

PLAYING THE FIELD

DAN RALPH Herald Sports Editor

### Roughriders had special mix

Gord Barwell never really had a burning desire to play professional football. As a youngster growing up in Saskatoon, Barwell's interests were baseball and hockey. His prowess on the ball diamond even earned him an amateur tryout with Philadelphia Phillies.

But as fate would have it, just one year after taking up football, Barwell ended up turning pro. Ironically, some of his best memories in athletics came during the 10 years he spent as a receiver with Saskatchewan Roughriders.

During his career, Barwell played with such Rider legends as George Reed, Ron Lancaster, Bill Baker, Ed McQuarters and Tom Campana. Barwell had an opportunity to meet with his former mates at the Roughriders' .75th anniversary on the Labor Day weekend. All of those ever associated with the team since its inception in 1910 were present.

"There was a kind of chemistry," Barwell lamented Wednesday of the Rider teams he was on:"Every now and then there comes along a team with that chemistry and mix.

"The guys ended up playing together as a family. In my 10 years in Regina, there were very few conflicts. There was always that comradery. Everyone respected one another.

"It was like the Pittsburgh Pirates and Phliadelphia Flyers of the 1970's. They might not have been the best teams, but the players went all-out for each other," he said.

As part of the anniversary festivities, the all-time Roughrider all-star team was announced. Those former players and management associates with Rider teams of the past voted on the selections. Unfortunately Barwell wasn't selected to the squad.

Looking at the team members, Barwell had special memories for some of those named, Included were some of coach Eagle Keys, fullback George Reed and quarterback Ron Lancaster.

"George wasn't the biggest fullback, and Ronnie was supposed to be too short and slow to play quarterback. However, both guys loved life. They played hurt all the time. You knew they were hurt and you'd tell yourself that if they can do it, so could you. They were leaders, the type of people the young guys looked up to.

"The Riders did a good job in selecting players who weren't just after a paycheque. There was a pride in being a member of the Roughriders."

Barwell said the community of Regina had something to do with extalling the virtues of Rider Pride.

"The community tried to get the players jobs in the off-season," he said. "There was always the warm, family atmosphere that seems

to get lost in the East. "People take pride in being from Saskatchewan. Westerners take pride in being from the West. That is why many of the Americans still live there Instead of San Diego," he sald."

If there was one moment that stood out from the rest, it came in 1966 when the Roughriders won their only Grey Cup title. That year Saskatchewan beat an Ottawa Rough Rider team that was a heavy favorite, 29-16.

"We were the underdogs," Barwell said. "We weren't even supposed to make the playoffs."

Overall the Riders made it to the Grey Cup final four times in Barwell's career. Also, he has one particular distinction that makes him unique among Roughrider receivers.

Late in the 1965 season, Saskatchewan was playing B.C. Lions in B.C. Needing the win to improve their playoff chances, Barwell and pivot Lancaster teamed up in the first quarter for a 102-yard touchdown that helped the Riders win the game. That play was the longest pass completion in Lancaster's celebrated career.

"Eagle told me that I should have been selected for the all-star team, but I told him that for me I was just glad to have been a part of this team for 10 years. Just to have been there was neat.

"When I look back at 10 super seasons, I think for a guy who never wanted to play football, to be part of that great team was a fond

memory," Barwell said. But 10 years in the game was enough, and when Barwell did retire, he did so after having his fill of the sport.

Now Barwell is involved with Athletes In Action (AIA) as the Eastern Canada director. A lot of his time is spent with many of today's CFL players offering discipleship.

"Two weeks after winning a Grey Cup, which is the pinnacle for a football player, you have to go out and do it all over again. It doesn't bring lasting peace and success.

"There are things available that can break a player. You hear about guys who have sold their Super Bowl rings because the game has broken

"Through AIA we show them that there are other things in life, that life can have purpose and meaning without a Grey Cup championship.

"Twelve years ago when I became a Christian, guys were saying that Barwell had gone off the deep end. I had just decided to march to the tune of a different drummer.

"Those same guys who said I was crazy today ask me about the change in my life.

"I'm grateful I played 10 years and I'm happy with the way my life has turned. Now if my basement hadn't flooded, I'd be the happiest guy in the world right now."



# GMHA registration numbers low

Those youngsters hoping to register for the 1985-86 minor hockey season will have one last chance to do so tonight before they will have to pay a late fee in order to register.

By DAN RALPH

Herald Sports Editor

The last thing Ted

Wilkes wants to see is

Glen Williams Specters

get lazy before the

Ontario Amateur Soft-

TED WILKES

ANDY BROADBENT

MOE CURTIS

-17

**GLEN FENDLEY** 

The Georgetown Minor Hockey Association (GMHA) will hold its final registration night at the Alcott Arena this evening from 7-9 p.m. After tonight, an extra charge of \$10 will be

ball Association (OASA)

Intermediate "A" fast-

It's for that reason

Wilkes elected to play

fourth place Hornby in

the first round of the

Intercounty Fastball

League playoffs. The

Specters could have

picked seventh place

Erin or sixth place

Guelph, but Wilkes wan-

ted sharp competition

before the OASA event

this weekend in Inger-

competition like that all

the time," Wilkes said

after Wednesday's sudd-

en death game with

Acton A's. "I like that."

