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Pries joins OMHA executive

By COLIN GIBSON
 Herald Sports Editor

Georgetown's 'Mr. Hockey', Wayne Pries, had added yet another page to his already bulging hockey portfolio, after being acclaimed as a member of the Executive Committee of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association at the organization's 57th annual meeting held Saturday in Toronto at the Royal York Hotel.

Pries joins 10 other acclaimed members of the committee. Ed Grimshaw of Stouffville, replaces outgoing OMHA president Jim Pollard, of London.

Pries, a member of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association since 1976, has spent the past three seasons as an OMHA Convenor for the Tri-County Hockey League, Harrison Division and House League carding.

He is presently the man in charge of the Halton Hurricanes, the AAA Zone hockey program, which will involve players from

Novice through Juvenile in a recently-initiated OMHA program which will allow players, regardless of their residence status, the opportunity to play the game at the highest level possible.

The AAA Zone Halton Hurricanes will provide this opportunity to young hockey players from Georgetown, Acton, Erin, Flamboro, Milton and Orangeville.

The OMHA AAA Zone project was initiated last year when four elite zone organizations were created out of 29 hockey communities.

The other two zones involve communities around the Belleville area and communities around the Welland area.

Pries is currently a member of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council, has managed the Sunny Acre Farms major midget hockey team for the past two seasons, and also has been involved with Georgetown senior and junior hockey teams.

It was noted at the 57th annual OMHA meeting, that the number of players registered in minor hockey has shrunk from a high of 153,751 in 1976-77 to just 86,528 last season. This did, however, represent a small increase from the previous season.

The OMHA took in a total of \$1,080,176.12 last season, but this included a \$10,000 transfer of funds from the organization's Maintenance Fund, thus allowing for a \$3,923.60 surplus.

Outgoing president, Pollard, advised those in attendance that the OMHA will shortly be hiring a full-time Development Administrator to improve and help volunteers in development programs.

A risk management booklet, prepared by Hockey Development Centre of Ontario safety director John Panthere, will be introduced to help those voluntary organizations involved in minor hockey avoid costly lawsuits.



Wheelchair athlete, 14-year-old Ryan Leworthy of Milton, won the 400 metre male junior paraplegic race Saturday at the Metro Toronto Wheelchair Challenge. Leworthy also placed second in the 800 and 1,500 metre races and third in the 100 metre event. (Thomson News photo)

Wheelchair athlete enjoys competition

By ROB SAVAGE
 Thomson News Service

TORONTO - The pop song 'Blame It On The Rain' might best describe wheelchair athlete Ryan Leworthy's feelings these days.

The 14-year-old from Milton wasn't greatly impressed with his performance at the Metro Toronto Wheelchair Challenge this past weekend. He said poor weather conditions on Saturday may have been partly to blame.

"I was expecting to do a lot better," said Leworthy, whose record included a first place finish in the male junior 400 m. paraplegic race at a time of 76.18 seconds.

Unfortunately for Leworthy, the weekend event also saw second place finished in the 800 m. and 1,500 m. races and a third place posting in the 100 m. event.

Leworthy said he is convinced the wet track at the Etobicoke Centennial Stadium on Saturday may have hurt his performance.

"I hate to make a lot-of excuses

up," he said. "But that's what I think it is."

Leworthy, who has spinabifida, has seen better. A regional meet in Milton, for example, saw him place first in all events.

Leworthy has been competing for more than three years and said Saturday the challenge is getting tougher. More athletes are participating, he said, and many have improved greatly over the years.

Admitting he is "very competitive" himself, Leworthy said he is up to the challenge.

Leworthy also plays wheelchair basketball but said he prefers track. He said he enjoys the individual attention an athlete receives in track events.

"You can't blame it on any other person if you screw up."

His track meets have taken him to areas such as Ottawa and Cornwall and he is aiming to compete in the 1996 Olympics. He also hopes to take part in the national competition next year.

Remington tourney a success

By NORMA MAYNARD
 Herald Special
 The Gordon Alcott Tennis Club

held the annual Remington-sponsored Father-Son, Mother-Daughter tournament on the

weekend, despite rain-out on Saturday and many draw changes. The tournament was played Sunday.



