high provincial championships (OFSAA) while Smith came in at fourth spot.



DOUG SMITH



BRUCE MCINTYRE