

# MUNICIPAL AWARDS EVENING 1988



Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller leads procession of presenters as they are piped in to the John Elliott Theatre.



Baton twirler Deanna Guignard, seen here being presented with her award by Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson, performed during the intermission.



The Georgetown Selects girls' volleyball team.

- MUNICIPAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS 1988**  
The following people were recognized last Wednesday night as recipients of the Halton Hills Municipal Awards, for the recognition and honor they have brought to the community during 1987:
- HOCKEY**  
Wayne Morrow  
Brian Hayward
  - SQUASH**  
Melissa Jans
  - FIGURE SKATING**  
Andrew Hoddinott
  - CYCLING**  
Dermot Cleary
  - SWIMMING**  
Carole Sewell
  - FIELD HOCKEY**  
Becky Dobbie  
Bowling  
Tricia Bassett  
Brian Bell  
Dave Ridley  
Robert Harrison  
Ed Doyle
  - SOFTBALL**  
Scott Smith  
Ten Wilkes
  - RAPID SKIING (Coach)**  
Ralph Miller
  - TRACK AND FIELD**  
Amy Powers  
Michael Wyman  
Trent Cull  
Trevor Elnesky  
Kevin Dyer
  - SOCCER (Coach)**  
Brian Cogrove
  - SOCCER**  
Gary Morrow  
Terry Dixon
  - ROLLER SKATING**  
Kyla Drever
  - MINIBASKETBALL**  
Jesse Ogden
  - PERFORMING ARTS**  
Linda Hoe
  - BATON TWIRLING**  
Deanna Guignard  
Susan Thibodeau  
Carla Jackson
  - FOOTBALL**  
Jamie Taras
  - SKIING**  
Andrew MacLeod
- HORSEBACK RIDING**  
Anne Auty
  - GYMNASIUMS**  
Jennifer Arnold  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
Charlie Gibbs
  - CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING**  
Halton Hills Atom Girls:  
Carrie Chad  
Heather Duncker  
Kristy Johnson  
Jennifer Koster  
Jody Johnson
  - Brian Cogrove (Coach)
  - GDHS Midget Boys:  
Paul Lalonde  
Michael Klana  
Kevin Tanna  
Steve Holmes  
Kevin Erwin  
Donna Metcalfe (Coach)
  - Karen Cogrove (Coach)
  - GDHS Junior Boys:  
Martin Remedios  
Glen Mulder  
Bob Duncker  
David Scida  
Rick Hood
  - Donna Metcalfe (Coach)
  - Karen Cogrove (Coach)
  - VOLLEYBALL**  
National:  
Jennifer Irwin  
Tara Burroughs  
Susan Craig  
Christine Craig (Asst. Coach)
  - Provincial:  
Andrew Schirm  
Phil Rehberg  
Susan Craig  
Steve Chaffey  
Jon Hammer  
Graham Sheppard  
Georgetown Selects:  
Julie Arnold  
Lisa Hamilton  
Kim Collison  
Edgardo McCaskey  
Nicole Remedios  
Yolande Sketchev  
Trisha Harkley  
Mylene Demie  
Joanna Miller  
Andrea Grigora  
Denise Varichuk  
Melissa Jans  
Jim Addison (Coach)
  - Brian Cogrove (Manager)
- AIHS Senior Girls:**  
Linda Boller  
Diane Hancock  
Margie Parker  
Marie Brillinger  
Kelly Harrison  
Linda West  
Susan Craig  
Denise Kennedy  
Tracy Wrigglesworth  
Bruce Andrews (Coach)
  - GDHS Senior Girls:**  
Christine Harris  
Lisa Mason  
Sue Taylor  
Allison Irvine  
Alexa Downey  
Sherri Mann  
Jennifer Irwin  
Pam Murray  
Shana Long  
Tara Burroughs  
Lois Book  
Kim Aikens
  - Grant Claiworth (Coach)
  - Jon Hammer (Asst. Coach)
  - GDHS Junior Boys:  
Trent Cull  
Chris Camboerla  
Ivan Buford  
Dave Lawrence  
Mark Murnaghan  
John Jickling  
Peter Gombocz  
John Kataleris  
Sean Collins  
Mike Bosman  
Nick Varrichio  
John Cruise  
Travis Gardner  
Bob McKay (Coach)
  - Darren Hill (Manager)
  - AWARD OF MERIT**  
Action High School Band
  - CELEBRATION '88**  
MEDAL WINNERS  
Female Athlete  
Susan Craig  
Male Athlete  
Jon Hammer  
Coach  
Sheena Kewley  
Volunteers  
Judy and Wayne Pries  
Official  
Gerald Perkins  
Sponsor  
Standard Products Ltd.



