

Pair travelling out East, United States

Riders set out on cycling quest

By DAN RALPH
Herald Sports Editor

Two Georgetown cyclists have taken the first steps toward making this summer the experience of their lifetime.

Eighteen-year-old Kevin Peaker and 17-year-old Glenn Edwards left early Monday morning on their 3,000 mile venture across Eastern Canada and the Northeastern United States. The two plan to cycle to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, then come back through the Adirondacks and Appalachian mountains in Maine and New York back into Ontario at Kingston. From there the duo will ride back home to Georgetown.

The motive for such a trip is two-fold. First of all, both riders are cross-

country ski racers in the winter, and this would prove to be a very strong endurance builder. Secondly, this marks the first time either one has made such a trip on a bike.

Peaker and Edwards have been training for this trip since the snow left the ground last spring. They have averaged over 100 miles a week in training, but hope to be able to match that mark on a daily basis on the actual venture.

"That will be our goal, but we will have nine hours or so to do it," Peaker said. "In training we have averaged around 15 to 16 miles an hour, and have been doing so with weights on the bikes (so as to get

used to the packs that will be on them.)"

The Herald talked with the riders Saturday afternoon as they repacked equipment and took inventory of their supplies.

For the two there were no feelings of great anticipation.

"I've prepared for and thought about this for so long it has set in so much and is common thought," Edward said.

Edwards first thought of making the trip in December, and from there the idea snowballed into reality. They both say getting in shape for the ski season is the main reason why they're riding now.

"I hope to show some

people how to ski this year," Peaker added.

Accommodations won't be in motels. When it comes time to bed down each night, the two will be camping mostly.

For insurance, each rider is bringing a pair of tire tubes each. As well, both have all the tools they need to repair any abnormalities that may mechanically arise.

The riders' family will be informed on a daily basis. Both teenagers will take turns calling, and will have stamped envelopes for writing.

The distance or bad weather are not what worry Peaker and Edwards most about the trip. Their biggest fear is the cars they will meet up with along the way.

"I've had some close

calls, and that has been riding from my house to Canadian Tire," Peaker said.

"They're my biggest worry," Edwards added.

The money the two will have with them will mostly be for food. Breakfast and lunch won't be a problem. Breakfast will consist of porridge while lunch will be fruits and water. Both day the major food expense will be supper.

"We'll have to make sure we've got everything before we leave," Edwards said. "We don't have enough money to buy whatever we forget."

Clothes will be cleaned whenever a laundromat becomes available.

While on their trip, both riders will miss

different elements for different reasons.

"I will miss a soft bed," Peaker said. "It's going to be hard ground all the way. Also, I'm going to miss being able to have a nice shower at home."

"Me, I'm going to miss going out with my friends," Edwards said. "Every year when I come back from somewhere they talk about the good times they had. The experiences that arise on the ride won't readily be forgotten by the cyclists. Both will keep a log of their encounters along the way."

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With full gear cyclists Kevin Peaker (right) and Glenn Edwards (left) go through a practice run. The two left Monday morning on their Eastern Canada ride that will take them also into the north-eastern United States. (Herald photo)

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Soccer

By ALEX TOUGH
Herald Special

Refing game a pleasure

It was a real pleasure to referee the bantam boys and under 21s last week - very enjoyable although I made mistakes there were no tantrums. One point arises - one of the usually more skilful players who has played for years mentioned that he thought that a goalkeeper did not count in an offside decision. In order to be onside an attacking player must have two defenders between him or her and the defending goal line when the ball is last played. The two defenders include the goalkeeper who, after all, is also a player.

Team doing well

The mosquito Mid Ontario team has been going great in league play so far, even with the odd shortage of players from time to time. They have played 9 or so games and scored 75 goals and lost 8, with a loss to Hillsburgh at Cedarvale the only blot on their record. Revenge was gained with a 6-1 win in Hillsburgh last week. I believe the lads are in first place by three points at the moment.

Successful weekend

The mosquito, peewee and bantam girls came up with a successful weekend's representation at the Rexdale tournament. The mosquitos went to the semi-final before going down 4-2 to local rivals - Milton. They went through the preliminary rounds with a 3-0-1 record without losing a goal, and recorded a 21-0 in one game alone. The win peewees made the final before going out in that game. The bantams repeated their Georgetown victory for a very satisfying outing indeed and well done all of you lassies.

Unfortunate day

The juniors had an unfortunate day in Mississauga with a 2-3 result in favour of the home team. A soft first half penalty and a late denial of a penalty may be said to have decided the game in Mississauga's favour at the end of the day.

Squad doing well

Isn't the Canadian National squad doing well? On Saturday, August 17, varsity Varsity Stadium hosts the World Cup qualifying match up with Costa Rica at 1 p.m. Considering that there is no real pro league for the players these days they are doing well.

I also hear that Everton are coming for a couple of games against Inex of Toronto and that should be a treat. When I saw them, with Bryan Turner, last October they tied Arsenal 0-0 and I was not too well and not too impressed. I soon changed my mind.