MIKE REYNOLDS

BRAD HALE

Those photos

missing include:

Dave Doucette,

John Edwards, Len

Jillard, Rob Hat-

cher and Brian

Humberstone.

"I wish we could have

ball championships.

charged for late registrations.

To date the number of those registered to play hockey this season is particularly low. As of Monday a total of 461 players have signed up,

for weekend Ont. tournament

The Specters played

the sudden death game

with Acton to decide the

first place finishers in

the IFL this year. Both

teams finished with 21-7

If there is a silver

lining to the Acton loss,

Wilkes said it will be that

his club won't have a

layoff a week before the

"I was a little worried

Glen Williams qualifi-

ed for the provincial have to beat to win.

provincial tournament.

about a layoff," he said.

event by downing

Grimsby 2-0 in the best-

of-three zone champlon-

ship. The Speciers

advanced to the zone

final by default after

BRIAN PEAVOY

MARK CURTIS

ROB WILKES

records. Acton won 3-2.

but the GMHA was hoping to have about 800. GMHA president Wayne Pries said he is a little "concerned" over

numbers.

Hornby went into the

Rural fastball play-

OASA event.

downs instead of the

fying have won their

tourney play Saturday

morning when they meet

Owen Sound. Wilkes said

he expects a tough game.

team," he said about

Owen Sound. "They are

one of the teams you

nament like this is depth.

We've got three good pit-

chers in Moe and Mark

Curtis and Gary Halls. In

something like this you

can't win it with just

This year marked the

third year Glen Williams

had tried to qualify for

the championship tour-

nament. Wilkes said he

had the team to do it last

year, but the Specters

were eliminated by

North York Merchants.

Wilkes protested that

series on the grounds

that the Merchants had

players from outside

their drawing area. The

OASA agreed with the

protest, but said they

GRANT VALLEY

Alison Lipp had two

goals as Maroon Mani-

acs defeated Golden

Eagles 5-0 in atom girls

Sarah Fenski, Jody

Johnson and Kristi

Konapka had the other

goals for the winners.

Lydia Copeland, Kristen

Johnsopn and Sheri

Pearson played well for

the winners while Kryst-

in McBride, Michelle

Cizmar and Laura Cas-

cone had good games for

In other games Leap-

ing Lizards downed Gol-

den Eagles 2-0 as Dion

Benito and Tracy Metler

had the goals. Denise

Hannah, Erica Booth

and Sara Harley played

well for the winners

while Melissa Dobbins.

soccer action.

Engles.

"The secret in a-tour-

"They are a good

respective zone titles.

All those teams quali-

The Speciers will open

registration

es are low, and the problem facing the GMHA is not having as many house league teams and players making up those teams as there were last year. Many of the age class- . For example, only 32

couldn't do anything

about it for the remaind-

er of the year. This year

though, the situation was

forward to this," Wilkes

going down to win."

two games, the third will

be played Saturday

evening. Should the

Speciers win both

games, their third will be

Sunday morning. A win

there would earn the

Glen team a berth in the

The Glen Specters'

roster for the tourna-

ment is: Andy Broad-

bent (capt, and left

field), Mark Curtis

(pitcher), Moe Curtis

(pitcher), Gary Halls

(pitcher, outfield),

Mickey Dewes (centre-

(ield), Dave Doucette

(right field and third

base), John Edwards

(second base and out-

field). Glenn Fendley

(catcher), Tim Fields

(third base, outfield),

Brad Hale (third and

second base), Len Jill-

ard (second and short-

stop), Rob Hatcher

(shortstop), Brian Pea-

voy (catcher), Mike

Reynolds (first and out-

field), Rob Wilkes

(second and outfleld),

Grant Valley (outfield),

Ted Wilkes (manager),

Brian Humberstone

Jeni Cook and Natalie

Van Ditti played well for

Helen Tannock scored

for Red Devlis while

Heather Donker replied

for Maroon Maniacs in a

1-1 tie. Ruth Burrows,

Carrie Markus and

Shannon Morris played

well for Red Devils while

Sarah Fenski, Allson

Lipp and Sharen Shap-

cott played well for

In the other game, Red

Devils and Leaping

Lizards tled 0-0. Jodie

Heslop, Angel Hughes

and Lisa Van Klick play-

ed well for Red Devils

while Tracy Meller,

Lindsay Denson and

Erin Gogan played well

for Lizards.

(assistant coach).

Lipp scores

goals for Maniacs

Engles.

Maniacs.

finals.

"I'm really looking

corrected.

Keeping sharp Specters' aim

involved. Ontario bantam "AA" championships this year, enough players to form a team," Pries said, citing

Tryout numbers are said. "We've been trying also low for the major for the past three years, but things just didn't six were out. click. This year we're

NOTES-A total of eight teams will compete in the tournament. The others are ingersoil, Chatham, Rostock, Kirkland Lake, Vershoyle and Verona.....The Specters will play two games Saturday. If they lose either one of their first

have signed up in midget and last year there were . two rep teams and four. house league squads.

