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PLAYING THE FIELD
 DAN RALPH
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Pries remaining on as president of GMHA

Reaching goal major thrill of bike ride

Be it a professional or amateur, competitive or weekend variety, setting and attaining goals is probably one of the most satisfying feelings an athlete can experience.

Two Georgetown District High School (GDHS) faculty members know full well that feeling after cycling from Goderich, Ont. to Acton last week.

Moe Leeking and Bob McKay both trained hard for their ride for about four weeks, averaging close to 150 miles a week. On and off cyclists the past three years, the pair decided to attempt the ride and work towards realizing its completion.

"Our longest ride prior to that was about 40 miles," McKay said. "We didn't know what to expect on this ride. We were most concerned with the physical things like cramps and fatigue."

Leeking had mapped the course, being familiar with the area as his parents live in Goderich. He said his last two trips there he had an opportunity to diagram the route.

Mostly the two travelled country roads through the southwestern portion of the province. Of the eight hours both Leeking and McKay spent on their bikes, they say only about one was spent on highways.

Both said they were happy with their time for the ride, adding they figured it would take them somewhere near 10 hours to complete.

"The stretches of construction were the toughest," Leeking said. "There was one stretch of construction that was eight miles long that had sand, mud and gravel which took us about an hour to complete."

"I'd say we worked harder in that hour than we did during the entire ride. We were able to do 18 miles the next hour to get back on pace," he said.

"The hardest thing to learn was probably pacing ourselves," McKay said. "You can't go out and physically attack the course, you've got to keep a manageable pace."

The terrain on the ride was what both called a "rolling hills" type. While being able to manage such geographical boundaries, the pair admitted near the end of their ride, fatigue began to set in.

"We were tired when we got to Ospringe, but when you can smell the end, you suck it up," Leeking said.

As much as finishing the ride in a better time than originally anticipated was gratifying, being able to set a goal, work towards it and then realizing it was the greatest accomplishment for Leeking and McKay.

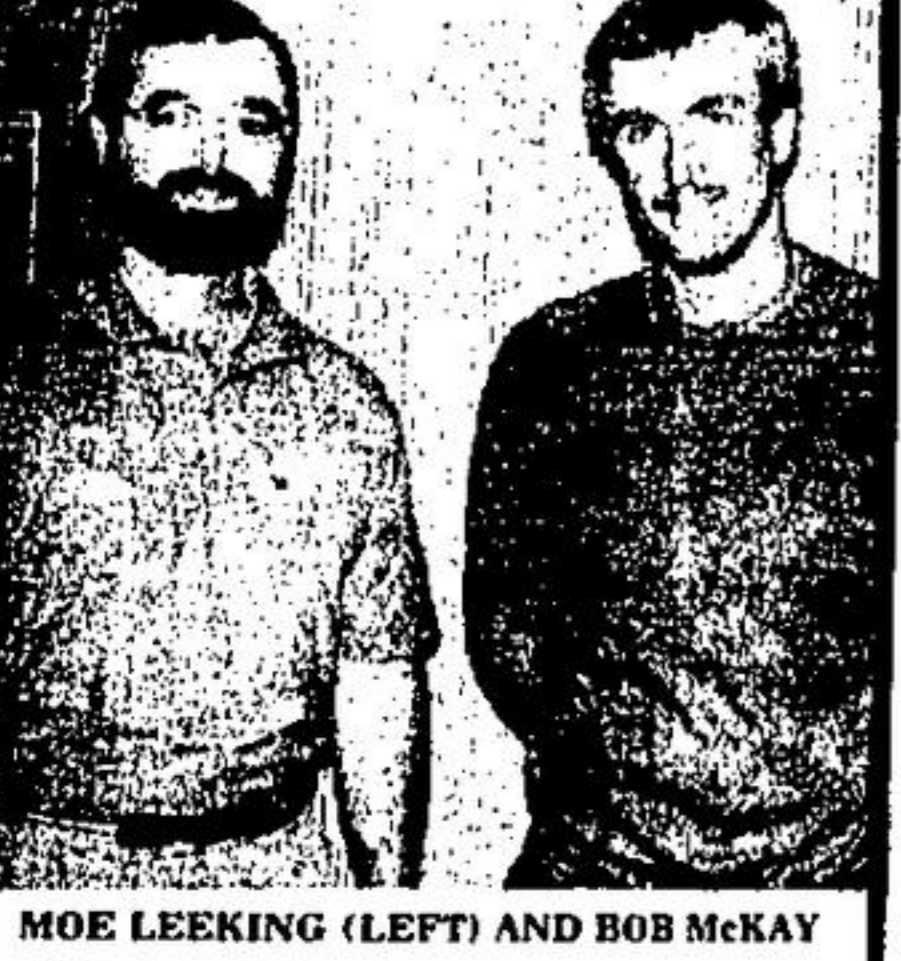
"It was significant for us in that we set a goal for ourselves and achieved it," McKay said. "It was enjoyable to work towards and fun accomplishing it."

