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**Promoter seeks town approval for August biathlon**

If a Toronto promoter has his way there'll be plenty of running and bicycle-riding in Halton Hills on Aug. 13.

Gerry Bruce of Triathlete Promotions in Weston has asked town council to approve of a biathlon competition to be staged out of Stewarttown Public School next summer.

The event, combining running and bicycling, would become an annual stop on a fledgling Ontario-wide biathlon championship circuit.

"Biathlons are expanding in popularity at a greater rate than triathlons," said Bruce during a telephone interview from his Weston home last Thursday. "Practically everyone can ride a bike and run but not everyone can swim."

Bruce presented a detailed report of his proposed biathlon to council last week and the matter has been referred to staff for study. "I don't anticipate any difficulties in getting it approved," said Bruce. "It sounds pretty encouraging."

Bruce's Halton Hills event would become part of a province-wide circuit which already includes four similar competitions in the Halton region and two in King Township. He's hoping for approval for another in the Simcoe region.

The Halton Hills event would employ Stewarttown Public School as a start-finish and transition area. Competitors would begin with a nine-km run followed immediately by a 46-km bike ride. The main course thoroughfares would be along the 15, 17 and 22 sideroads.

"I don't see any problems with the course although there might be a slight route change to accommodate Trafalgar Road," said Bruce.

About 100-150 competitors are expected at the race which will carry a \$25 entry fee.

Bruce already has tentative arrangements for the use of Stewarttown School and he says the race would require some limited police security.

Bruce, a former bicycle racer currently employed as a corrections officer, says he hopes to become a fulltime triathlon-biathlon promoter in the future.

The biathlon circuit is sponsored by Racer's Sportif and also receives support from Norco Bicycles.



**Sabre dance**

This Acton Sabre forward (sans stick) had every reason to do a jig following the team's comeback 6-6 tie with Alliston Hornets last Wednesday night in Acton. Hornets led 6-3 with four minutes left when an illegal stick and other infractions left them short-handed for the remainder of the game. Sabres stung Alliston with three goals in a minute and a half to earn the knot. Sabres weren't so lucky on Thursday and Friday, however, as they were beaten by both the Schomberg Cougars and Caledon Flyers. Sabres host Bradford Bulls on Friday and are hoping for a pre-Christmas beef barbecue. (Herald photo)

**Kevin Dance lands in Raiders doghouse**

Georgetown Jr. B veteran Kevin Dance has taken up occupancy in coach Peter Sturgeon's doghouse.

Sturgeon told the Herald on Monday that effective last Sunday the fiery centre has been suspended from the team, "until he gets his head together."

"I'm hoping this will make him realize there's people around who want to see him go where he wants to go," said Sturgeon. "He's got to work within the system. Nobody's bigger than the team. I'm hoping he'll regroup because Kevin has a real natural love for the game."

Apparently Sturgeon has not been pleased with Dance's recent efforts and reference was made to a few instances of needless

penalties being taken by the feisty pivot.

"If you're tough you don't have to go out and prove it on every play," said Sturgeon. "There was a time when I could tell Kevin what to do but he's got to realize he's a man now."



Kevin Dance

Dance was reached Monday at his Brampton residence but he opted not to comment on the recent development.

"I'd rather not say anything," he said. "I don't want to say anything that will get me into any more trouble than I'm already in."

Dance said he was told not to practise on Tuesday with the team but he said he would probably phone Sturgeon for a chat on Monday night.

Dance is currently the Raiders third leading scorer with 17 goals and 21 assists for 38 points. Last season he bagged totals of 32-25-58 and was named the Miller High Life Player of the Year.

**Jr. B's drop three in a row Raiders reel**

Unlike the kid who wanted his two front teeth for Christmas, Georgetown Raider coach Peter Sturgeon would likely settle for a win.

Last week was one the Jr. B mentor would just as soon forget as the Raiders stumbled through an 0-3 nightmare.

A tough 5-4 loss at home to Central league west division leading Etobicoke Capitals ended a brutal week that saw the Raiders lose 7-4 on Friday in Oakville after starting things off with an 8-0 upset loss to last-place Mimico Monarchs last Wednesday.

While trying to be philosophical about the losses Sturgeon is definitely hoping for a big win at home against Burlington Cougars on Friday before the Raiders break for Christmas.

"The Mimico game was not impressive," said Sturgeon. "It was just one of those nights when everything broke down. We didn't capitalize on any scoring chances and it carried into Friday's game in Oakville. We had a bad start and had no momentum. It was a reflection of Wednesday's game."

