

Kevin Dyer claims gold at Canada Summer Games

By STEVE LeBLANC

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Kevin Dyer returned home to the Halton Hills community late last month, equipped with three national medals and a host of special memories from the 1993 Canada summer Games.

Dyer, a 20-year-old Georgetown resident, recently finished a successful campaign at the Canada Games in Kamloops, British Columbia where he captured two gold medals, one bronze and helped break a national record.

Competing two weeks ago, Dyer first ran to a 21.5 second finish in the men's 200 metre relay which earned him the bronze on Tuesday, August 17.

From there, the local track star substituted for an injured Chris Davis and ran the leading leg for the Ontario team in the men's 4x400 metre relay on Thursday, August 19.

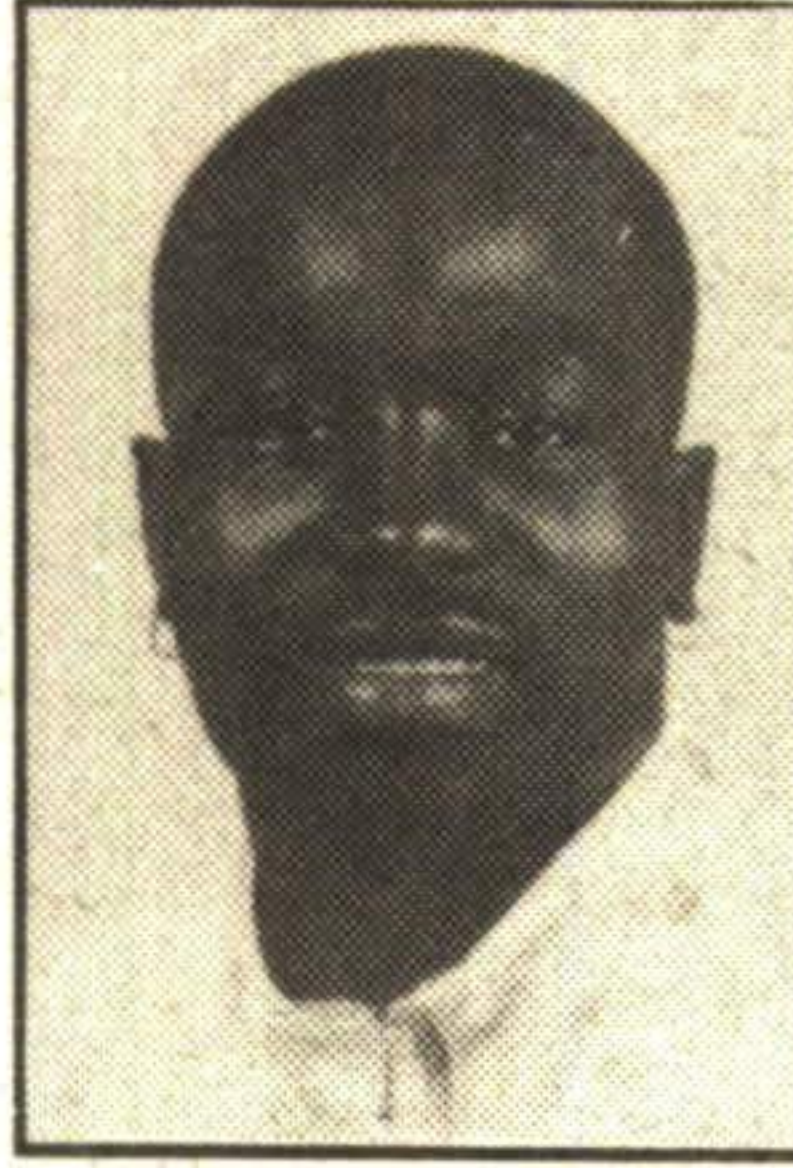
Completing his leg of the race in 48.3 seconds,

Dyer assisted the squad in making the qualifying cut and the Ontario team, which also comprised Raton Archer, Tim Middlecoop and Monty Raymond, took first in the finals with a time of 3.08 minutes.

The final day of competition for Dyer (Saturday, August 21) proved to be the most successful as he, and teammates Dave Tomlin, Andy Brereton and Chris Robinson, captured the gold in the men's 4x100m relay with a team finish of 40.38 seconds, shattering the old Canada Games record of 40.61 seconds.