One of the most important elements in such a trip was having the bikes finely tuned. Both riders said theirs were in top-notch condition.

"Ollie Tuchtel of North Halton Sports set up our bikes for us and did just a fantastic job," McKay added. "It's important to have them ready, and we felt confident on our bikes. They had to run well."

Leeking said the ride, or something like it, could become an annual thing for the two bikers. In the meantime though, smaller monthly rides will likely be planned.

"It gives you something to work towards each month, and also maintains your fitness level," Leeking said.



MOE LEERING (LEFT) AND BOB MCKAY

By DAN RALPH
 Herald Sports Editor

Wayne Pries will remain as president of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association despite submitting his resignation last week.

Pries submitted the resignation in light of a motion of censure brought against him at a GMHA executive meeting two weeks ago. However, that motion was withdrawn last week and Pries was asked to stay on as president by the executive.

Pries would not officially comment on the situation to The Herald.

The motion charged Pries had violated Schedule A of the GMHA's constitution in how he divided the duties amongst the directors of hockey and operations.

The method of division employed by Pries this



WAYNE PRIES

year was similar to that of last year, Pries said last week. He told The Herald also last week that division of duties were done on a vertical plane rather than a horizontal plane.

In Schedule A, one of the directors was to be responsible for the age group up to pee wee (including rep and house

league teams) while another would handle players from pee wee right on up to juvenile.

Pries had assigned one person in charge of rep and one in charge of the house league, which he termed was an "ideological difference."

Members of the GMHA contacted by The Herald for the most part refused official comment, but privately said now that the whole situation is over, it is time to get down to work. The minor hockey season will be starting up in a matter of weeks.

Immediate past-president Ian Ward told The Herald Monday the executive as a whole is united.

"I honestly believe now we're all working for the same cause," he said. "Which is for the kids."

"With a group as large as ours, (11 executive members), there are going to be some splits, but I like to think they are over issues."

"I don't think the executive splits into groups, with the same people forming the same groups," he said.

"There is a lot of work to be done," said executive member Ed Brown. "We've put this stuff aside, and now it's time to get on with it."



WRESTLEMANIA IN GEORGETOWN

The world of professional wrestling made a stop in Georgetown this weekend, with over 700 fans turning out to the Alcott Arena to watch the action. The fans were treated to midge wrestling, as well as to the big boys. (Herald photos by Sandy Campbell)

Cyclists make successful return from Eastern venture

By DAN RALPH
 Herald Sports Editor

Kevin Peaker and Glenn Edwards will have some interesting stories to tell about their summer when school starts in September.

The two successfully completed their bike ride across Eastern Canada and the northern United States last week. The 2,100 mile venture took the Georgetown riders approximately four weeks to finish.

The cyclists travelled through Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York State before re-entering Ontario and riding back to Georgetown.

Both Peaker, 18 and Edwards, 17, packed all their equipment on their bikes for the trip. They carried changes of clothing as well as camping equipment and a tent

which was their main place to bed down at night.

However, some of their funniest stories surround where they spent their evenings. For example, the two slept in a bus close to a drive-in, an on-store boat in Maine that was for sale and near a local hang-out for derelicts and had the chance of staying in an abandoned home, but decided against it when a case of the spooks became too much to handle.

"It was a funny feeling," Edwards said about the abandoned home. "There wasn't anyone there, but we both had a feeling we wouldn't get much sleep so we didn't bother sticking around. There was just an eerie feeling about the place."

Despite being away from home for most of the trip, the two still

were able to keep in contact with their families. Sometimes it was even on a personal basis.

Prior to leaving, the two left a copy of their route with Glenn's parents. The Edwards travelled the route, and caught up with the cyclists in Edmundston, New Brunswick.

"It's funny because I know my dad's whistle, and when I heard it there, I didn't really believe it," the younger Edwards said. "My parents wanted to know if we wanted to go home, but we told them that we didn't."

The two also had to do some unusual things in order to get food.

"We went clamming in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia," Peaker said. "When the tide goes out, you go out and dig the clams out. Sometimes when you grabbed them they would squirt a liquid at you. Glenn got squirted a lot."

