

Cross country trail blazer

Parker setting pace in ski competition

Tim Parker is making impressive tracks in cross country skiing competition, and recently added an exceptionally fine finish to his growing list of achievements.

In the Muskoka Loppet, held near Huntsville on Jan. 10, Parker finished third amid a field of about 250 skiers in the 16-year-old and under competition, with a time of 43 minutes over the 12-kilometre course.

Parker, who is now 16, has been cross country skiing on a recreational basis since he was five. He tried a little competitive skiing for a period between 1978-80, but since then, hasn't skied competitively until taking it up again this year.

Last year's winning time in the Muskoka event for Parker's category was more than 56 minutes, but changes in the sport have made for a greater competitive edge, and the chance for skiers to go much faster.

Parker, himself, has gone from the "classical or traditional" technique, to a "skating" technique.

"The skating technique is a lot faster than the traditional way," he says. "With traditional, the skis can tend to slide back, but with the skating technique, every kick is a positive kick, so times are getting faster."

Cross country skiing is somewhat of a family affair for the Parkers. Tim's father Robert also competed at the Muskoka competition, and placed an impressive seventh in the Over-44 category, with a time of two hours, nine minutes, on the 35-km course.

The younger Parker is also a member of the Georgetown District High School cross country ski team, and has competed in several school meets. At a race hosted by Glen Forest Secondary School, he was third in a field of 60 skiers. Later this month, he'll be with the team when



Tim Parker is quickly making his way up the competitive cross country skiing ladder, and finished third at the recent Muskoka Loppet. In a field of 250 skiers. (Herald photo)

they compete at a meet in Orangeville, and Feb. 10-11, the team will compete at the Hamilton-Halton finals, for the right to advance to the Ontario Federation of Secondary School Athletic Associations finals.

Parker is currently a member of the Chinguacousy Cross Country Ski Club, which will host the Southern Ontario Divisional time trials this weekend.

For Parker, it's a chance to be seen by scouts, looking for talent to make up the Ontario team, which will go on to inter-provincial competition.

And it things go as planned, Parker hopes to set his sights on earning a berth with the national team.

Bishop Reding drops close decision

Lourdes holds on for 4-3 win

The Bishop Reding Royals fell just short in a comeback attempt last Tuesday at Memorial Arena, and were shaded 4-3 by Guelph's Our Lady of Lourdes, in exhibition junior high school hockey action.

The Royals fought back from a 4-1 second period deficit with a pair of goals, to make it a 4-3 contest, but were unable to get the equalizer.

The Royals are winless in four exhibition games this season, but nonetheless, Coach Michael Kelly is pleased with the effort of his players.

"This game was quite evenly-matched," he said following the loss. "I was pleased. It was a clean, but rugged game, and the boys were very enthusiastic."

Kelly, and the other members of his coaching staff, Gerry Boissoneault and Bruce Mazer, have had to contend with an ever-changing roster.

Since there is no set league for the junior teams, they must devise their own exhibition schedule. The Bishop Reding roster varies both in numbers and calibre of players, from game to game, but Kelly says they have a core group of about 20 players who play when they are able.

This is the second year for the hockey program at Bishop Reding, and Kelly says they are building for the future, after having only Grade 9 players last season, and including both Grades 9 and 10 this season.

Against Our Lady of Lourdes, the Royals found themselves trailing 1-0 after the opening period, before giving up three goals in the second, to trail 4-1.

Brian Ross scored for Lourdes in the opening frame, but Eric Mattson replied early in the second for the Royals to make it a 1-1 contest.

The goal came about after Kevin Dodd took a shot from the point that was stopped by goalie Dave Anderson. Chris Check took a whack at the puck, and Anderson stopped that



The Bishop Reding Royals came out on the short end of a 4-3 decision in exhibition high school hockey, as they hosted Our Lady of Lourdes last week. Here, Royals' goalie Carlo Preneti makes a pad save on a Lourdes attacker during action in the game. (Herald photo)

one, too. But Mattson was parked on the doorstep and jammed the rebound into the open net.

Lourdes responded with three goals to round out the period's scoring, two from Jon Maddock, and one from Kevin Klein, as Lourdes took a 4-1 lead.

The Royals took advantage of power play opportunity in the third to close the margin to 4-2, when John Cheeseman used a team mate as a decoy on a two-on-one, and pulled

the trigger on Bishop Reding's second goal. Check and Jay Mallany drew assists on the play.

Then Kevin Dodd beat Anderson with a shot from just inside the blueline, as Cheeseman worked the puck up to him, making it 4-3.

In the Royals' net, Carlo Preneti kept Bishop Reding in the game with several excellent saves, but his team mates were unable to spring for the tying goal, and the game remained

4-3 for Lourdes. Bishop Reding's next exhibition outing is scheduled for Feb. 12, but Kelly says they will be trying to set up games in the meantime.

The Royals will also take part in their own Invitational Hockey Tournament, slated for March 4. A total of 12 junior teams, from as far as Hamilton, Guelph, and Metro Toronto will take part in the one-day event, which will be played using the two ice surfaces in Milton.