Anne Auty receives her municipal award from Coun. Pam Sheldon.



Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid presents Susan Craig with her Celebration '88 medal.

*Win without boasting,  
Lose without excuse...*



Honored at the Municipal Awards Evening as Celebration '88 medal recipients were, from left, Judy and Wayne Pries (Volunteers); Sheena Kewley (Coach); Udo Fleback, Plant Manager for Standard Products (Sponsor); Susan Craig (Female Athlete); Gerald Perkins (Official); and Fred Hammer, accepting the medal for Male Athlete, on behalf of his son, Jon.



The GDHS Rebels Junior boys' volleyball team.



Track and field athletes Trevor Elnesky, Kevin Dyer and Trent Cull are presented with their awards by Coun. Rick Bonnette.



The Georgetown Bowl Boys' Five Pin Team, provincial silver medalists.



Kyla Drever, national artistic roller skating champion, receives her award from Coun. Lillian Bowman.

**'A special kind of learning...'**  
*Life in sports a series of tests*

In some ways, Jamie Taras fits the stereotype of the sports "jock." But in so many other ways, he simply doesn't. That was made very clear Wednesday night, when Taras was guest speaker for the annual Halton Hills Municipal Awards Evening at the John Elliott Theatre Cultural Centre.

Speaking to a crowd largely comprised of young, up and coming athletes, Taras' talk was energetic, often humorous, and at times, emotional.

Taras is a running back with the BC Lions of the Canadian Football League, and admits people often class football players at the bottom of the mentality scale, right next to boxers.

"Sure, we tend to get a little excited when we're around food," he said jokingly. "But people do have a misconception about athletes. People who don't understand what sports is all about. It's about growing and learning... a special kind of learning."

Life in sports can be a series of tests, according to Taras. He began football as a tight end, when he was in high school. But in his first year at university, with the Western Mustangs, he was moved to running back, a glamor position. In his second year, though, he was turned into an offensive guard, which was like "going from thoroughbred to a donkey." Then when he was drafted by the Lions, he was again used as a running back.

"I felt like a pair of Fruit of the Looms going down the testing line," he said.

But not all tests for the athlete come on the field. In his time, Taras has swallowed goldfish, and "paraded semi-nude through a London nightclub," as part of an initiation rite, viewed by many as degrading experiences.

But there is a purpose to all of this, he said.

"It's a test of desire, of character, to see if you're going to break down and fold."

Losing is something athletes must cope with, but Taras says it's important to break down losses into pieces and analyze them. A major loss in his football career came a few years ago, when the Mustangs lost the Vanier Cup game, with just seconds remaining. To Taras, it felt like having his heart pulled out, but at the same time, coping with it was a learning experience.

Sports is also about developing relationships, and Taras' relationship with his family is something he holds dear. He recounted when he was a young hockey player, hearing his father's cheering voice "above all the women" at the arena. And he remembered his mother picking him up from one sport with a hot meal in the car for him to eat, while she shuttled him to another sport.

With the Winter Olympics on most people's minds now, Taras told the young people in the audience to carry on with their development, just as the Olympians do.

"We hold athletes in awe," he said. "But we've all gone through the same development. The only difference is in the level of development. Keep building the spirit and the passion, and bring it out with you in life."



The GDHS Junior and Midget boys' cross country running teams.



The Halton Hills Atom girls cross country running team, who won silver medals at the national championships.



Andrew Hoddinott won a bronze medal at the national figure skating championships, and was presented with his award by Coun. Norm Elliott.