Sturgeon said Saturday's one-goal loss to Etobicoke, "wasn't a bad effort," but he left little doubt that he's not pleased with everyone on the Raider roster.

"There's a couple of players I'm disappointed in," he said. "We seem to be inconsistent because we've got too many hockey players around that don't want to play hockey. We've got more talent than we did last year and we've just got to get back to basics and we should be fine with what we have."

Monarchs took full advantage of Raider penalty problems.

"Everytime we touched a Mimico player it seemed we'd get a penalty," said assistant coach Jay Anderson.

After a scoreless first period Mimico erupted for seven goals in the middle frame before Georgetown rebounded to make the third period somewhat more respectable.

Raiders missed four breakaway opportunities in the first period and Sturgeon figures they muffed about the same amount in period two. "It was weird," said Anderson. "But it seemed that everybody stopped scoring at the same time."

Todd King started for Georgetown in net before giving way to Curtis Green late in the second period.

**RAIDER RAMBLINGS:** All is not blue in the Raider camp. Sturgeon maintained a positive attitude after the three losses and says he expects his squad to bounce back. "Saturday wasn't a bad game," he said. "The effort and intensity was there. We just didn't get the breaks. Etobicoke is pretty strong on offence and their defence played well."

Sturgeon continues to praise the development of young rearguards Trent Cull and Rod Pasma and the strong play of goaltender Todd King.

The status of AWOL newcomer Craig Chandler was clarified by Sturgeon on Monday. "As far as I'm concerned he's on the team on paper only," said the Raider coach. "As far as I'm concerned he doesn't want to play hockey." Chandler, who toiled for the Metro Jr. B league's Bramalea Blues last season, has been missing from the Raider lineup since signing with the club in November.

Meanwhile, rumors suggest the Western Jr. B league's London Diamonds are interested in another Raider newcomer Right winger Rory Kennedy, who joined the Raider squad last month, is attending the University of Western Ontario and became available to Georgetown after failing to crack the Mustangs lineup. He played for Georgetown's all-Ontario juvenile champs last year.

All of this has Sturgeon saying the Raiders won't make any further changes to the lineup unless the team is guaranteed to benefit. "We did a couple of things that we thought would contribute to the team and it hasn't worked out," he said. "It's taken away from the team unity and flow. Any future players will be brought in only if they want to play hockey."

**ETOBICOKE 5, RAIDERS 4**

Raiders were behind 2-1 after 20 minutes and 4-3 after the second period.

Chuck Loreto, Bryan Gendron, Kevin Dance and Don Cruise scored for Georgetown with Travis Cole (2), Shannon Storr, Kelly Foster, Mark Pries, Rory Kennedy, Des Brown and Loreto assisting.

Todd King faced 37 Capital shots while Raiders fired 29 at the Etobicoke cage.

**OAKVILLE 7, RAIDERS 4**

Blades built up a 6-1 lead by the end of period two before a team pep talk revived the Raiders in the final frame where they outscored their hosts 3-1.

Davin Ciglen, J.P. Latour, Rod Pasma and Kelly Foster hit the mark for Georgetown with assists going to Chuck Loreto, Des Brown, Brent Presswood, Chris Lee, Rory Kennedy, Travis Cole and Ciglen.

Shots were almost dead even as Georgetown took 45 and Oakville had 46. Todd King started the game in the Raider net but was lifted in favor of Curtis Green before the start of the second stanza.

**MIMICO 8, RAIDERS 0**

Five powerplay goals made the difference as the cellar-dwelling

**CENTRAL JR. B LEAGUE WEST DIVISION STANDINGS**

Team	W	L	T	Pt
Etobicoke	18	5	2	38
Burlington	14	7	6	34
Streetsville	12	8	4	28
RAIDERS	9	12	6	24
Oakville	8	11	5	21
Milton	7	15	4	18
Mimico	5	14	4	14

**Perils of the NFL pool means cold turkey**



**Paul's Call**  
 Paul Svoboda  
 Herald Sports Editor

Sorry, Mom. Sorry, Dad. I may not be home for Christmas. You see, I lost my bus fare in an NFL pool.

Actually, it's something I've known about for a few weeks now. By the U.S. Thanksgiving I knew I was history. Just save me, if you can, a few slices of cold turkey and I'll pick them up after the New Year. That's my next scheduled date for laundry.

Okay, save the tears. Toss the kleenex. Yours truly is still going home for Christmas. No sob stories here.

But he's going home a beaten man. A loser in an NFL pool.

It wouldn't be so bad if I wasn't commissioner of the darn thing. But when I was approached last fall about organizing this year's office pool I jumped at the chance.

