

A fond farewell to Halton Hills



Paul's Call

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Whoever said, "join the navy and see the world," may also have been thinking of journalism. But then, they might've rearranged that to read, "join the media, see Ontario."

Yes, this ink-stained wretch is packing his duffel bag and moving on.

But before I tackle my newest assignment in Orillia, there must be some kind of recognition given to the hordes of people who've made my stay here in Halton Hills a most enjoyable one.

Now, while everyone whose path has crossed this sportswriter's or whose game report has reached this desk, certainly deserves mention, space and time constraints do not allow me to name them all.

Thus the first - and probably last - Paul's Call Sports Desk

Awards for the 1988-89 Season:

Athlete of the Year (male): Trent Cull. A 15-year-old rookie on the Jr. B Raider blue line and a first round Ontario Hockey League draft choice, Trent also won a bronze medal in shot put at the provincial high school track and field finals. While his commitment to hockey permitted him time to only dabble in basketball and rugby, it goes without saying Trent would've been a team leader at GDHS in both sports, not to mention football.

Athlete of the Year (female): Jen Scott. The heart and soul of Acton High athletics, Jen set the

standard all year in the Ontario junior girls triple jump before clinching the gold medal at the OFSAA finals. Also a star in hoops, leading the Redmen squad in scoring last season.

Coach of the Year: Bevin Clark, GDHS. If Bevin Clark wasn't the best coach of 1988-89 he certainly was the busiest. Junior football (first place in their division), senior girls basketball (a fourth straight Halton crown) and track and field (19 athletes to OFSAA). No, Clark did not get this award just because he's from my hometown.

Executive of the Year: Dave Kentner, Raiders prez. Outspoken, candid, often bombastic, always quotable. While he sometimes ruffles a few feathers or is accused of speaking out of turn, Kentner always has the best interests of the hockey club at heart. Also, a never-ending bank of local hockey history.

Team of the Year: Georgetown United. A collection of unknowns who rode a Cinderella six-game unbeaten streak to the Ontario Cup senior men's soccer final. This underdog group also cops "Story of the Year" honors. Ironically, they folded after their fairy tale season.

Most Courageous Athlete: Matthew Fleet. The champion Acton swimmer was badly hurt in a vacation swimming accident and despite being confined to a wheelchair, Matthew returned to mingle with his friends and classmates at the AHS athletic banquet last spring.

Personality of the Year: Adam Bennett. Seemingly mature beyond his years, down-to-earth and personable, Adam has lived a Canadian boy's dream over the past two years. A top OHL draft choice last year, he went sixth to Chicago in the NHL lottery in June. Living the dream, Adam is destined for further achievements.

Columnists of the Year: (tie) Len Landry and Alex Tough.

Len's "Loonie Tunes" (as they're affectionately referred to here at the Herald) are light-hearted, often comical, refreshing and well-written. Len has a real knack for story-telling.

Alex, meanwhile, continues to churn out volumes of informative local, national and international soccer news, balancing it off with darts in the wintertime. He's one of those souls who helps make a sportswriter's job easier.

Correspondent of the Year: Norma Maynard. A tough call here, but Norma's prompt, cheerful delivery of tennis and Legion bridge news always made a Monday morning brighter. Norma's as quick with a camera as she is with a racquet, too.

Promoter of the Year: Joanne Wilson. Boxing empressario Don King has nothing on Joanne. And she's certainly a lot cuter. With phone and press release ever ready, Joanne made sure the rec department word was always heard.

Disappointment of the Year: Raider playoffs. While coach Pete Sturgeon and GM Bob Hooper did an outstanding job with the Jr. B Raiders last year, it was too bad a great season ended abruptly with a second straight four-game sweep in the playoffs.

But as I said to Dave Kentner the other day, I fully expect to see the Raiders again next spring when they travel to Orillia to meet the Terriers in the Central Jr. B league finals.

That's it. I'm off for last call. Cheers, Halton Hills.

Powderpuff highlights Rumours run rampant

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Herald Special

Talk of a juiced-up baseball has surfaced in the powderpuff league as homeruns are on a dramatic increase. A recent league investigation has proved futile so one suspects that steroids may be involved. The league president, Lori Hofing, is looking into these allegations. However, a full slate of games did occur last week and the standings are more confused than ever.

Red Sox 17 Blue Zone 14

A real colorful affair with the Sox outlasting the Zone. Karen Appleyard and Sherry Love paced the Red attack with a triple apiece. Debbie Olver, Wendy Middlelor and Bonnie Courchesne each added important doubles to put the Blue Zone out of sight.

Dawn Hilts proved her worth with some excellent fielding to back up a stellar pitching performance from Doreen Dobbins and Jean Puckering.

Blue Zone fell behind early but an incredible comeback made for a close, exciting game. Kim Kirk banged out a homer and Kim Drever smashed a triple in a losing cause. Bev Bird and Bonnie Hatcher also had their hitting shoes on for the Zoners.

1/2 Croc'd 17 It's Not Easy Being Green 17

What a game! Jenny David socked a grand slam homer to pull the plug on a spirited effort by a short-handed Greenie squad. Goldie Cash slapped out two triples and Julie Ferraro, Carolyn Gingras and Jane Peterson all had a good night at the plate. Bert's girls had lots of work on this night as only eight girls showed.

Laura Richardson played a great game defensively and offensively as did Chris Stoyles and Sharon Zmija. Good effort by all Greens.

Life's a Peach 9 Shady Ladies 6

A minor upset as Peach toppled a strong black brigade. Bonnie Schell poked out a double and Deb Davies added a two-bagger.

In recent weeks Paul Titus' team has shown signs of life with greatly improved play.

Shady Ladies recent slump came to a head with this loss. Shaynes girls came up with a clunker but Donna Davey and Carol Dean kept things respectable. Barb McBean and Lori Hofing both went three-for-three to support a fine pitching performance from Ev Metler.

Pink Cadillacs 15 Blue Lite 5

Pink Caddies piled up a big first inning lead and cruised to a big win over high-flying Blue Lite. Dawn Broadbent led a well-balanced hitting attack with two doubles. Sharon Hollingsworth was the bright star defensively for the Caddies. Annette Van Dyke and Betty Fendley pitched a solid game to keep the Blue club off balance.

In an otherwise close game, Blue Lite couldn't overcome a huge first-inning hole. Linda Armstrong and Mary Kelly were offensive stars for Collin's club going three-for-three. Angela Dadd clubbed out a big homer for the Liters who made it a good effort after a disastrous start.

Dirty Shirts 24 Travelling Blueberries 9

Pat Akers bat has come alive! Pat slammed out a homer and had four ribbies to lead the hit parade.

Susan Ferguson went crazy at the plate with six RBIs and Jen Reynolds brought home three more. Donna Wilson provided great relieve pitching to keep the Dirty Shirts in the hunt for top spot.

The Blueberries put out a good try but came up short in this game. Bonnie Henderson and Karen Smith combined for five RBIs and Heather Cartwright swiped four bases in a losing cause.

Rogers Dodgers 16 Raisin Hell 6

Rogers Dodgers dodged a bullet and raised hell on the Raisins.

Dini Adams was three-for-four and Leanne Hall had a timely homerun. Laraine Tarzwell did her usual steady job pitching and chipped in three hits.

In what is becoming a routine accomplishment, Carol Spiteri struck out eight batters for Raisin Hell, Mary Anne Bradley also pitched well. Andy Ford and Carol launched massive homers but the hell raisers couldn't catch the Dodgers.

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