

Gymnasts qualify for Halton championships

Handicap presents athletes no problems

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The E.C. Drury girls gymnastics team has two special members on it. Karri Kisman and Cheryl Mayne, both 18, are deaf and have been since birth. However the two are as much a part of the team as those members who can hear.

"They talk with their friends and make new ones," said coach Cathy Hawkins. "A lot of girls on the team do sign and if Karri or Cheryl want to talk with someone they have an interpreter."

The E.C. Drury school is actually two learning centres in one. One half is for those who can hear while the other

is for the hearing impaired. The faculty are trained to teach deaf students and the classrooms for the hearing impaired have FM hearing systems. As well the students and teachers communicate through sign language.

Both gymnasts have been involved in the sport since a young age. Karri began at age six, then stopped until three years ago. Cheryl started at age 10, and enjoys practice as much as going to the meets.

They compete in all movements except the floor routine which are done to music. However, the reason for not competing is not solely based on their handicap.

"We didn't compete on the floor due to a lack of time with days missed because of bad weather, that sort of thing," Hawkins said. "But it is in Cheryl's plans for next year."

Hawkins said Cheryl would do her routine like any other gymnast and would use the music. Hawkins would instruct her athlete from the sideline.

Thursday the two athletes qualified to take part in the Halton championships by finishing in the top six of the intermediate vaulting event. Cheryl was sixth while Karri was fifth.

This will be Karri's final year of high school as she is finishing up her grade 13. Cheryl still has another year as she will enter grade 13 this fall.

Both have plans to further their education as Karri wants to take work processing at George Brown College in Toronto. Cheryl said she wants to attend a university for the hearing impaired in Washington, but does not yet know what course of study she wants to take.

Working in a world of sounds is nothing new for Karri as for the past four years she has worked part-time at a Pizza Delight store as a pizza maker. She also works the cash register when hearing impaired guests are in.

Having been deaf from birth the girls have not experienced hearing to any great degree. Both say their balance is not altered much due to

their handicap, and add they are not sorry they cannot hear.

Through Hawkins both told The Herald most of their friends are deaf, and that would be the major reason why they would not want to have their hearing.

Coaching a team made up of hearing and non-hearing athletes presents few problems for Hawkins, who has taught and coached the hearing impaired for three years.