The same situation confronts the bantams as to date only 66 players have signed up. From that number, four rep teams and eight to 10 house league teams must e formed. In this class alone last year about 190 players formed the rosters of the teams

"We're hosting the and we don't even have that only eight players have been out to the the major rep teams. major bantam tryouts.

midget rep team as only Pries said he has

heard a number of bantam and midget players are planning to play high school hockey. Even if a lot do, Pries said the 120 or so who haven't signed involved in the high year."



WAYNE PRIES

school program. If the low numbers persist, one option open to the GMHA is to use minor players to form

Also, if the registration numbers don't allow it, the house league teams might have to fold for this season. However. Pries said both are just possibilities, and added he is confident the numbers will pick up.

"I think the registration should be there," he sald. "But no matter, yet won't all be there will be hockey this

THIS CHART SHOWS THE NUMBER OF THOSE SIGNED TEAMS THE REGISTERED PLAYERS MUST MAKE UP. FIGURES FOR HOUSE LEAGUE TEAMS ARE FROM LAST YEAR.

e includes five over-age players a After rep team selections, the players were pooled together with house lengue teams then formed



### Georgetown Track Club

Sunday was one of those hot and humid days one would expect in the middle of July. Unfortunately, the Georgetown Track Club was given this day for its third annual 3 and 10 kliometer autumn races. Director Keith Hodgins and his crew of Joe Cleary, Adrian Beer, Albert Andrews and Don Mashinter did a masterful job of organizing the race around the weather. Everything started on time and none of the runners seemed overly affected by the heat.

The 3 km race began at 10 a.m. following a route out to the Fairgrounds and up around the Mary St. area. Thirty-four people completed this section. Martin Gilmore was first with a time of 8:36. Paul Lalonde and Sean Cleary were second and third respectively with times of 9:28 and 9:29. The first three females were Jenifer Arnold, Tara Bouskill and Leslie Scarth.

The club had a public school team event in this race. Centennial was first while St. Francis and Sacre Coour were second and third respecti-

The 10 km race began at 10:30 with a few of the 3 km racers taking part in this one also. We had a great field this year and some very good times were turned in on a hilly route down the 6th Line and back, Fifteen-year-old Brendan Matthias of Scarborough Optimists turned in a sizzling time of 32:29 to win the race. Manuel Salvati was second in 32:51 and the Georgetown Track Club's own Jim Alien was third in 33:26. In fact, three of the top 10 were members of the club's realy team at the Jasper to Banff relay held in June. Here are the age group results in the 10 km race:

Under-14: Bob Donker 38:27

35 to 41: Jula Upahall 57:37

16 to 19: Brendan Matthias 32:29, Brendan Cleary 34:21, Jeff 20 to 33: Manuel Salvati 32:51, Jim Allen 23:36, Barry Wilson 48 to 49; Vic Mutthews 36:27, Bob Parker 39:32, Charlle Upshall

50 plus: Chartle Balkenmol 47:19, Des Rafferty 41:02, Harry

Farrugia (A:10 14 to 19: Shawn Langdon 48:15, Linda Wenham 48:26 24 to 34: Peggy Brown 50:47, Virginia Turman 62:13

After the awards were presented and refreshments were served to the participants, several prizes were handed out. The Track Club would like to thank the following sponsors for their continued support:

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RUNNING SHORTS

The Track Club is looking forward to a very active season. Coming soon are the Toronto and Skylon marathons.

## Royal Pizza nails down ball hockey championship

GARY HALLS

Royal Pizza defeated Dave's Service 3-0 to win the Georgetown Ball Hockey Association championship Thursday night at Memorial Arena.

Howie Oram scored

·- MICKEY DEWES

what turned out to be the winning goal as Glen Baker and Todd Cull added the others. .

In the consolation final. Huttonville had

little trouble beating

Gemini Maintenance 8-0.

TIM FIELDS

Neil Adamson and Bob Ferri both had two goals each, for the winners while Hoss Ferri, Alan

Hyatt, Alan Tilstra and Roy Rahn had the singl-

In semi-final play

Gary Lockwood. Dave's Service made it to the final by outscoring **PHOTO** REPRINTS are available for any photograph appearing in The Herald \* \* \*

singles went to Rick

Caman, Greg Lawr and

O'Henry's 7-4. Carlos Royal Pizza defeated DaSilva had three goals Exchange House 6-5 in for the winners while overtime, Glen Baker Doug Hall hit for a pair. had three goals for the Riv Kennedy and Rick winners, including the Welburn had the others. overtime tally. Mark Gerald Veltman, Tom Snow had two goals Cordinly, Marty Neufeld while Brian Stone had and Ed Boonstra scored the other. Rick Donaldsfor O'Henry's. on had two goals for The association's Exchange House while

awards night will be held Sept. 27 at the Acton Legion.

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