

Obituary

## Ron McKnight, 64

Although he never actually played a game of hockey in his life, few people in the area could match Ron McKnight's dedication to the sport.

McKnight died suddenly Sunday evening at the age of 64 at his home in Acton.

Cerebral palsy kept the local native off the ice, but never dampened his enthusiasm as both a fan and volunteer. "The Voice of Acton" was named the recipient of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award in 1998.

He began scorekeeping in 1968 and his attention to detail and reliability would lead to many more opportunities.



RON MCKNIGHT

"It's a job that got to be done and done right," he told *The Independent & Free Press* in 1997. "You have to make the sheet as legible as possible or the proper person doesn't get credit."

McKnight served as a timekeeper for the Georgetown International Bantam Tournament for a dozen years as well as various hockey games and the Mann Cup and Minto

Cup Canadian box lacrosse championships between 1976-78.

Keenly taking up the role of public address announcer at hockey and lacrosse games and many other community events, McKnight was the secretary of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's Tri-County league for five years and in 1977 became the secretary-treasurer of the Georgetown Referees' Association and later, its president for several years.

He also was presented with the OMHA's Honour Award in 1984 for outstanding voluntary contributions to minor hockey. Despite his disability, the 1980 Acton Citizen of the Year lived an independent lifestyle and worked as a dispatcher for the Town of Halton Hills's works department until retiring in 2003.

The family will receive friends at the MacKinnon Family Funeral Home, 55 Mill Street East, Acton today (Thursday) from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with a Legion Tribute at 6:45 p.m. The funeral service to celebrate Ron's life will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. in the Gordon McCutcheon Hall of the Acton Legion Branch 197. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Knox Presbyterian Church Elevator Fund or the Rotary Club of Acton would be appreciated by the family.

## Cameron grabs silver in OFSAA 3,000 metres



Mackenzie Cameron of Christ the King beats Collingwood Collegiate's Heidi Ohrling to the finish line in a sprint for the silver medal in the midget girls' 3,000m race at last week's Ontario high school track and field championships in Oshawa. Cameron and Ohrling are actually training partners during the winter months on the Highlands Nordic cross-country ski racing team based near Collingwood.

Submitted photo

Christ the King's Jaguars earned one medal at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Track & Field Championships in Oshawa last week-end and just missed out getting another.

Grade 9 student Mackenzie Cameron finished runner-up in the midget girls' 3,000 metres in a time of 10 minutes and 15 seconds, approximately 22 seconds behind the gold-medal winner Jessie Fleming of London.

Cameron also placed eighth in the 1,500m in a time of 4:43 and CtK teammate Nicole Waddick was 18th in the same event.

Jaguar Aleks Rapp won the OFSAA South Regional qualifier for the junior boys' shot put late last month and finished fifth at OFSAA with a throw measuring 15.38m. The Grade 10 student settled for fourth in the junior boys' discus after his best of six throws was 44.83m, 92 centimetres away from a podium finish.

Georgetown District High School's lone OFSAA representative, Lauren Rock, placed fifth in the province in the junior girls' triple jump with a distance of 10.62m in her third of six attempts.



**SOCCER KICKOFF:** The Georgetown Soccer Club recently opened its 2013 season with a full slate of games at Trafalgar Sports Park. In an under-7 matchup Isabella Mazzucco of the Kinsmen Club (2) stands in the way of Lydia Cameron of McDonald's.

Photo by Ray Lavender

## Bulldogs rally from five back to tie Gaels

Lacrosse fans can usually rely on the Halton Hills Bulldogs and Green Gaels of Clarington to produce one of the better games of the Jr. B season and Saturday night's matchup in Georgetown was another thriller.

The teams, who have met in the last six post-seasons, traded leads on a number of occasions and the previously unbeaten Bulldogs had to rally back from an 8-3 deficit early in the second period and needed a pair of goals in the final 23 seconds of the 10-minute over-

time to earn a 14-14 tie against the 12-1-1 Gaels.

Halton Hills outshot the visitors 66-52 but had trouble containing Gaels' captain Dylan Goddard and Brandon Staal, who finished up with three goals and four assists apiece.

Trailing 9-5 late in the second period, the 'Dogs scored an incredible four goals in 45 seconds to tie the score, only to see Clarington tally twice in the final 30 seconds of the stanza, including an own-goal that bounced into the Halton

Hills' empty net at 19:59.

Seth Laidlaw (4), Connor Brown (3), Luke Laidlaw (3), Jake Perehniak (2), Jayson Crawford and Jamie Batten scored for the Bulldogs in front of more than 400 spectators.

Halton Hills will host the 4-7 Mimico Mountaineers tonight at Alcott Arena beginning at 8 p.m. and the teams will collide again Saturday in Mimico.

The 11-0-1 Bulldogs are slated to face the Gaels again on June 20 in Bowmanville.

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