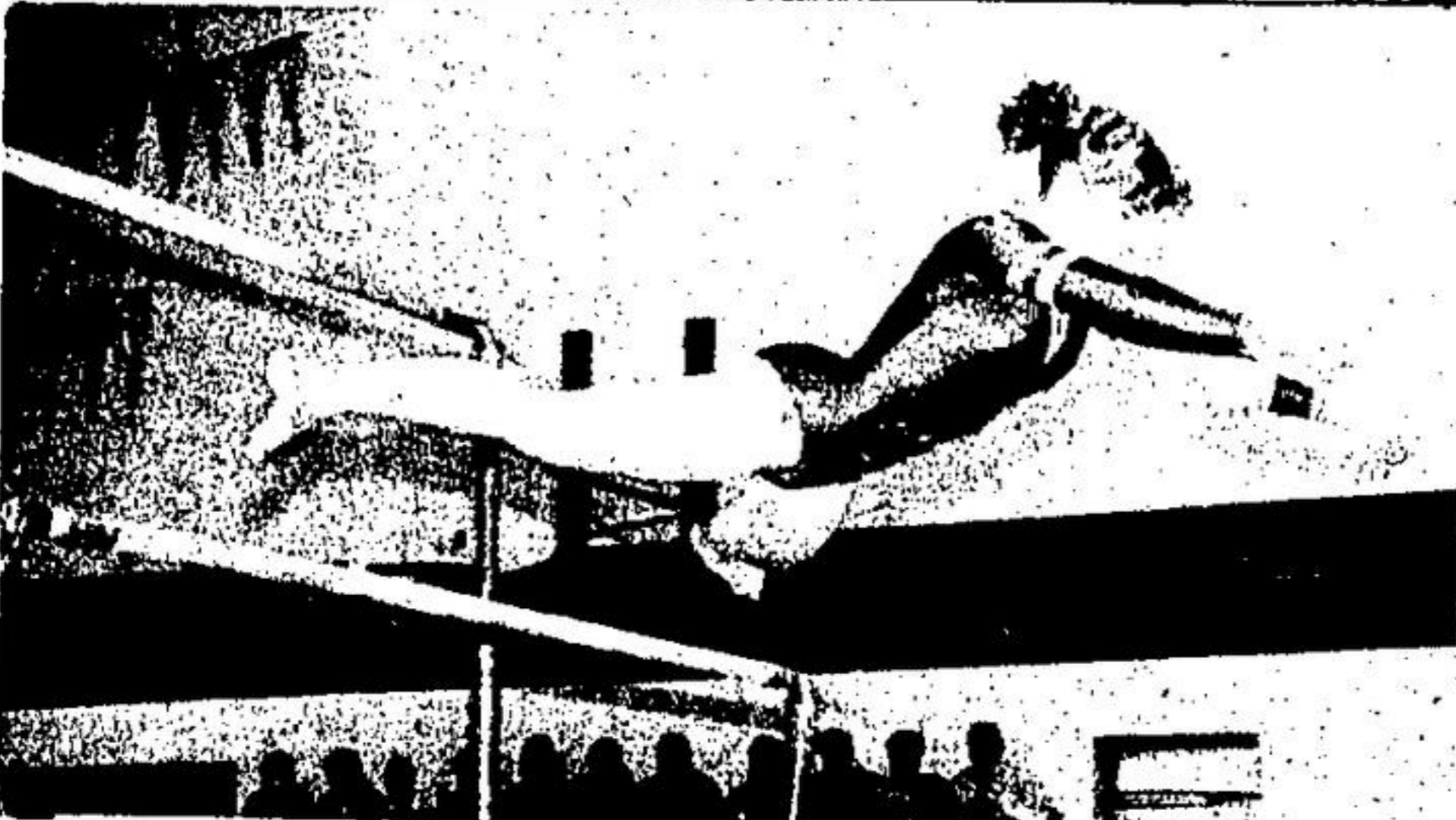
"There aren't any problems for me because I am a signer and I understand the deaf," she said. "But at the start of the year there are some communication problems but the kids on the team learn sign language and after a couple of weeks they are all working together."

The only difference involved in having non-hearing athletes on a team is getting interpreters, Hawkins added.

When the girls travel to a meet out of town they receive a very warm welcome. When asked how people feel about having hearing impaired athletes competing in a meet, Hawkins asked the question to a number of T.A. Blakelock competitors at Thursday's meet.

"They are fantastic, they are amazing," were the majority of the comments.

As for other sports, Karri also competes in school volleyball and skis on the ski team. Gymnastics is the lone sport for Cheryl.



Georgetown gymnast Gail Cook gets prepared for her dismount from the uneven bars during Thursday's East Halton gymnastics meet.



at Georgetown District High School. Cook took top honors in the Club "B" class and will take part in next week's Halton meet. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

Poppy's team opens series

Poppy's "AA" Major Peewees are taking part in a round robin series to determine the finalists for their Tri-County championship series. The team took on Dundas, Chingacousy and Burlington.

Hosting Dundas March 7 at Memorial Arena the locals could not retaliate against a four-goal third period and suffered an 8-4 loss. Bill MacDonald, Rod Pasma had singles while Andy Pearce led the way with two goals. MacDonald had three assists while singles went to Wes McCauley, Dale McNiven, Pearce and Kevin Usher. Travelling to Chingacousy Sat. March 9 the

locals held a 3-1 lead heading into the final period but the home team came back to tie the game 3-3.

McCauley scored the first goal on an unassisted effort in the first period only to have the home team tie the score. Pearce put Georgetown ahead with another unassisted marker with his team two-men short. Rich Bond made it 3-1 from MacDonald and Pasma.

The next home game for the team is March 20 when they host Chingacousy at 8:30 p.m. The team will also host Burlington March 21 at 6:30 p.m., also at Memorial Arena.



