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## Acton Rams win three

Acton Novice Rams have shown no signs of struggling early in its 1991 lacrosse season, winning the first three of its games this month.

Starting with two exhibition games against Guelph, Acton shut out the visitors 8-0 on May 8 and then played a closer game in Guelph on May 11, taking the match 8-5.

In the first game, Richard Raju led the way in scoring, netting a pair and assisting on another. Kyle Artem also had a good night, scoring two as well. Sandy Chapman was content to be the set up man, assisting on three goals.

In Guelph, Artem scored the first three goals for Acton, with Raju also having another big game, scoring two. Scotty Monaghan assisted on two of Rams' markers.

While Guelph managed to keep things tight early, with the score tied 2-2 after one period and 4-3 after two, a goal from Chapman, two from Raju and one from Chris Lee in the final frame helped keep Acton ahead.

On May 15, Fergus, fielding a novice team for the first time in recent years, was given a 12-0 drubbing by Acton in Fergus, led by three goals and two assists from Artem and three goals and one assist from Raju.



## High jump attempt

Annette Prentice attempts to clear the high jump bar during Stewarttown Public School's track meet at Georgetown District High School on Wednesday.

Prentice was successful in most of her tries, finishing second among the senior girls competitors. (Herald photo)

## SPORT SHORTS

### Outdoor fun

Don't be bored this summer. The Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is offering an activity filled program for 12-16 year olds. Outdoor Adventures offers boardsailing, a trip to Sportsworld, canoeing, horseback riding, and many other exciting activities. If this sounds interesting to you, then contact the Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department at 873-2600, ext. 270.

### Campsite reports

Once again, the province of Ontario will run a toll-free service this year, which provides campsite availability reports at 53 Provincial Parks.

Starting May 17, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., campers can call 1-800-ONTARIO to receive the information. In Toronto, the number is 963-2992, 24 hours a day. Campsite information is also available from Ontario Travel Information Centres, listed in the Blue Pages of the telephone directory.

Reservations for specific parks must be made by calling the park directly.

The vacanc report is updated every Friday between May 17 and June 21; and daily from June 22 to August 30.

### Kinsmen softball

Attention, all young ladies aged 15-18! This is your last chance to join the Kinsmen Senior Girls Softball House League.

According to Jim Ford, convenor of the league, there are no other softball organizations in the area for girls of that age to play in. With only two weeks and 17 openings remaining, hurry down to the Fairgrounds on May 28 or June 4 at 6:30 p.m. to sign up.

The organizers are hoping to have at least three senior teams that will play each other every Tuesday. For further information, call Jim Ford at 877-9373.

### Sponsors thanked

The Halton Hills Blue Fins Swim Club thanked its sponsors for helping the organization conclude a successful season, which wrapped up this month.

The group saw new club records set in many classes and the executive was proud of the 100 per cent effort the swimmers gave all season long. None of the group's success would have been possible without the sponsor's help, pointed out the members. They thanked the sponsors for their assistance in the past and hoped that it would continue in the future.

During the next season, the executive said bigger and better things are being planned, so new sponsors are continually being sought out. Though economic times are currently tough, any help, such as prize donations or assistance with food and refreshments would be appreciated.

## Scholarly decision for local runner

Sometimes, having too many choices to make is a bad thing, but for Georgetown District High School student Dan Campbell, it's a luxury.

Campbell, a member of the track and field team which is

competing today (Friday) at the regional competition in Etobicoke, is trying to decide whether to join the track teams of Louisiana or Nebraska University, which have both offered him scholarships.

The Grade 13 student has impressed scouts from a total of five American U.S. universities with his results in the 800, 1500 and 3000 metre races the last two years, including his first place finishes in all three events at the Halton Championships on May 7. Campbell also took second place honors in 800 metre and third in 1500 and 3000 metre at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference competition on May 16.

"I could have done better at GHAC, which is why I'm going to cut out either the 800 or 1500 metre for OFSAA (Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Associations) championships, being held in Sudbury May 31-June 1). There's too much time waiting around between events, which is also tiring," said Campbell.

Also helping convince universities of his value is the results he has managed in cross country events. In the Ferguson Mile in Toronto, the first High School student race of the year, Campbell placed seventh. At the 8 km Bolton Invitational last Fall, he finished second among 100 competitors in the 18 and up age group.

"I'm planning on doing a lot of weights this summer to help give me more strength and improve my cross country performance. For the first time, I'm going to get a trainer to help develop the muscles evenly, which is very important for a runner."

Getting somebody to help out is a big step for Campbell, who has always motivated himself to train and improve in the past. At this stage of his growth as an athlete, Campbell recognizes that attending university will expose him to input from coaches and other trainers on a daily basis.

"I'm looking forward to it. They'll be a big help in improving my mechanics and guiding my

development. It will also help being able to work with more people who are at about the same level."

Judging by the offer made by the University of Louisiana, Campbell's skills are in enough demand to offer him the chance to lead their long distance team, an unexpected honor for a freshman, especially one from Canada.

"Personally, I was surprised. However, Canadians are generally better prepared when entering long distance track teams in university. We run eight kilometer events in high school, while the Americans only run five."

Campbell said taking on the leadership role would be a big responsibility and not an easy one for a freshman trying to give direction to older students. On the other hand, he said it would work well towards his long term goal, which is to become a teacher of physical education.

"That's what's making the decision about the universities so hard. Nebraska has a very good reputation for turning out teachers. Louisiana has a stable track program with a better than average educational standard. It also has nicer weather."

Campbell said he gets called weekly by the two universities at the top of his list, along with a few others for updates on his progress at the various meets taking place. Come mid-June, he said he will have to make a choice about where he will spend the next four years getting his Physical Education and History degrees.

"After I've completed that, I'll probably come back and go to Teacher's College in Toronto to get my certificate. I'll still keep up the running, especially with cross country, since you don't reach your prime for that until your late 20's and early 30's."



Dan Campbell, a Grade 13 student at Georgetown District High School and a member of the track and field team, has caught the attention of some U.S. universities who would like to have him on their teams next year. Campbell, a long distance runner, is currently training for the Ontario track championships and the cross country events he will be taking part in over the summer. (Herald photo)