"I was very happy about my performances and the whole experience," said Dyer, who ran anchor during the record breaking RUN.e.

Dyer began track and field competition six years ago in junior high school and from there, made appearances in four straight Ontario Federation of School Athletic



KEVIN DYER

Association track and field championships with the West View High School squad in Toronto.

Specializing in the 100 and 200 metre relay as well as the 4x100 metre run, Dyer joined the York University Track Club last year and is now under the direction of coach Leroy Pops, who worked with him during months of intense training prior to the Canada Games.

Two of Dyer's best performances on the track came early this spring when he helped the West View high school squad to a sixth place showing in the men's 4x100 metre race at the Pen Relays in Pennsylvania in early April.

Later in the month, he took second in the 100 metre relay at a meet in Ohio. His personal best times in individual action are 10.6 seconds in the 100 metre and 20.9 seconds in the 200 metre.

Dyer's running abilities have also earned

him a shot at a solid education starting in January when he begins a five year stand at the University of Iowa, where he has received an athletic scholarship and will be studying foreign affairs/sociology.

"I'm really excited about going," explained Dyer, who is considering a career in law after his stay in Iowa. "I had received many other scholarship offers as well but I choose the University of Iowa because they're in the Top 10 conference. Also, because the track program is relatively small, there won't be so much pressure on me and I can concentrate on my studies as well."

While stating that he isn't looking too far ahead, Dyer says he's aiming at qualifying in the 200 metre at next year's Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Columbia.

"My best time is 20.9 and I'm pretty sure the standard qualifying time is 20.72. I've only been competing outside the high school level for one year now and my coach and I believe this goal is within my reach."

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The last league match in the Inter County gave Merseyside second place clear from Meadowvale, the game ending in a 1-0 win for Merseyside. The following evening the play offs began.

Winchester pulled off a minor shock in holding league winners, Meteor to a 1-1 tie. Blazers came so close against Merseyside. A goal for the nine player Merseyside squad in the last five minutes decided the outcome. Meanwhile Mariners and Meadowvale entertained the fans with a goal feast at Cedarvale. Mariners went into a four goal lead inside the first twenty five minutes, a change for the normally shy Mariners. Meadowvale came back with two second half goals before Mariners sealed the win with a fifth counter. Mariners played some of their best soccer of the season in the first half of the match.

Second division teams also began their playoffs. Eagles sat out the first week with a bye and three points. Falcons were given a fright by a battling Milton team in a 0-0 tie. United took a while before taming Ajax by 3-0.

Now that the playoffs are here and the evenings, hopefully, cool down a little, perhaps the weather will reduce the temperature in the games as well.

Some of the tussles have been more than robust with more than the usual amount of ferocious tackling and moaning at officials. Whether players or coaches, or fans for that matter, perceive the game officials as blind on occasion does not matter.

No amount of moaning will change a decision once given and I wish players would get on with their job of playing and coaches get on with coaching. I read the riot act to my lot last week and threatened to remove any player who misbehaved, no matter what the outcome. It seemed to work. The same again this week lads.

It also helps when referees look after the ball players in particular. These are the players who concentrate on skills of the game rather than the physical stuff. Playing physical is all right as long as it is inside the rules and not outside. Referees must protect the clean players and punish the unclean. Otherwise players take to 'policing' by their own methods and chaos often results. Of course, players should play clean in the first place.



The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders opened training camp this week, following a successful trip to the OHA/NHL tourney in Etobicoke last weekend. The Raiders have inked nine players for the coming season.

Ink nine

Raiders set sights on league title

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After a strong consolation championship win at the OHA/NHL tournament in Etobicoke last weekend, the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders officially opened their 1993 training camp this past Tuesday and have now signed a total of nine players to the upcoming season roster.

Due back with the Raiders this year will be scoring leaders Trevor Brandt and Ian Ellis, two talented centres who should be key players to watch in Central Ontario Provincial Junior A West Division action this season.

Raider management has also signed returning rear guards Colin Hooper and Andy Pazaver and Georgetown right winger Randy Bond, as well as second year left winger Brent Ford. Defenseman Jason Parks, who was signed to an AP card last season and played the majority of the year with the Erin Junior C Shamrocks, will be joining Pazaver and Hooper on the blueline this season.