E.C. Drury gymnastics coach Cathy Hawkins (centre) signs to Karri Kisman (left) while Cheryl Mayne (right) looks on. The two athletes qualified for the Halton meet by finishing in the top six of their class in the vault event. Hawkins is signing because both athletes are hearing impaired. (Herald photo)

Rebels have 10 gymnasts Halton bound

A total of 10 Georgetown District High School gymnasts have qualified to take part in the Halton championships.

The gymnasts did so by finishing in the top six of Thursday's Ladies Peel-Halton meet held at the Georgetown gym. A total of four schools took part.

The Rebels' senior team took their class while the Intermediates took second spot. The junior squad finished third while the team as a whole finished second behind T.A. Blakelock.

Individually in the senior class Lynn Herrmann finished third overall by virtue of her placings on the beam (fifth), bars (first), vault (third) and floor (second). Teammate Laura Goskorth was second overall while finishing third on the beam, bars and floor and adding a fourth place finish in the vault.

Stephani Kotani was the top overall competitor in the Intermediate class. Kotani was fifth on the beam, first in the vault and tied for third in the floor. Vicki Lavelle was third on the beam and sixth in the bars. Rena Brosseau also finished sixth overall to qualify for the Halton meet.

Julie Anderson won top honors all-around in the junior class with a first-place finish in the floor, third in the vault and fourth in the bars. Teammate Jodi Fournier was fifth in both the vault and floor and was sixth on the beam.

Gail Cook took top honors in the Club "B" class by winning the beam, vault and floor events and being second in the bars. Teammate Karen Herrmann was the winner in the bars and took second to Cook in the beam and vault. These were the only two competitors in the class.

Gail Eastwood was the lone competitor in the Club "A" class, compiling a 34.1 score in the four disciplines.

Eastwood received a 9.1 in the vault, 8.9 in the floor, 8.5 on the bar and 7.6 on the beam.

The Halton event will be held at GDHS March 28. Both the girls and boys team will take part in the Adam Scott event in Peterborough March 29. For the boys the meet will count while the girls event will be an exhibition meet.

North Halton curling

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The men concluded their second draw last week and the results were as follows.

The first team was made up of Ron Perego, Gord McKeeman, Ken Taxman and B. Anderson. In second were Jim Redner, Bill Hunter, Tony DeHueck and George Reynard. The team of Graham Farnell, Bob Boyle, Ken Irwin and Ian Barclay was third.

The bad weather of last Monday did not dampen the curling spirit of our ladies tankard team. Although they were delayed by traffic, they managed to defeat Ayr and St. Catharines to win the division title and advance to the Ontario finals in Belleville March 20. Congratulations again to Joan Shapcott, Margaret Simpson, Alice Frazer and Eva Bradley, Shirley Rao (who spared for Shirley McDermot), Shirley McDermot, Donna Blight, Lois Massey and Mary Black and good luck at the finals.

The second draw of the Friday night mixed was concluded last week and the top winners were as follows.

Graham Farnell, Carroll Evans, Butch Fisher and Lois Makoynyck won the 6:30 p.m. draw while Karin Henderson, Jack Massey, Joanne Ukos and Lois Massey won the 8 p.m. draw. The 9 p.m. draw went to Eric Ross, Mary Kiteley, Marg O'Flaherty and George Reynard.

The ladies annual Wee Lassie bonspiel was held March 2 and the trophy winners were Marg O'Flaherty, Theresa Smith, Sandra Lovelace, and Micheline Reynard. Second was Alice Frazer, Ellen Burns, Enid Muir and Betty Cox. Third was Joan Trimble, Lena Burns, Mary Lou Grenier and Diane Ricci.

Alice Frazer took a team to CFB Toronto and won the Bright's Wine trophy along with Mary Wanda, Theresa Smith and Eva Bradley.

Lastly Margaret Simpson, Joan Trimble, June Russell and Mary Gair came second in the third event at the Dixiebell at Dixie last week.

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