

Sports Outlook

Bishop Reding trackster cops silver at Hamilton

A Bishop Reding Secondary School student came away from the OFSAA track and field meet in Hamilton May 30 with a silver medal in the midget boys' 800m event.

Mike Wyman of Georgetown, who is a Grade 9 student at Bishop Reding finished in a time of 2:03.24, in the 800m final, good for second. The winner was Tom Keaney of Cardinal Leger, who ran the race in 2:02.54.

Wyman qualified for the OFSAA meet in three events. The other two were the high jump and 400m race. He failed to make the cut in the qualifying heat of the 400m, and went out at the opening height in the high jump.

The OFSAA finals were held at McMaster University, and what made Wyman's accomplishment all the more impressive is the fact that he has had very limited training in

the 800m event.

In fact, when he was running in the finals, it marked just the sixth time Wyman had competed in the 800m.

He was gaining on Keaney as the two crossed the finish line, but ran out of track before he could catch the Cardinal Leger runner.

Maureen Morrison, a coach at Bishop Reding, said Wyman's silver medal finish came as quite a surprise.

"He's not really trained for the event," she says. "What he has is natural talent. He started his sprint a little late, but he almost caught the winner at the wire."

Eric Abulnar, also of Georgetown, and also a Grade 9 student at Bishop Reding, also qualified for OFSAA in the midget boys' javelin. However, a hand injury sustained earlier hampered his performance.

Abulnar's best throw for the day

was 38.76 metres, which is about 10 metres shy of what he is capable of throwing.

At the finals, he had to contend with a badly swollen finger on his throwing hand.

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Dave Kemshead is the golf pro at the Georgetown Golf and Country Club.

Once is not enough Course offers stiff challenge

The Georgetown Golf and Country Club is the type of golf course players find they can't tackle just once.

Dave Kemshead is certainly someone who should know, having worked at the course since he was 10 years old, and having served as golf pro for eight years.

The Georgetown club began as a nine-hole course in 1959 and today has an 18-hole championship layout.

The course has hosted three PGA championship tournaments, and on July 31 will host the Ontario CPGA Assistants tournament for the third year.

Kemshead says the course is presently in the best shape it probably ever has been, the result of many years work.

It goes without saying that Georgetown Golf and Country Club has come to be known as one of the more challenging courses in the area.

"It's the type of course that if you can play well on it, you can play well anywhere," Kemshead says. "It's probably one of the better tests for a semi-private course in the area."

Par on the Georgetown course is 71 (37 front, 34 back).

For the players who want a good test when they go golfing, the course offers a little of everything, in terms of trees, sand, water, and meandering hills.

"There's a real variety of holes," Kemshead says, "from relatively easy, to medium, to hard. The Par 3 holes are not long as Par 3s go, but they require accurate shots."

The greens have been contoured such that golfers must have the ability to read them if they are to have any success putting.

Memberships are offered and the course also accommodates pay-as-you-play golfers. Kemshead says the full memberships are kept to 100 as a comfortable number. At present, there are also about 150 junior members, and as many weekday members.

Tournaments play a prominent role in the operation of the course, and weekends are virtually booked solid through until late fall.

The facilities at the club are large enough to accommodate up to 300 people for tournament dinners in the

main hall.

Kemshead says he has seen a marked increase in the number of beginners who have begun to take up the game of golf in the last several years. And as more take up the game on a serious level, the course must adjust and keep the balance correct to appease the greater number of people.

Lessons are offered at the club by Kemshead but appointments must be made beforehand.

Another feature of the course is a driving range, located in one corner of the layout.

There's little question that Georgetown Golf and Country Club can offer the type of challenge most golfers usually seek, whether they are merely starting to take up the game, or they have been playing for a number of years.

And once is not enough.

"This is the type of course where a first time golfer comes out to play, and wants to come back again," Kemshead says.

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