Three teams tied for top in HHHL

Competition remains tight atop the Halton Hills Hockey League standings, as three teams are currently tied for first place, following action Sunday.

LePage's, McGibbon Hotel, and Exchange House all have 22 points to lead the league. LePage's has a record of 11 wins and four losses, while McGibbon Hotel and Exchange House are both 10-3-2.

Rounding out the standings are Genoe ReMax, with 16 points, North Halton Sports with 15, Mal Dodge

ReMax with nine, and Arnie's Body Shop and the Hawks, with seven apiece.

Sunday, LePage's defeated Mal Dodge ReMax by a 3-1 margin, while McGibbon Hotel trounced the Hawks 6-1. The other games saw Genoe ReMax down Arnie's 7-4, and Exchange House shade North Halton Sports 5-4.

This Sunday morning, McGibbon Hotel faces LePage's at 8:30 a.m. Genoe takes on Exchange House at 9:35 a.m., North Halton Sports

tangles with the Hawks at 10:40 a.m., and Mal Dodge faces off with Arnie's at 11:45 a.m.

HHHL STANDINGS
(as of Jan. 17)

Team	W	L	T	PTS.
LePage's	11	4	0	22
McGibbon Hotel	10	3	2	22
Exchange House	10	3	2	22
Genoe ReMax	8	7	0	16
North Halton Sports	6	6	3	15
Mal Dodge ReMax	4	10	1	9
Arnie's Body Shop	4	10	1	9
Hawks	1	9	5	7

GOALKEEPERS' AVERAGES

Player	GP	GA	SO	Avg.
Hillock (EH)	15	25	3	1.66
Test (L)	15	34	3	2.13
McCracken (NH)	12	38	1	2.50
Hulme (MH)	13	34	3	2.50
Scott (H)	15	51	0	3.41

Player	GP	GA	SO	Avg.
Bob Davey (L)	15	13	12	20
Wally Petri (GR)	13	13	0	25
Jeff Coughlan (EH)	12	10	15	25
Brian Braumont (MH)	15	10	14	24
Mark Waters (EH)	13	14	9	23
Mark Hamilton (L)	12	9	11	20
Ken Whetham (GR)	14	10	8	20
Tim Turner (EH)	12	7	12	20
Bob Burke (L)	14	8	9	17
Brad Hale (MH)	8	8	8	16

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Chateau bantams hold on to second place

Chateau Restaurant Minor Bantams played in Milton for the last time in league play Thursday night, and came home with another win in their battle to hold down second place in the Tri-County loop.

Georgetown opened the scoring quickly when Adam Hills capitalized on a Doug Crawford pass, but Milton tied it up a minute later while Georgetown was short handed.

The locals took the lead again in

the final minutes of the first, when Claude Johnston slammed one home with the assist going to Mark McIntyre. Milton again tied it early in the second and again the Chateaus had a man in the box but that was all for the home side. The Chateaus exploded with five unanswered goals and John Katsilleris shut the door on Milton, playing another solid game in net for Georgetown.

Scoring for Georgetown were

Adam Hills with his second of the night, Duane Lewis with two, Mitch Buti, who was filling in at forward for Brad Tutt, who was out of the lineup due to illness, and Trevor Elnesky. Picking up assists were Rob Lang with two, Sean Guistini, Chad Hartman, Brad Amato and Adam Hills.

The Chateaus have three league games left in their season. Last night (Tuesday) they played in Oakville, Friday they travel to Burlington and they wrap up their Tri-County season at home on Saturday, playing Burlington at Alcott 2:30 p.m.

The Chateau Restaurant Minor Bantams would like to congratulate the juveniles on winning the Silver Stick this past weekend. To the coaches and players "Well done guys".

Allen nets two in ladies' victory over visiting Beeton

In their first game back after the Christmas break, the Georgetown Women's hockey team took a 4-1 decision over Beeton at the Memorial Arena Jan. 10.

The contest proved to be a hard-hitting, penalty-filled affair, with a total of 17 minors handed out between the two teams, and a player from each side ejected for fighting.

Georgetown struck first in the opening period, as Pam Anderson scored, assisted by Lisa Allen and Dianne Taylor.

A Beeton attacker finally beat the Georgetown goalie, with a wrap-around goal from behind the net in the second period.

But that was as close as the visitors would come, as solid net-minding stymied the Beeton attack.

Georgetown came back to take a 2-1 lead with a goal by Mickey Richmond, set up by Anderson and Carolyn Grady. That was all the scoring until near the end of the contest.

Georgetown's Allen made it a 3-1 game scoring from Denean Jones.

Beeton pulled their goalie with a minute remaining, and came close to scoring, but Allen fired the puck

into the empty net to round out the 4-1 final, with nine seconds left on the clock. Anderson drew an assist on the play.

Georgetown's next home game is this Sunday at 9 p.m., when they host Oro at the Memorial Arena.

Following the game Sunday, Georgetown will have three games remaining to round out their schedule, before hearing into the playoffs.

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