Murray Jans leaps to return service during play in the Remington-sponsored father-son, mother-daughter tennis tournament played Sunday at Gordon Alcott Tennis Club. Murray and his son, Kevin White, won their first match but were eliminated in the second round. (Herald photo)

First round Mother-Daughter: Susy and Jenny Lorito won against Sandy and Kristy Lewis 10-4, Debbie and Jennifer Koster won 10-6 against Barb Rieger and Sandra Dallison. Maureen and Joanne Burgoyne lost to Audrey and Melanie Jans 10-2 who then defeated Sue and Michelle Cizmar 10-2. Koster's won 6-2, 6-0 against Loritos.

In the finals, Audrey and Melanie Jans won against Debbie and Jennifer Koster 6-2, 6-4. Sandy and Kristy Lewis won consolation finals against Sue and Michelle Cizmar.

First round Father-Son: Victor and Daniel Estevan lost to Brian and Don Hunter 10-4. Kevin White and Murray Jans won over Ken and Chris Morisawa 10-2. Jack and Sander Bob won over Malcolm and Andrew MacLeod 10-8. Ed and Jeff Van Den Hoek won 13-11 over Phillip Williamson and Jim White.

John and Paul Dallison were winners over Mike and Andrew Payne 10-1. Doug and Rick Sowery won over Tom and Tommy Dembie 10-6. Bill and Jeff Maynard were winners over Sowerup 10-2. Don and Mike Hurley won 10-3 against the Hunters. Bols lost to White and Jans 6-2, 6-2.

Dallisons beat Van Den Hoeks in 3 sets 2-6, 6-2, 6-3. Hurleys won 6-1, 6-3 against White and Jans. Maynards won over Dallisons 6-1, 6-2. In the finals, Don and Mike Hurley won against Bill and Jeff Maynard 6-2, 6-4. Consolation winners were MacLeods defeating Dembies.

Don and Mike Hurley and Audrey and Melanie Jans go on to the next round July 14-15 at Mayfair West. Good luck to Hurleys and Jans.

The Gordon Alcott Tennis Club's Jr. Boys team played the top team, Springfield, taking 4 points. Jim Lawrence had scores of 0-6, 7-5. Gord Buchan 4-6, 3-6, Phillip Williamson and Andrew Elliott 4-6, 6-4. Henry Anderson 0-6, 0-6 and Victor Capota 6-4, 6-0.

The next match was against Credit Valley and 3 points were taken. Rich Sowery 3-6, 1-6, Gord Buchan 1-6, 3-6, Ryan Pells and Jeff Van Den Hoek 4-6, 2-6. Tom Dembie won 7-6, 6-2. Paul Dallison split the points 6-4, 6-7 (14-12).

The Ladies "A" team played Brampton I, the top team. Teams

were Ann Kennedy and Audry Houston, Chris Steen and Donna MacDonald, Ouida Graville and Karin Wilson and Mary Hughes and Joanne Van Den Hoek.

The Ladies "C" team did not fare well against O.R.C. Lois Fraser and Maureen Burgoyne 2-6, 1-6. In 3 sets Sandra Pun and Agnes Lawrence 3-6, 6-3, 1-6. Dynese Griffiths and Francine Dembie 4-6, 2-6. Margot Prior and Norma Maynard 7-5, 6-3.

The "B" Mixed Central played Mimico. Rory Kennedy and Al Robitaille won 6-1, 6-0. In 3 sets

Brian Hunter and John Lefeuve 7-5, 3-6, 4-6. Andy Humenny and John Dallison 1-6, 1-6. Gary and Sandy Lewis had 0-6, 3-6. Ed Rieger and Deb Koster 2-6, 6-7. Joanne Van Den Hoek and Linda Osso 3-6, 5-7.

The "B" Mixed West played Brampton. Dean Jackson and Jason Pun had 6-2, 6-2 and Kevin Neill and Ken Kavanagh 6-1, 6-2 for their wins. Mike Hurley and Diane Robson in 3 sets 6-1, 4-6, 3-6. Bernie and Pauline Kent had 3-6, 3-6. Chris Steen and Norma Maynard lost 3-6, 2-6.