As well as having to work for food and lodging locations, the riders had to overcome some tough geographical barriers along the way.

"I'd say Mount Washington was the highlight of the trip," Peaker said. "It was like eight miles of Hungry Hollow. We cursed going up it, but once we got to the top it was so nice."

The duo were able to remain accident-free with cars along the trip. That doesn't mean though that they came out completely unscathed. Peaker took a nasty fall early in the trip when he rode up Edwards' back tire. Subsequently falling, he suffered some deep scrapes and cuts along his torso.

As for serious problems with their bikes, the cyclists were fairly lucky, having just one

Sports in brief

Eagles rained out

Georgetown Eagles still have one more playoff yet.

The Central Ontario Baseball Association team was to play Brampton in the best-of-three COBA playoff series, but on both occasions Mother Nature intervened and the games were rained out.

Sunday afternoon the Eagles were to have played a double-header in Brampton, but were rained out. The same held true for Monday night when an afternoon storm shelved the game.

With Brampton being involved in the Ontario Baseball Association "A" division playoffs this weekend, it is unlikely the series with Georgetown will start much before next week. No official times and dates were set up prior to press deadlines.

Specters start

Glen Williams Specters of the Intercounty Fastball League began their quest for the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) Intermediate "A" fastball crown Tuesday night.

The Specters opened the best-of-three division final with Grimsby Tuesday night in Glen Williams. The second game will be played tomorrow night in Grimsby. If a third game is needed, it will be played likely next week.

The host of the game will be decided in the first game with a coin toss. The winner advances on to the provincial tournament being held in Ingersoll in mid-September.

A's force playoff

There will be a sudden-death playoff game to decide who finishes first in the Intercounty Fastball League.

Acton A's forced the playoff with a 6-2 win at home Sunday over Hornby. The win gives the A's a 21-7 won-loss record. That is the same mark Glen Williams Specters also have.

A coin toss Tuesday night decided who will host the game. It was held at the Specters' opening game of their Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) playoff with Grimsby. The game was played at the Glen diamond.

Sunday Roy Spear hurled the win, a nifty one-hitter to go along with 14 strikeouts. He also helped his own cause out with a three-run homer in the third inning to give the A's a 3-1 lead they would never relinquish after Hornby scored their first run in their half of the third frame.

Dick Spear also hit a homer in the fourth inning, and in the fifth frame Mark Syme doubled and scored when Tim Baker singled. Baker went to second on the throw to home and scored Kelly McArthur's sacrifice fly. Hornby scored their second run in the fourth inning.

Glen in playoffs

Glen Williams ladies won the most crucial game of their season last week.

Needing a win against Erin to qualify for their league playoffs, Glen Williams recorded a 2-0 win to capture the fourth and final championship playoff spot. Before Thursday's game in Glen Williams, the ladies and Orangeville were tied at 10 wins apiece. Had the two teams remained tied, Orangeville would have captured fourth by virtue of having won three of four games played between the two teams this season.

The win gave the Glen team a final regular season record of 11 wins against 13 losses. Erin finished in third with a 12-12 won-loss record.

Cindy Gabet pitched the win for the Glen. Gabet also had what turned out to be the winning hit in the seventh inning.

With both teams tied 0-0, Gabet singled in the seventh, and was replaced with a pinch runner. Jane Caldwell hit a long single that ended up scoring Gabet's pinch runner. The Glen added the insurance marker in the eighth.

Glen Williams now will play Hillsburgh in the best-of-three league semi final round. Exact game times weren't known at press time.

Tennis winners

During the week of August 20 and 22 the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department held the Pepsi-Wilson Tennis League Round-Up Tournament. With the coordinating efforts of Jay Anderson and Robin Trudell the two days were extremely successful. Below are listed the results.

BOUNCERS (8-10 year olds)
 1st Mike Kostos, Paul Johnson, Diane Gravelle, 2nd Joy Swain, Jennifer Koster, Ryan Schirk, 3rd Gregg Johnson, Andy Preston, David James.

LOBBERS (12 years and under)
 Boys 1st Rob Lang, 2nd Kevin McMurray, 3rd David Lewzey.
 Girls 1st Alana Morrow, 2nd Darina Hudec, 3rd Lisa Vogt.

SMASHERS (14 years and under)
 Boys 1st Steve Robinson, 2nd Darren Lang, 3rd Gary Robinson.
 Girls 1st Shelley Russell, 2nd Margaret Burns.
ACES (16 years and under)
 1st Rick Jacome, 2nd Craig Ostachuk, 3rd Leo Anderson.

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