After all, hadn't I finished a very respectable second in my pool up in Kincardine last year? Hadn't they called me, "Paul the Czech?" (Soul brother of "Jimmy the Greek").

Eighth place out of 13 entrants is hardly anything to write home about.

This year's results are especially hard to swallow since our senior reporter here at the Herald, the "intrepid" Brian MacLeod, took top honors. You see, we're not like

ly to ever hear the end of it.

However, there would appear to be a football god after all. It seems some of Bam-Bam's misbegotten booty will be spent on straightening a slight dent in one of our co-workers' car fenders after Brian (the of the prodigious appetite) squealed out of the parking lot to buy 17 submarine sandwiches at Royal Pizza after finding he'd won.

Our esteemed editor, Mike Turner, graciously slipped into second place after a season-long dogfight with Brian and a three-place tussle between three worthy opponents saw our former accountant Brent Borne grab the bacon. (Imagine, beaten by an accountant!)

So what have I learned?

Never take Green Bay, don't trust the Eagles and Mike Ditka is still my favorite Slavic-American.

Merry Christmas and Happy Super Bowl.

By the way, I still like the Bears in Miami.

**LATE CALLS:** Do you know a local athlete who has recently turned in a personal best, played an outstanding game or had a superlative performance? If so, call the sports department (me) here at the Herald in the New Year. Beginning with our first issue of 1989 the Herald sports section will feature the Herald's Halton Hills "Athlete of the Week." If you know of a man, woman, boy or girl who deserves special recognition for a noteworthy sporting feat, just give us a call.

Best early Christmas present? Pal Hal to John Brophy. Getting fired from coaching the Leafs was gift enough. But now Hal says John's got a month off and could still have his old job back.



**Rebounding Redman**

Blakelock Tabble defenders can't stop Acton's Chris Burrell as he goes up for two points in last week's 57-41 senior Redmen basketball win at AHS. Dave Thorpe had an outstand-

ing game for Acton with a game-high 22 points as the senior squad earned its first win of the season. (Herald photo)

**Fuelers flame on**

The Georgetown Star Fuelers Minor Atoms won one of their games last week and put up a good effort in games against Milton and Flamboro. The win was against Brampton on their ice and gave the fans lots of opportunity to cheer.

The game in Brampton was Fueler hockey at its best. The offence was intense and the defence was strong and along with some near shutout goaltending from Andrew Craig, the boys scored a 7-1 win.

The scoring started with Curt Carr sliding one through after taking passes from Kenny Armstrong and Keith Hunt. Pete Mashinter followed with a power play stuff with assist by Chris Goodhew. Then linemate Stephen Markham took a pass from Chris Corney and, using his mates as a decoy as he came in goal, sunk one in the lower corner. Chris Goodhew and Pete started a breakout and got the puck ahead to Andy Kerslake and as he was checked to the ice, he swatted at the puck, and it trickled over the line as the fans helped it along with a little breeze.

The score went to 4-1 and then Pete scored with a one timer from the slot with another assist to Corney Goodhew and Mashinter started it again, and in the goalmouth scramble, Ryan Taylor scored on a turnaround shot. Jamie Briggs followed up with a rush and shot on goal, Andy Kerslake got the rebound and Gary McNiven bashed in the seventh and final goal.

The Fuelers played well and lost a close one to Milton 4-2. They went on the scoreboard first as a result

of a three man rush by Gary McNiven and Pete Mashinter that Chris Goodhew finished off with the goal. The game went to 2-1 going into the third. Pete finished the scoring for Georgetown with one of his weaving rushes after taking a pass from Stephen Markham.

Steve Markham had a good game the next day in Flamboro as he had a goal and an assist. Chris Goodhew scored on a slap smash play started by Pete and Steve. Then Steve got his goal during a goalmouth scrum with Pete and Gary getting the assists. The Fuelers fell behind Flamboro and resorted to a little pond hockey type play that left the usually well organized Flamboro team out of position as Darin Finlayson set up Andy Kerslake's backhand for the team's third and final goal in an 8-3 outcome.

And now the schedule provided from coaches Bob Craig and John Andrews by manager Gilles Benuparlant reads "Happy Holidays" until tournament play after Christmas. A little time for the "fanaddicts" to take a break from fanatics - Merry Christmas, Jerry.

**Bridge winners**

Bill Scannell and Earl Ryder were the big winners in the Christmas bridge game at the Georgetown Legion on Monday. Elsie Whitlam and Rene March took second spot and the tandem of Adele Gladick and David Rivers earned third position.

Regular bridge play will resume on Jan. 2.

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