



Trainer Dave Ballard inspects rider Janet Hall's new mount at Looking Back Farm, on the Ninth Line just north of Steeles Avenue. Ballard's new equestrian center officially opened Saturday. (Herald photo)

## More than 600 kids run at Optimist meet

Following are the results from the annual Optimist Cross-Country Meet, held Saturday at Cedarvale Park.

More than 600 kids between the ages of 9-14 gathered for the meet, most running as members of their school team. Some ran as individual entries, however. Schools from Georgetown, Brampton, Milton, Limehouse, Acton and Glen Williams entered teams. Runners in the junior divisions (atom, bantam and junior) ran 1,500 meters, while the older participants (intermediate and senior) ran 2,000 meters.

Trophies, ribbons and medals were awarded to the top finishers in each of the different divisions.

Optimist youth committee chairman Mike Remes was pleased with the day's events.

### ATOM BOYS

1. Scott McGuigan, George Kennedy; 2. Brent Wasylenko, Harrison; 3. Ernie Pearce, Wrigglesworth; 4. Ron Batchelor, Robert Little; 5. Kevin Pettipher, Speyside; 6. Greg Dawson, Harrison; 7. Andrew Elliott, George Kennedy; 8. Jake Mashinter, George Kennedy.

### ATOM GIRLS

1. Joanne Miller, St. Francis; 2. Alexis Kerr, George Kennedy; 3.

Christy Picard, W.I. Dick (Milton); 4. Andrea Bouskill, Wrigglesworth; 5. Andrea Carscallen, Park; 6. Debbie Beech, George Kennedy; 7. Jodi McClements, Joseph Gibbons; 8. Joann Davies, Glen Williams.

### BANTAM GIRLS

1. Beth Parker, Sherratt (Milton); 2. Debbie Wilson, Speyside; 3. Lisa Nadhazi, MacKenzie-Smith; 4. Nicole Remedios, St. Francis; 5. Melanie Jans, Joseph Gibbons; 6. Trisha Harkley, George Kennedy; 7. Catharine Baldock, Sherratt (Milton); 8. Lorraine Drake, Centennial.

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1. Paul Lalonde, Centennial; 2. David Lawrence, Limehouse; 3. Steve Brown, Centennial; 4. David Craig, MacKenzie-Smith; 5. Steven Burt, Limehouse; 6. Kevin Tanas, Harrison; 7. Jim Ashenhurst, Glen Williams; 8. Phillip Grimes, Park.

### JUNIOR GIRLS

1. Cindy Uranick, MacKenzie-Smith; 2. Jennifer Arnold, Centennial; 3. Sherie Cave, Park; 4. Rachel Rogers, Park; 5. Andrea Sommer, Stewarttown; 6. Sheri Nairn, Park; 7. Nicola Cason, Sherratt (Milton); 8. Tammy Challoner, Centennial.

### JUNIOR BOYS

1. Ed Powers, Centennial; 2. David Seida, Stewarttown; 3. Dylan Reynolds, W.I. Dick

(Milton); 4. Tim Parker, Centennial; 5. Cory Wilson, Stewarttown; 6. Todd Axford, Centennial; 7. Jamie Pearson, W.I. Dick (Milton); 8. Doug Daniell, Centennial.

### INTERMEDIATE GIRLS

1. Sheila Huffman, Stewarttown; 2. Laura Wood, W.I. Dick (Milton); 3. Tara Burroughs, Centennial; 4. Holly Hewitt, Centennial; 5. Trina Wasylenko, Centennial; 6. Toni McClements, Stewarttown; 7. Tara Robinson, Stewarttown; 8. Krista Snyder, Stewarttown.

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1. Glen Mulder, Centennial; 2. Steve Eastwood, Centennial; 3. Chris Stoddart, Stewarttown; 4. Dave Wessinger, Sherratt (Milton); 5. Dan Wood, W.I. Dick (Milton); 6. John Snow, Sherratt (Milton); 7. Mark Sheppard, Stewarttown; 8. Chris Bewley, Stewarttown.

### SENIOR GIRLS

1. Anna Maria Valverde, Earncliffe (Brampton); 2. Melissa Morey, St. Francis; 3. Samantha Windsor, Centennial; 4. Dawn Hefl, W.I. Dick (Milton); 5. Tina Newman, Centennial; 6. Janelle Lewis, Stewarttown; 7. Niki White, W.I. Dick (Milton); 8. Shelley Lawrence, Stewarttown.

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1. Leo Valverde, Earncliffe (Brampton); 2. Scott Lunn, Centennial; 3. Brian Parker, Mac-

Kenzie-Smith; 4. Dave Harris, Centennial; 5. Chris Harrison, W.I. Dick (Milton); 6. Don

Cruise, Centennial; 7. Doug Parks, W.I. Dick (Milton); 8. Mike Johnson, Stewarttown.



A happy Chris Stoddart of Stewarttown Senior Public School accepts his school's team trophy for Intermediate Boys at the annual Optimist Run at Cedarvale Park Saturday. Presenting the award are (left to right) Optimist president Dan Martin and past-president John Kestelool. Stewarttown also won honors for the Intermediate Girls category of the cross-country invitational, while Centennial Public captured the overall Junior team trophy. (Herald photo)

## Equestrian farm in Halton Hills

By GERRY TIMBERS  
Herald Sports Editor

Beginning this week, Halton Hills became the site of one of the finer equestrian farms in the area.

Milton resident Dave Ballard officially opened 'Looking Back Farms' Saturday on the Ninth Line, just north of Steeles Avenue, where he will oversee the training and stabling of 37 horses. For Ballard, Looking Back Farms is a life-long dream come true.

### Rebs lose in V-ball at Perdue

Last week, the Georgetown District High School junior boys volleyball team lost their second straight game as they travelled to Perdue in Oakville, and were soundly beaten by a much superior team.

The team was beaten two games to one. Perdue won the first two games, taking the match, and the third game was played as an exhibition.

Special mention goes to Tim Willison, Howie McCarthy, Andrew MacLeod, Steve "Stone Hands" Chaffey, "Judge" Langdon, and Mark Moody, who all came off the bench to win the third game.

This defeat puts the Rebels in third place in the Halton standings.

owned by Mrs. Eisey Usherwood of Toronto, who approached Ballard last May about the possibility of turning the property into a full-time equestrian center.

"It was the kind of offer all professional horsemen dream about, that someone would have enough confidence in their abilities to set up an operation like this," Ballard told The Herald this week.

Now completed, the center consists of two all-steel barns, including a huge riding arena, and an outdoor jumping

facility. Ballard will run the operation, caring for and training the horses, with the help of a full-time staff of four.

"We hope this will become one of the finer equestrian centers in Ontario," Ballard said. "I'd like it to become a facility where we can offer the best to someone who wants to come here to learn enough to go on to competitions."

Ballard comes from a family with a horse background. His dad, Bob Ballard, was captain of the national equestrian team for 10 years. He has trained horses for international rider Ian Torchy Millar, and at the well-known Samson Farms outside of Milton. The result of all this is that his services are dear.

The full service at Looking Back Farms - board for your horse, riding lessons, and Ballard's efforts as trainer, will cost \$450 per month. Straight board is \$300 per month.

In the immediate future, Ballard hopes to line up a winter series of riding and training shows for young hunters and jumpers.

By next summer, he hopes Looking Back Farms will be able to host outdoor jumping competitions.

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