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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Jennifer Scott of Acton served notice she'll be a top contender at the June OFSAA track finals as she leaped to a personal best gold in the triple jump at the Father Redmond Games in Etobicoke last weekend.

Prior to that, Scott won the same event at the Rebel Classic on May 2, setting a new meet record in the process. See Page 17 for details.

## Caps get approval for Brampton move

**HOCKEY**

By PAUL SVOBODA  
Herald Sports Editor

Central Ontario Jr. B Hockey League officials have given the Etobicoke Capitals the green light to move to Brampton.

Georgetown Raiders vice-president Jack Handy attended a May 2 league meeting in which the local circuit approved of the Capitals seeking ice time in Brampton.

"The league is very much in favor of Etobicoke playing out of Brampton," said Handy. "They're an established team and they feel they have as good a chance as anyone to get ice there."

The Central League's approval of the Capitals relocation bid suddenly makes Brampton a rather hot Jr. B property. Former Raider assistant coach Jim Storr is currently in the process of attempting to secure ice time in Brampton for a proposed expansion franchise to begin play next season.

While Storr told the Herald on Friday the Capitals' bid will not affect his own plans to pursue ice in Brampton, Handy said the Central League would rather see an already-established club move to Brampton than take in a new team.

"Brampton's never really supported Jr. B hockey, but Etobicoke's a winner," said Handy. "I'm sure they can probably get ice - someone will get it. A more sensible move would be to take an established team."

While the Capitals' move is still in some doubt the Central League did finalize other matters on May 2. Among them:

—A proposal from the Metro Jr. B league's Henry Carr Crusaders to realign both the Metro and Central leagues was shot down by the Central league. The proposed realignment was designed to lessen the travel east for metro area teams.

—The league voted against expansion proposals from both North Bay and Lindsay.

—There'll be no return to the interlocking league schedule of two seasons ago whereby eastern and western division teams crossed over during the regular season. Handy said only the Richmond Hill Dynes were strong proponents of the return while the rest of the loop voted against it.

—Playoffs may take on a different look beginning next season. Apparently the Central league is considering several options here, among them having less teams in the playoffs or a system similar to the one employed by the Mid-Ontario Jr. C league in which all clubs open playoffs simultaneously.

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Ontario circuit the first place team would play the bottom club, the second place club would meet the next-to-last place team and the middle clubs would play off in a round robin. Handy said the league wants to avoid situations such as last season when Etobicoke, for instance, had a rather lengthy wait until its first series.

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## Storr says his group ahead in Jr. B ice race

By PAUL SVOBODA  
Herald Sports Editor

Former Georgetown Raider assistant coach Jim Storr should know within 10 days whether his proposed new Brampton Jr. B hockey team is a go.

Storr tabled his proposal for a Brampton Jr. B expansion franchise before the Ontario Hockey Association last Thursday and he said he expects an answer from the OHA, "within 10 days."



Jim Storr

Brampton Parks and Recreation official Don Doan was quoted in an Apr. 26 Brampton newspaper as saying the city would not give up community ice time for a non-community team. "We're staying positive about Brampton," continued Storr. "We've received tremendous support from the BMHA and the local community and we're feeling pretty strong."

With Etobicoke breathing down their necks and the OHA ready to consider his application, Storr and his group would like to lock up an ice time agreement in Brampton, "as soon as possible."

Storr's executive, which he said numbers 17 at the moment, met for the first time officially on Monday to discuss current and future plans and to assign responsibilities.

As for past Jr. B failures in Brampton, Storr said his group remains unconcerned. "We're brand new and we'd like to prove ourselves on our own merit. Ninety-eight per cent of the people we've talked to are in favor of it. Brampton's loaded with business and it's a good town for supporting local sports. It's a good hockey town."



Kicking the habit

There was plenty of martial arts action at Cedarvale Gym last Saturday as Promar Karate Club hosted its annual local competition. Here, Dan McNeil of Georgetown (left) battles Justin Rullon, also of Georgetown, in a bout while a judge looks on in the background. McNeil eventually won the match. (Herald photo by Brian MacLeod)

## Sign up for minor ball hockey

It was suggested to the Georgetown Ball Hockey Association executive committee by the community in general that a minors program is needed in Georgetown. The GBHA executives created and filled a position to research the number of interested participants in a minor league.

A tentative date in the beginning of July was set for a clinic to be held for interested players ages 16 through 18. To get an idea of how many players would attend, the clinic was to be by invitation only. To get an invitation a sign-in was held at the Georgetown District High School. An announcement of the sign-in was done for three consecutive days before the actual sign-in. The reaction at the sign-in was zero. Not one person signed up for the clinic.

Ball hockey, which is a rapidly growing sport, is getting no recognition on a local level. In a hockey town such as Georgetown this is hard to swallow.

If any players between the ages 16 and 18 are interested, please call 877-1231 to get on the invitation list. The last day to sign up will be May 31. Call now.

## Wanted: A nickname for North Halton ruggers

**Paul's Call**

Paul Svoboda  
Herald Sports Editor

The North Halton Rugby Football Club needs help.

"Help! What do you mean, help?" you might ask.

"They've been around for a good number of years now," you might point out. "They have a dedicated founder-president-coach in Sandy Mackenzie. They have a pool of about 50 players once their summer season kicks off. They have a ready feeder system with the game flourishing at both local high schools and after years of bouncing between AHS and GDHS athletic fields,

they finally have a permanent home at Neilson's Field."

"And furthermore," you could add, "they're always competitive - third place last year in the Niagara Rugby Union "B" Division - and they were baptized internationally by defeating an English touring side. They have some top flight players - captain Terry Poltruff, an Ontario university all-star; Cam MacIver, a former Ontario Under-21 player; and Rob Paul, an ex-Ontario junior team man, to name a few."

"So come on," you might summarize. "What's the problem?"

Well, it's simple. The North Halton Rugby Football Club needs a nickname.

I recall discussing this same situation with Sandy Mackenzie and a few senior members of the club over a couple of cold beers at the Station House last spring. But I feel that after one full season of

struggling with NHRFC headlines, it's now high time the club adopted a nickname.

Now several rugby clubs, due to the Old World nature of the game and its guarded amateur status in Britain, have avoided adopting names. Most that have, prefer teutonic-sounding or mythological handles often reflecting the days of Sir Gallahad and the Knights of the Round Table.

Barbarians, Vikings, Crusaders, Centaurs. That type of thing.

Some choose to honor their heritage. Irish, Scottish, Wasps, etc...

Still others opt for animalistic appeal. Hornets, Lions, Bulldogs, Wombats.

For North Halton there's some obvious choices. A play on North, for instance. Norsemen? Not bad. Better than Northmen (remember the ill-fated World

Football League?)

North Halton Hooligans? Well... Pretty good, but lately with the game growing and the competition for those Sport Canada dollars becoming ever intense, a lot of clubs have chosen to ignore names suggesting any form of brutish behavior.

No, no, no. Here's the obvious choice.

North Halton Highlanders.

It flows nicely off the tongue. It has that Old World attachment rugby players so dearly embrace. It aptly reflects Halton Hills and, after all, Sandy Mackenzie is of Scottish ancestry - isn't he?

Good luck in '89, Norths.

**Mother's Day**

Hey kids. Bring your mother to the Family Swim on Sunday, May 14 and we will give her a flower. Georgetown and Acton Pools, 4-5 p.m. Recreation Department.