

High school track and field

Rebels' Bob Donker sets record in mile race

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The Georgetown District High School Rebels track and field team is off and running, jumping and throwing now that spring weather has finally arrived.

Last Thursday, Rebel runners competed in the Rich Ferguson Mile in Toronto, then on Saturday at the Bluevale Relays Introductory track and field meet, held in Kitchener, Rebels competed in both track and field events.

The Rich Ferguson Mile saw Rebel Bob Donker top the field in the senior boys category (in a time of 4:13.0) thanks mainly to a costly mental mistake made by Aylmer East Elgin Secondary School runner, Shawn McKay.

McKay was leading Donker within 200 metres of the finish line, when he veered slightly off course following the lead car.

Donker took advantage and nipped McKay, a member of the Canadian junior team that competed in the past two world cross-country championships, at the finish line, also establishing a new record for the event.

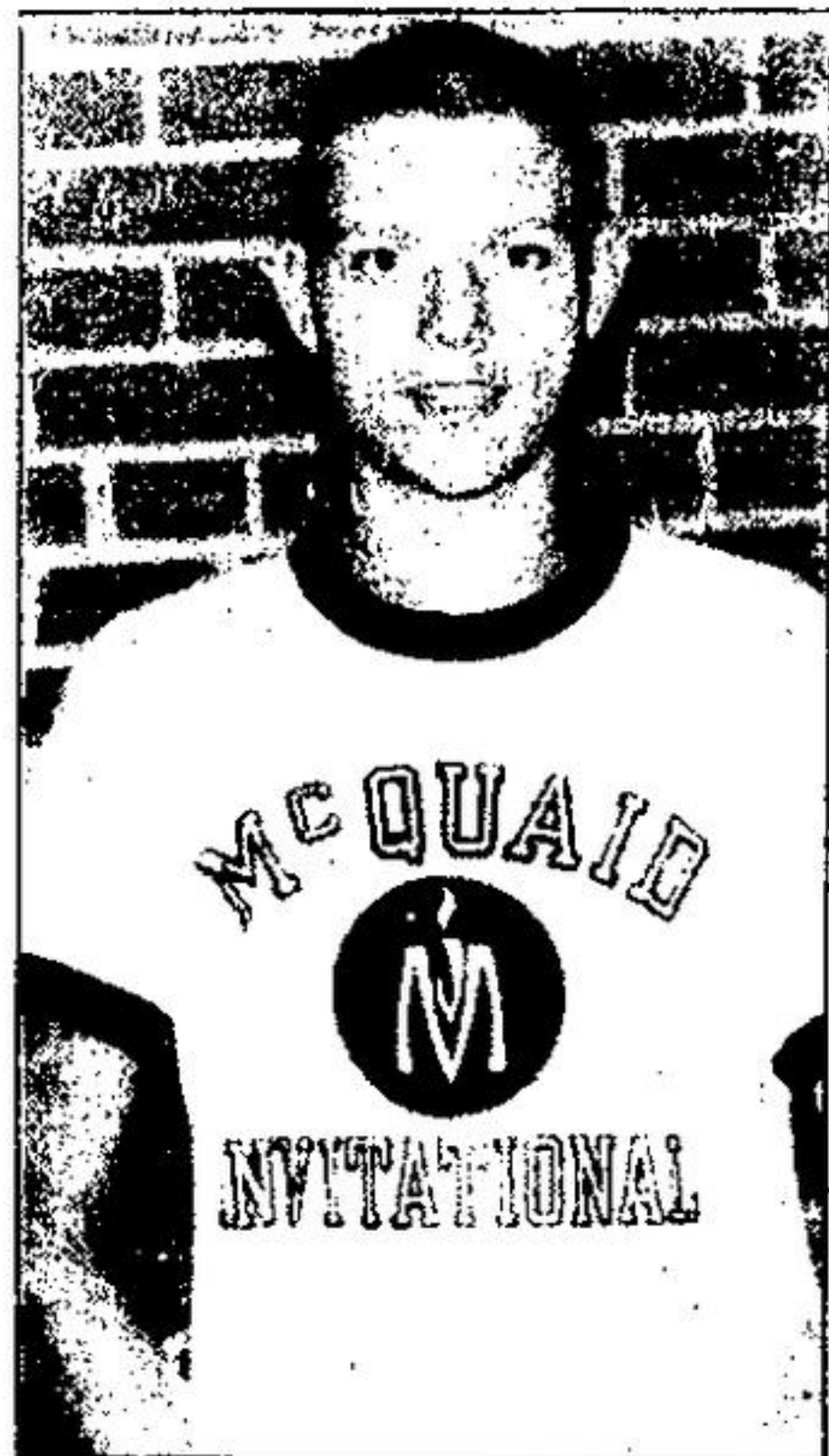
The old record of 4:17.0 was held by Paul Dollement of Toronto's Neil McNeil.

