# Acton harriers show promise

There are two things that set the annual Octoberfest Invitational Cross Country races apart from all other cross country races open to high school athletes. Those are the severity of the courses and the huge numbers of competitors.

Located at the Chicopee Ski Hills in Kitchener, the courses are a runner's nightmare, with huge hills and very few flat areas in which to recover. Even the start of the races is uphill.

This year's event which was held last Thursday, saw the largest number of competitors at a high school cross country meet in Canada. There were 2,400 athletes competing.

Bruce Andrews, the coach of the Redmen Cross Country team was pleased with the efforts of his runners. "We are trying to build a foundation for cross country at Acton and this will take some time. The periformances of our runners have been steadily improving from meet to meet, and this meet was no exception especially in light of the huge numbers of competitors.

David Osborne continued his strong racing this season by placing 11th in a field of 315 finishers. Coach Andrews believes that, based upon Osborne's performances so far this season, he should be able to qualify for the OFSAA championships and be able to finish in the top 20.

Julian Sark and Bob Andrews, first year runners, achieved good results for themselves by placing 229th and 285th respectively.

The junior boys 6,800 metre race saw the largest field of competitors with 432 finishers. Lam Nguyen led the way for Acton by placing 153rd. He was followed across the finish



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line by Kevin Pettipher, 180th, Matt Elliott, 283rd, and David Watkinson, 300th.

Marc Vanden Akker, the only senior runner on the Acton squad achieved a personal best by placing 133rd in a field of 350 competitors.

To build a strong team in the future, the Redmen must recruit more girls to cross country. This year they have only two female competitors. Karen Pettipher, a first year midget, has been running well all season and at Chicopee ran 77th in a field of 259. Tamra Reynolds, a senior, finished her race in 109th position.

### Junior Redmen collect win

The Acton High School Junior Redmen volleyball team emerged

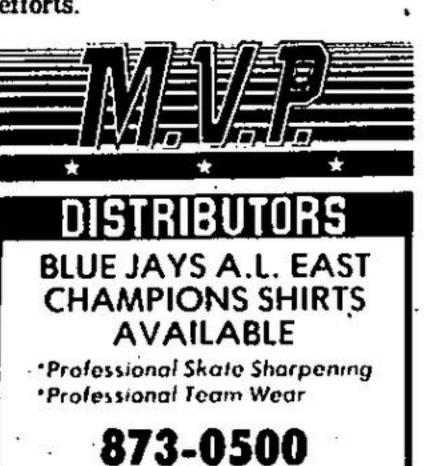
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victors in regular Halton league play against Notre Dame on Thursday, defeating their guests by three games to none.

Very quickly, in the first game, the Redmen dominated the play to win 15-4. In the second game, the visitors became a little more organized in their attack against an Acton squad whose players had been rotated by their coaches to a number of new positions.

The Redmen, after falling behind, struck back eventually to win 15-11. In the third game a number of service aces led Acton to a 15-9 victory.

Coach Ken Ellis, was particularly pleased with the play of Jake Jovanov, whose serves proved difficult for the guests to handle. "Our outside blocking," said Ellis, "continues to improve becoming an offensive weapon for us." .

He singled out Jeff Koprowski and rookie Kevin Argudin as working well on the blocks against Notre Dame.

The next regular action for the Redmen is on Wednesday when Acton travels to Blakelock.

Their league record is now 3 and





Slo-pitch finalists

Smith and Stone 1989 Georgetown Inter-Plant Slo-Pitch League playoff finalists, Front row, left to right, Don Bradley, Mark Hancock, Ken Lyons, Steve Campbell, Rick Thomspon and Blake Harrison. Back row, left to right, Rick Sedore. Donald Leece, Paul Gingras, Leland Young, George Specic. Jim Marshall, Bill Haynes and Dave Puckering. (Herald

## M and M Pro Sports bantams suffer early season losses

M and M Pro Sports major bantam "AA"s opened their season this past weekend losing to Flamboro 4-1 and their arch rivals Milton 6-4.

#### Acton girls post win

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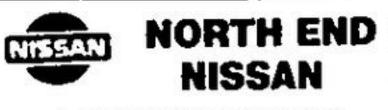
Last Thursday the Acton High School Junior Girls Redmen basketball team defeated Notre Dame by the score of 47-42.

The game was a closely fought contest with the teams tied at half time. In the second half strong play under the boards by Kelly Ambrose and fast breaks by Deanna Louth contributed to the Acton win.

Coach Larry Marin, was especially pleased with his team's performance. "It was a fun game for both teams. It had fast back and forth action and a close score with everyone contributing. I especially liked our passing game today," he said.

High scorers for Acton were Kelly Ambrose with 18 points, Deanna Louth with eight and Tracey Cripps with six.

The Junior Redmen will meet T.A. Blakelock in their next home game Wednesday (today) at 3:30 p.m.



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In their first game of the season, the bantams went to Flamboro Saturday night and seemed to take the opposition too lightly as serious competition.

In the first period, both teams seemed to be feeling each other out with Flamboro scoring the first goal at the 3:48 mark.

Georgetown tied it up just two minutes later when Jake Mashinter scored from a pass from Steve Wright with the other assist going to Chris Barrow.

But Flamboro took the lead and never looked back adding two more in the second period.

"We showed our lack of playing time together." said coach Wright.

"We got behind and started to run all over the place. We are a new team and it will take time to jell as a team. We will learn from mistakes as the season goes on."

Sunday, for their first home game, the locals fell behind againwhen Milton opened the scoring at the 7:40 mark of the first period Georgetown tied it up less than a minute later when Tim Presswood scored with assists to Derek Ellard and Shaun Curry

Milton scored three more goals before Georgetown again got on the scoreboard with Steve Wright's goal from a pass by Dave Osborne.

Milton scored a powerplay goal.

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then Tim Presswood scored his second of the game at 10:14 of the third period with assists going to Ellard and Mark David.

Milton again got the powerplay goal but the bantams came back when Jake Mashinter put one in off a Steve Wright pass at 1:20 in the third.

"Our guys were coming on in the third," said coach Wright "We never gave up and there was none of the running around we saw in last night's game. Our team improved 300 per cent over the game in Flamboro the night before and I can see this team getting better with every game," said Wright.

Members of the 1989-90 M and M Pro Sports Major Bantams are Tom Spencer. Tom Diardichuk. Steve Wright, Chris Barrow, Jake Mashimer, Mark David, Dave Osborne, Matt Downs, Brent Couling, Shaun Curry, Derek Ellard, Tim Presswood, Dustin Thompson. Mike Large, Ryan Ward and Sean Pearson Coaches are John Wright and Joe Moneypenny

Next home game is Sunday, 2:30 p.m at Gordon Alcett Memorial



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