

## Runner had misgivings

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On Sunday morning in Terra Cotta I ran in the second annual egg nog run sponsored by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the Georgetown Track Club. The run is a hilly 11 km (nearly 7 miles) around the Conservation area through mud and slush. Having just run my first 10 km race in September and having only recently broken the 10 min.-mi., I approached the race with some misgiving. "Better you than me," my friends encouraged me when I told them of my plan to run. "Don't worry about coming in last," they said, "there's always someone slower." I hoped they were right and that my pre-race training (running after a three year old and two toddlers) would see me through.

Came the morning of the race. I was definitely nervous. It was grey and cloudy and most of the snow had turned to slush. I surveyed the field of 135 runners at the starting line. The majority were over 30 - much to my dismay. Probably they had been running for years, I thought. Yes, they definitely had the lean and hungry look of dedicated runners. Some were wearing only shorts and a t-shirt. At only 3 degrees above, it was obvious these runners were planning to run very fast.

As we milled around the starting point, runners were greeting friends from other clubs and renewing old acquaintances. I spotted Ron and Nancy MacKinnon (we had run together at Sunnybrook and Sheridan in October) and my sister, Heather and I joined them. "Three minutes to start," was announced. I double knotted my shoes and donned my woolen hat and mittens. Then the

starter pistol cracked and the crowd of runners ahead of me surged forward. It was tempting to step up my pace as the gap widened between the few of us at the back and the rest of the runners. I soon lost sight of Ron and Nancy. It was apparent they had been doing a lot more running than I had since our last race. My sister who has been running for years and can run circles around me stayed behind with me for moral support.

In the first two miles we had gone up a half dozen hills. The gap between us and the runners ahead seemed to increase with each hill. I glanced back several times to reassure myself that there were still runners behind us.

A St. John's Ambulance patrolled the route and struggling up what seemed to be the umpteenth hill, I thought it would have been a welcome relief to collapse in a heap and be carried to the finish line.

We had been running for 35 minutes and were over half way. Up ahead, John Gill of the Cardinal Leger Club was almost at the finish line.

I had given up all hope of coming in, in under an hour as I crawled up yet another hill. We had lost sight of the runners in front of us and we couldn't see any behind us now either. But just ahead we saw a road sign - 2 km to Terra Cotta. We ran down a flat stretch of road and then down hill to the entrance of the conservation area. At last, I could see the finish line. My three year old who had been coached by her father to shout words of encouragement was too busy playing with her new friends to look up but her younger brother repeated "momma, momma," excitedly. We sprinted the last few meters and one hour and seven minutes after I had started, I crossed the finish line!

## Chargers tops at tourney

The Centennial Chargers volleyball team closed out their season for 1984 in a very successful manner. On Saturday the Chargers travelled to Oakville to take part in the mixed tournament held annually at Falgarwood Public School.

For the last two years the Chargers had advanced to the final only to be defeated by Sam Sherratt School from Milton. On Saturday however the Centennial squad were equal to the task.

In round robin action the Chargers went undefeated in match play. In their first match the Chargers defeated Sam Sherratt 2 games to 0. Centennial's next match was against the host school Falgarwood. Centennial edged the Falgarwood crew 2 games to 1. This would be the only game the Chargers

would lose during the tournament. To close out the round robin Centennial blanked Tecumseh School of Burlington 2 games to 0.

The Centennial squad finished the round robin in top spot and in semi final play the Chargers again defeated Tecumseh in two games and advanced to the final. In the championship final the Chargers faced the Falcons of Falgarwood. The Chargers were equal to the task and set the Falgarwood team down in two games by scores of 15-9 and 15-10.

The Centennial mixed team included Adam Bennett, Travis Gardiner, Andreas Shirm, Phil Rehberg, Shawn Cotton, Mark Murnahan, Sandy Weeks, Anna Toone, Teri Korzack, Julie Ross, Carolyn Stewart, and Jenny Irwin. The team was coached by Jim Atkinson and El Petrick.

## Atoms win, lose

Littech "A" Major Atoms skated to a well earned 4-2 victory in Orangeville December 11. After a scoreless first frame Kevin Patrick lit up the scoreboard for Georgetown at the 8:32 mark of the second stanza assisted by Ryan Schirk and Steven Wright.

