



# Sports Outlook

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## Keith Perkins Jr. enjoys driving in the fast lane

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I'm sure it has happened to all of us. Well, at least I know it has happened to yours truly.

You pull up to a red light and glance over at the car just pulling up alongside. Inevitably, it's some dude in a 'hot car', revving the engine and inching slowly ahead waiting for the light to turn green.

As if by magic, the Beach Boys' song, "Little Deuce Coupe" comes blaring out of the car radio and it's 'Show Time'.

A little nudge on the gas pedal and all of a sudden the dude beside you is wearing a crash helmet and bears an eerie resemblance to "Wild Bill" Elliott. Maybe Rusty Wallace, maybe even the king of stock car racers, Richard Petty.

The light turns green, you floor the gas pedal, the car stalls and all of a sudden, horns are blaring behind you, people are giving you the finger as you sit in the middle of the intersection and harsh reality returns.

The car radio is now mockingly blasting out "Little Old Lady From Pasadena."

For 19-year-old Keith Perkins Jr., of Glen Williams, the dream lives on thanks to his father Keith Sr.

Keith Jr., a Grade 12 student at Georgetown District High School,

is racing at Varney Speedway, located just north of Mount Forest, in the street stock class.

He is "a natural driver," according to both his father and family friend and fellow stock car enthusiast, Peter Conway.

Keith Sr. drove late model stock cars for three years at River View Speedway, near Trenton, so knows of what he speaks.

Pete Conway drove the same car Keith Jr. is driving, 'Good Old Number 64' for two years at the Varney Speedway.

The car had been mothballed, but Keith Jr. kept urging his father to let him try his hand in competition. The racing bug was still in Keith Sr. and Pete Conway, so the car was prepared by the two for the younger Perkins.

Varney Speedway sports a 1/4-mile oval and Number 64, a somewhat hybrid 1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass, was entered in the street stock class with the young Mr. Perkins behind the wheel.

As Keith Sr. noted, "We had to give him a chance to get it (racing) out of his system. It will either make or break him."

According to interested onlookers, as well as the proud father, Keith Jr.'s initiation into the rites of racing went better than

expected.

First-race jitters got to Keith Jr. in his initial attempt to qualify for the 200 lap feature.

His street stock class is mainly for beginners, but no quarter is asked, or given once the green flag is dropped.

Keith Jr. finished his first race, second from last, but withstood the bumping and intimidating tactics of a number of other drivers.

His second time out, the now battle-hardened youngster placed third to qualify for the 200 lap feature.

He was running well in the feature, in the early going, then on the 15th lap, his brakes failed.

The gutsy tyro driver survived through 95 laps before being forced to retire.

The younger Perkins has been given a taste of life in the fast lane and now wants a bigger bite of the pie.

Keith Sr., construction manager with Pilbrico (Canada) Limited in Burlington, has given his son the green flag to continue.

The elder Perkins estimates it costs approximately \$1,500 to run at Varney for the season and the team will continue this year until the season ends in October.

Depending on how Keith Jr. fares over the balance of this



KEITH PERKINS Jr., of Glen Williams, has tasted life in the fast lane of stock car driving. He now wants a bigger bite of the pie. (Herald photo)

year's racing season, he will either return to street stock racing next year or move up to the more exciting and dangerous late model class.

Look out "Wild Bill," Rusty and all the rest of the 'Good Old Boys', a red-haired youngster from Glen Williams is looking to 'shut you down'.



GOOD OLD NUMBER 64 was taken out of mothballs and spruced up for yet another season of stock car racing. The car has a history of its own and was originally driven by Peter Conway.



GOOD OLD NUMBER 64 might have preferred to remain in mothballs following Keith Perkins Jr.'s (left) initiation into the world of stock car racing. Father, Keith Perkins Sr. (right) estimates it costs approximately \$1,500 to run for one season in the street model stock car class. (Herald photo)

## Sabres host New Hamburg

Acton Sabres, of the Mid-Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League are back in exhibition game action tonight (Saturday), 8 p.m. at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, with a game scheduled against New Hamburg.

Sabres are coming off two tough exhibition game losses to two-time Georgian Bay Junior "C" Hockey League champions, Stayner Siskens, and are looking to get into the win column.

Sabres return the favor to New Hamburg with an exhibition game in New Hamburg's home arena this coming Friday night, then prepare for 1989-90 regular season

action.

The Acton team opens 1989-90 Mid-Ontario Junior "C" regular season play, Oct. 6, with a game in Alliston.

The Sabres will be strutting their regular season stuff before hometown fans Oct. 13 against arch-rival, Orangeville, 8 p.m. at the Acton Community Centre.

## Soccer standings

### PLAYOFF STANDINGS AND RESULTS

DIVISION 1 SECTION A									
	P	W	T	L	F	A	P	T	S
Crown and Anchor	3	2	0	1	4	1	4	1	4
Acton Villa	3	2	0	1	5	5	4		
Marlin Travel	3	0	0	3	1	8	0		
DIVISION 1 SECTION B									
Ancient Mariners	3	2	0	1	2	4			
Meteora	3	2	0	1	3	2	4		
Eagles	3	1	0	2	1	2	2		
DIVISION B SECTION A									
United	3	2	1	0	2	1	3		
Laurentian	3	1	1	0	1	1	3		

DIVISION B SECTION B									
	P	W	T	L	F	A	P	T	S
Ajax	2	1	0	1	1	2	1		
Trexcon	3	3	0	0	6	2	6		
Tam O'Shanter	3	2	0	1	8	3	4		
Milton	3	1	0	2	5	7	2		
Stingers	3	0	0	3	1	9	0		
RESULTS DIVISION 1									
Meteora 2								Mariners 1	
Crown 3								Villa 0	
Marlin default 0								Eagles 1	
DIVISION 2									
United 1								Ajax 0	
Milton 0								Trexcon 3	
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