When I shot an eagle at Georgetown's 7th I felt that it would be a Brit who would pull off the British Open Golf Championship. Even better when a Scot won it all. Sandy Lyle was born in England of Scottish parents and his dad was a very well known amateur golfer in his day, if I have my families correct.

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NOT TOO IMPRESSED

Alcott junior tennis team member Steve Eastwood is obviously not impressed with the turn of events as he gets set to hit the ball back to his opponent. Eastwood might not have been happy with his play in the under-15 singles, but his team did record its 11th win of the year Saturday. See details on C3.

(Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

Bantam girls team wins soccer title

By STEVE MELVILLE
Herald Special

The Georgetown "Dominion Knitting" Bantam all-stars kept right on going in Rexdale this weekend and captured the elusive, prestigious Kathy Riddell soccer title.

Mimi Jones drew first blood against East London with a fast breakaway and well-placed shot. It looked like Shannon O'Donnell's corner kick was going in, but Lisa Mason removed all doubt. Again Lisa skillfully finished off a play from O'Donnell, then Jenni Gallagher made it a decisive 4-0.

Uxbridge scored the only goal of the tournament against this powerful Georgetown team, bouncing one in off the crossbar. But Sandy Rahn countered with a fast breakaway and "diked" the goalie. Uxbridge paid for their roughness in the second half when O'Donnell made no mistake on a

penalty shot. Scarborough was next to go down, this time 4-0. Here it was Gallagher on a pass from Rahn; Mason from a beautiful cross from Jones; Tara Burroughs on a fast breakaway and powerful shot; and finally Mason again from Rahn.

Georgetown had lost the championship games of 1983 and 1984, and on

Sunday the team was not interested in second place. Burlington never knew what hit them. Fearless goaltending from Michelle Hedley, fast, skilful work from defenders Kris Krafcek, O'Donnell and Tammy Woodstra and tireless, all-out work by midfielders Kerry McCashe, Sue Taylor, Jodi Ellard, Jenny Mel-

ville and Michelle McEachern made the Georgetown net a brick wall. Gallagher found the far corner, and Rahn deflected in a long pass from Melville that beat the Burlington goalie. Then, Alison Irvine dazzled the fans as she headed down the ball and banged in as the Burlington goalie stood with both arms out to catch it.



Members of the winning team include: front from left Michelle McEachern, Lisa Mason, Michelle Hedley, Shannon O'Donnell, Mimi Jones, Kristine Krafcek and Tammy Woodstra. Back row: Kerry McCashe, Jodi Ellard, Sue Taylor, Jenny Melville, Alison Irvine, Tara Burroughs, Jenni Gallagher and Sandy Rahn. The coach is Rich O'Donnell.

Veteran racer gearing up for World Games

Olympics highlight of kayaking career

By DAVEROWNEY
Herald Staff

Back then it was a burning desire to succeed as a kayak racer. Though he's still competing, a former Olympic team member doesn't feel the pressure as much.

Georgetown's Gabor Joo (pronounced Joe), 48, is entered in the first World Masters athletic competition beginning August 9 in Toronto.

A veteran kayak racer and coach, the Noble Court man was a member of the Canadian Olympic team in both 1964 and 1968.

These days Mr. Joo is training hard at Acton's Fairy Lake for about two hours per day, six times a week.

Considered one of Canada's kayaking pioneers, Mr. Joo joined the racing circuit when the sport was just beginning to develop in this country.

A Hungarian native, he left his homeland in 1956 during the Hungarian Uprising. Believing rumors that Russians were taking youths of military age back to their country, Mr. Joo decided to find a new life for himself in Canada.

After a short stopover in Vancouver, the former Hungarian junior national kayak champion settled in Toronto. He came to eastern Canada because they had better facilities for kayak racing.

"Before I found a place to stay in Toronto, I found a canoe club (to train). It was the Toronto Sailing and Canoe Club."

With no financial help from outside sources, Mr. Joo trained hard without a coach. As a

machine operator working for a Toronto company, he worked shifts, making it difficult for training.

By 1960 he had met his wife-to-be, Peggie, who was also an avid canoeist and kayaker. Before Ontario Place was built she used to ride her bicycle along the breakwall and time her future husband with a stopwatch.

Mr. Joo has an incredible string of victories to his credit since his early days in Canada. He won the Canadian Canoe Association 1,000 metre kayak singles race eight times in 10 years. In 1962 he lost the national championship to Olympian Mike Brown and an injury in '66 forced him to withdraw for a year.

His wife Peggie remembers how difficult it was in those early years for an athlete to train. She once even had to phone in to the Larry Solway talk show in order to pressure her husband's firm to give him some time off to compete in the '64 Olympics.

The three hour per day practices must have paid off, because Mr. Joo made the Canadian squad entered in the Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

"The Olympics were the most exciting part of my paddling career. You can win all the national championships, but the Olympics are special," he said. "Just being at the opening ceremonies is special - it's a nice feeling."

Entered in the doubles event, Mr. Joo and Mike Brown came fourth in the semi-final heat, beat out by a fraction of a second by an Italian crew.

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