Orangeville pulled ahead with two fast goals less than a minute apart in the third period. Greg Dawson tied the match on a nice pass from defenceman Troy Gardner. Stephen Lioni tallied the go-ahead marker from Jeff Wright at 5:20. Gord Buchan added the insurance goal from Steven Wright and

Stephen Lioni. Kevin McMurray and Stephen Smith shared the goaltending duties for Georgetown.

Burlington defeated these Major Atoms Dec. 13 in Burlington 2-1 although Georgetown outshot the opposition 20-8. Goaltending by the home team kept Georgetown from pulling ahead. Gord Buchan counted the lone marker from Rooster Pearce and Jeff Wright.

Hosting Orangeville at Memorial Arena Dec. 16, Peter Cambouris scored the only marker for Georgetown from Ryan Schirk and Shawn Currie in a 4-1 loss.

## Poppy's manage tie

Memorial Arena fans were treated to an action packed game Dec. 13 when Poppy's "AA" Major Peewees hosted Burlington and pulled out of a 3-1 deficit to tie the match.

Burlington was ahead 1-0 after the first frame. Early in the second period, Burlington went ahead 2-0 on a power play marker. With 4:37 remaining in the frame Jim English scored for the locals on a nice unassisted effort to make it 2-1.

Richard Bond set up Andy Pearce to even the count 2-2 early in the final period but four minutes later the blue and gold went up again by one goal. With 4:51 remaining in the game, playing two men short, Mike McElroy passed to Pearce who broke in with a Burlington checker leaning heavily on his side and put the rubber home to notch Georgetown's third goal and tie the game. Richard Rivard tended goal for the locals.

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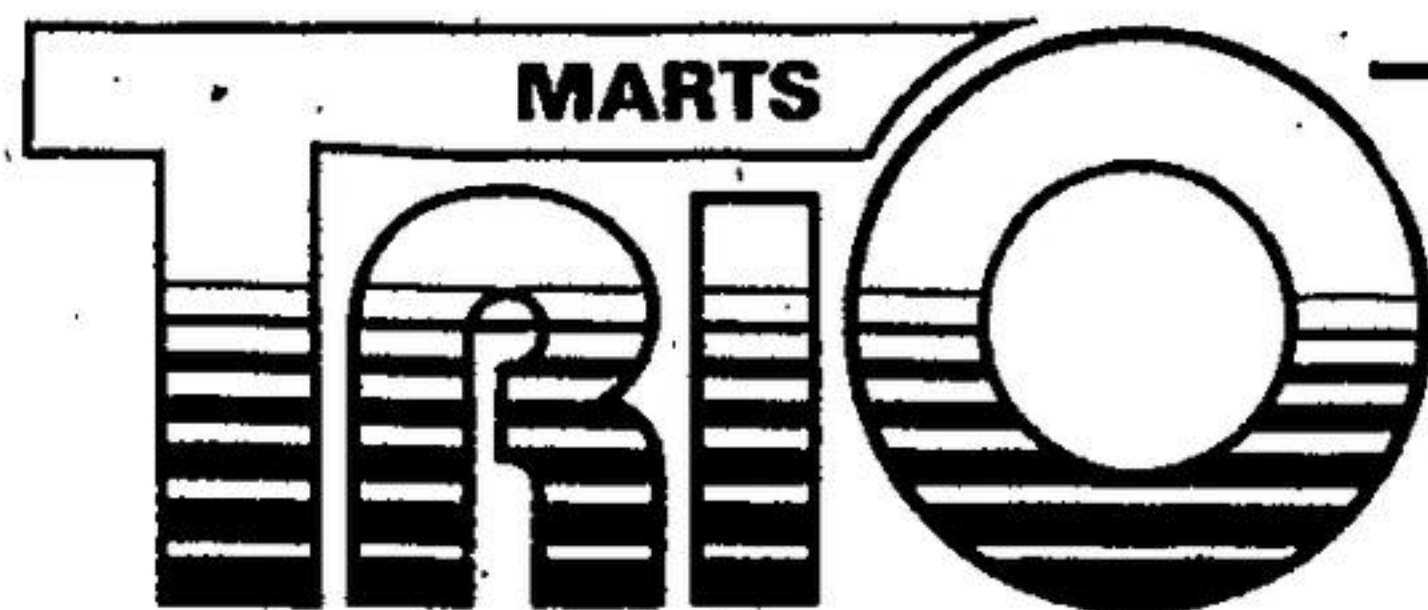
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