Also making the team so far are newcomers Will North and Paul Stinnett, who both played with the North York Canadians last season. A strong skating centre, North should add some punch to

Georgetown's offensive attack while Stinnett is a solid puckstopper who turned in big efforts between the pipes during the recent tournament.

Left winger Ryan Brown will also be skating with the Raiders this season.

It is still unknown whether or not team captain Trevor Elinesky will be returning to the ranks this year. Georgetown centre Doug Sheppard and veteran defenseman Dave Milek have now left for Major Junior A training camps in North Bay and Newmarket respectively but could very well be back by the start of the regular season.

Local winger David Bouskill has also looked strong in recent tournament action and practice play. "Right now we need a take charge defenseman and a solid winger, but the camp has been going very well and things are shaping up," explained Raider President/GM Finn Poulstrup.

Returning to the role of head coach this season is skipper Gary Ford, who will lead the team alongside assistants Jay Anderson and Tony Reis. The Raiders' next home exhibition game is this Thursday against the Guelph Storm.

The team's season opener is Saturday, September 25 against the Brampton Capitals at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena.

One goal wins in under-7 soccer

Ramrock Electric Fireballs and Georgetown Lioness' Blueberries had a tight match resulting in a 2-1 win for the Fireballs August 25, in Georgetown/Acton girls under -7 soccer action.

Goals were scored by Niki Harrison and Megan Sproule for the Fireballs. Other valuable play-

ers were Katelyn Gingras, Stephanie Poirier and Andrea Wilson. Leah Emmerton scored the goal for the Blueberries with strong performances by Katherine Vandermey, Claire Latto-Hall and Coric Brown.

Leighton Image's Green Machine won 1-0 over the Young's

Pharmacy Red Rockets. Adrienne Thompson scored for the Green Machine. Dianna MacKay, Suzanne Lefebvre and Tillie McDonald were noteworthy players.

Playing well for Young's Pharmacy were Lisa Sorensen, Jessica Montgomery and Nicole Culp.

Spear and McGaw help Rocketts

By KEN GILES

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Chinguacousy Rocketts missed the medals but were the only team to defeat gold-medal winning White Rock, B.C. Renegades at the Canadian Senior Women's Fast Pitch championships, in Edmonton, Alta.

Chinguacousy, helped by Halton Hills residents Judy Spear and Kara McGaw, defeated White Rock 5-2 in round-robin play, finishing in first in the Blue Section with a 4-1 record. The Renegades also ended with a 4-1 round-robin mark.

White Rock successfully defended its title by downing New Westminster Alpha Sports (6-0 Red Section) 6-4 in an all-B.C. final Sunday at the nationals.

Alpha reached the final with Sunday's 7-2 triumph over the Winnipeg Smitty's in the bronze-medal game.

The Rocketts were eliminated 7-3 by Alpha Sports, playing under adverse conditions, (cold and rain) Saturday.

Against Alpha, Rocketts jumped to a 3-0 first-inning lead, but gave up four second-inning runs. Alpha added one in the fourth and two in the fifth.

"It seemed that injuries, cold, the breaks and Murphy's law caught up to us," stated Rocketts coach Diane Warriner.

"We certainly represented Ontario well out here, the teams were very even, especially, Renegades, Alpha, Winnipeg and ourselves," Warriner said.

Alpha pitcher Bonnie Cooney, held the Rocketts to just four hits, a pair of singles by Sherrie Hoffman, and solo singles by Maurice and McGaw.

Rocketts stayed in the medal hunt with a 1-0 decision over Edmonton JoLane Transport as Julie Boudreau pitched a seven-inning no-hitter. All-star pitcher Karen Snelgrove, who had 11 strikeouts, gave up six hits to the Rocketts, a double by Boudreau and singles by Judy Spear, two and Maurice, McGaw and Denise Carriere.

Chinguacousy entered the Edmonton game needing a win, following Saturday's 3-1 loss to Winnipeg Smitty's. Rocketts' starting pitcher Sue Harvey, who went one-third inning, surrendered four hits and two runs. Develin finished the final 6 2/3 innings.