After the unexpected turn of events, a smiling Donker was quoted as saying, "I was actually hoping for a good time and it turned out to be my day ... It's funny, every runner goes into a race hoping to win but this one surprised me."

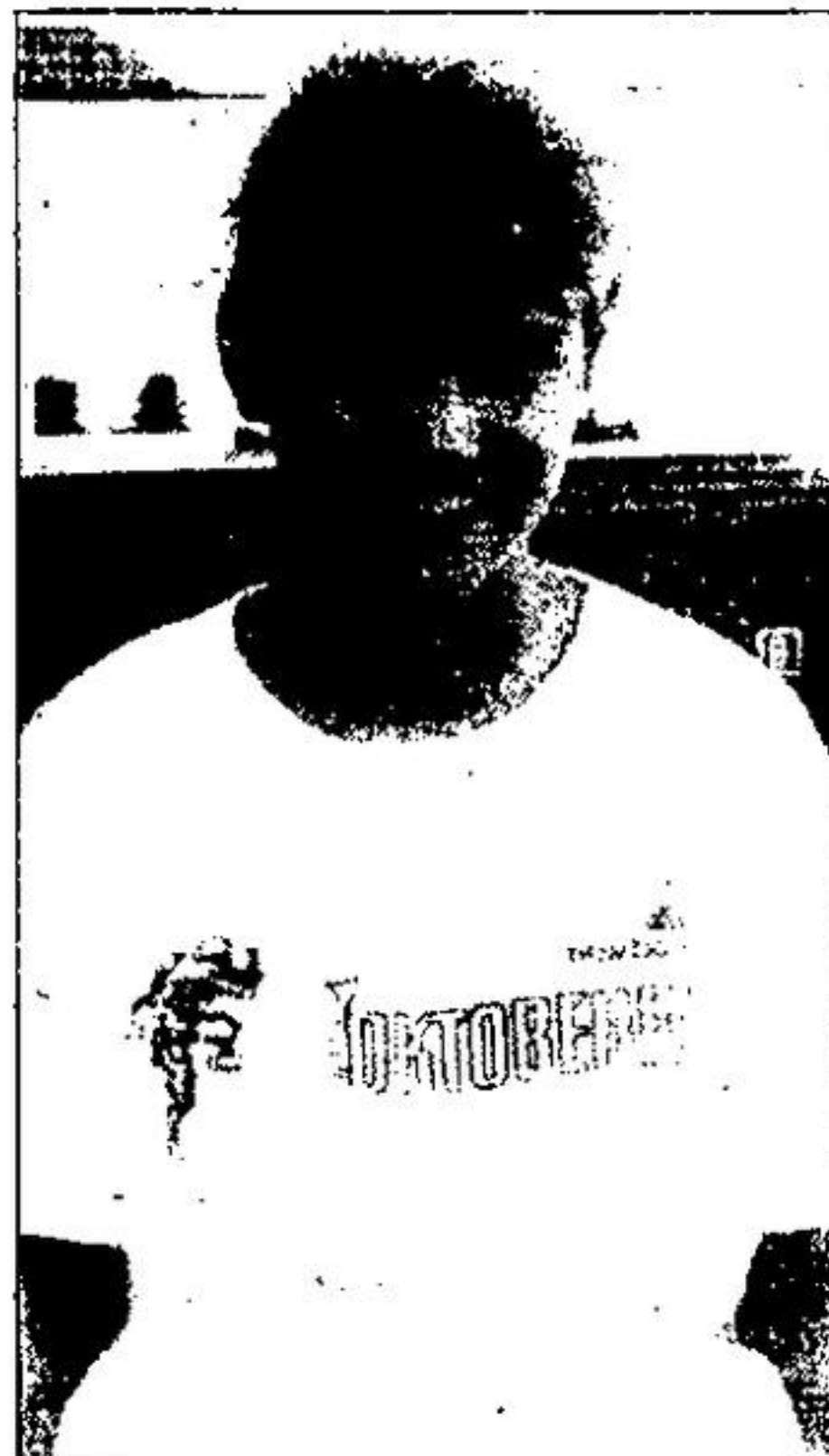
GDHS midget girls runner Kristy Johnson, also had a fine race, finishing 5th in her category, in a time of 5:43.0.

Erica Booth placed 10th in the midget girls category, while Brent Couling placed 6th in the junior boys category.

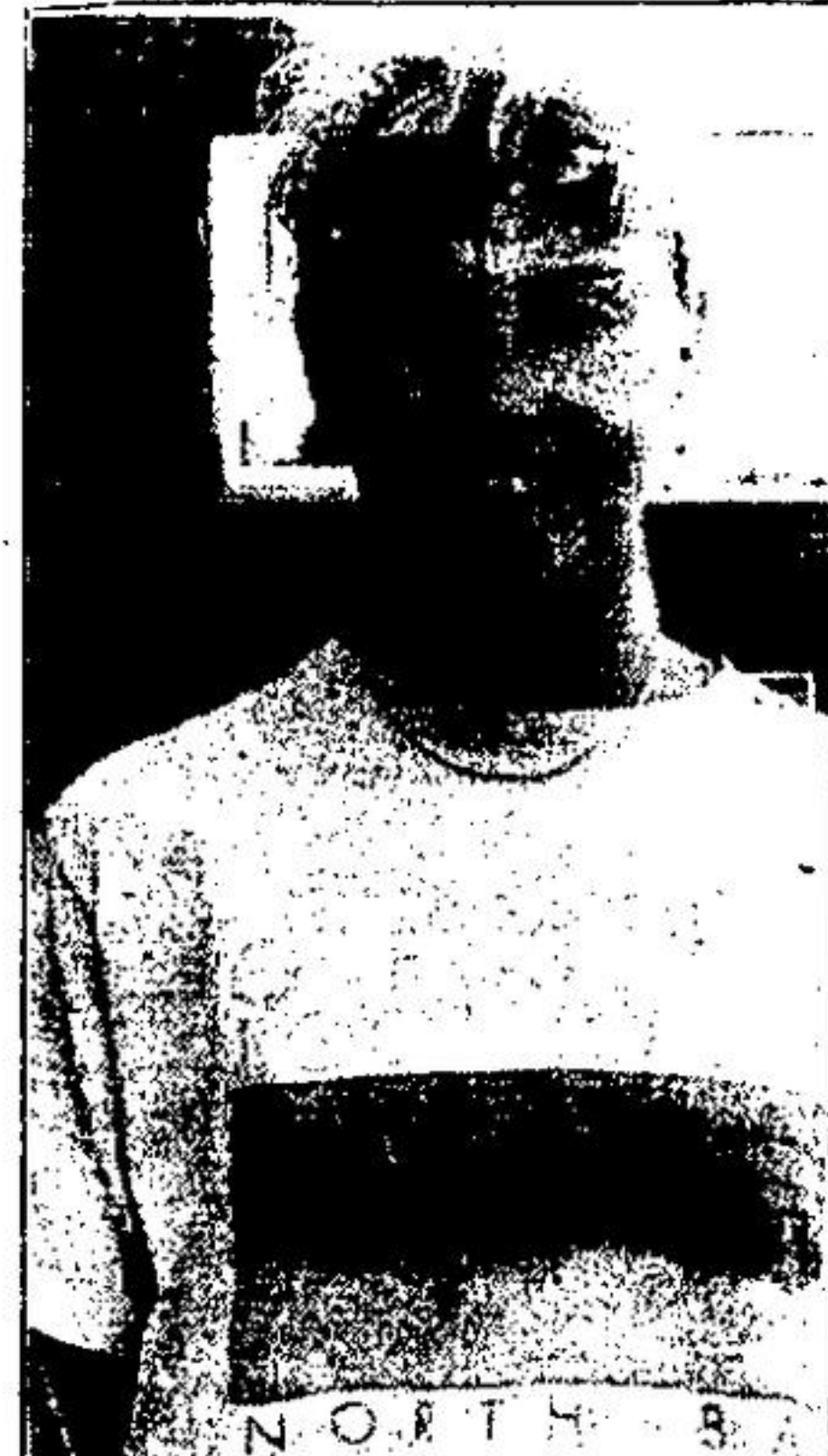
Ryan Trant, Jack Masinter and Kevin McMurray placed in the top 20 in the junior boys category.



Bob Donker



Kristy Johnson



Sarah Mulholland

In the junior girls category, Megan Lusby and Sarah Mulholland placed in the top 20.

Rebels track and field coach, Bevin Clark, also noted that Martin Davison, Dan Campbell and Tom Keane showed well in the senior boys category.

At the Bluevale Relays, which attracted 40 schools, the Rebels placed 6th overall.

The Rebels efforts were highlighted by Martin Bogovic's first place in the senior boys javelin and Scott Hobbs first place in the midget boys triple jump.

Randy Bond was second in the midget boys javelin while Matt Deruchie and Matt Zuraw tied for third in the midget boys high jump. Lisa (Clark) Carter was third in

the senior girls high jump, while Cindy Kallo placed fourth and Natalie Golson placed fifth in open girls javelin.

Clark was very pleased with the overall midget and junior performances, describing them as "outstanding".

He singled out younger Rebels, Erica Booth, Darby Erler, Becky Couling, Brent Couling and David Sands as displaying "great promise."

Rebels entered a number of teams in relay races and consistently placed in the top 20.

This Friday the Rebels will be taking part in the Nelson Relays, at Nelson High School in Burlington.

The Rebel Relays are slated for GDHS this coming Tuesday and May 4-5, the Rebels will be competing in the Father Redmond Track Classic in Etobicoke.

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