

Rebels on to OFSAA

By Mike Zrostek

Another impressive showing by the Georgetown District High School Rebels track and field team at last Thursday's southwestern Ontario regional championships staged at McMaster University in Hamilton, saw 12 Rebs advancing to the Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) provincial championship track and field meet set for Oshawa this Friday and Saturday.

The Rebels, who have owned every meet they have been in this year, have reached the pinnacle of the track and field season and will attempt to put the finishing touches on a great season.

Randy Bond finished first in the senior boys 400-metre hurdles with a time of 59.1 seconds. Mike Coutts was second in the senior boys shot put thanks to a 14.12 measurement; Scott Hobbs placed fourth in the senior boys long jump thanks to a 6.46-metre attempt; Matt Brain took second in the junior boys javelin with a throw of 47.38-metres and Rick Vivian was third in the midget boys 800-metres with a time of 2:09 seconds.

The girls had Kristy Johnson finish third in the senior girls 3000-metres in a time of 10:51; Karen Walker was second in the midget girls triple jump posting an impressive jump of 10.42-metres and Lisa McDonald finished in second place in the midget girls javelin thanks to her 31.07-metre throw. Also placing for the Rebels was Alexis Kerr, Becki Couling, Jen Murray and Andrea Le Bannister in the Open girls 4x400-metres with a third place finish.

Track and field coach Bevin Clark liked what he saw at last Thursday's meet especially because of the number of schools involved.

"There were about three times as many schools at this year's meet then at last year's, which makes the accomplishments even better."

Not everything finished off on the good side of the coin for the Rebels however. The senior boys 4x100 metre relay team of Matt Zuraw, Randy Bond, Matt Deruchie and Scott Hobbs who were favored

to advance to OFSAA, suffered a bad break when Zuraw pulled a hamstring after receiving the baton, thus ending their hopes.

All in all, Clark says that even though the Rebels send a lot of athletes to these meets, it shouldn't diminish the results of the team.

"You look at a school like Nelson, which had 17 athletes with 11 advancing to OFSAA and that's a good ratio. But they get a lot of attention from the coaches, where we carry a team of 75 and the coaches who work very hard can't give that individual coaching to the athletes. So even though we had about 40 at the southwestern regionals, it shouldn't take away from what was done. It just shows they work very hard," said Clark.

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Georgetown Stanley Acme Track Ltd. midget Eagles coach Boyd Hoddinott gave his charges some between-inning hitting instruction during a pause in their game against Richmond Hill Saturday at the Eagles-hosted baseball tournament at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. The Eagles' bats responded but their defence was woeful in losing 5-2 to Richmond Hill on Saturday and 10-4 to Waterloo Friday evening. Kitchener won the eight-team tourney by besting Guelph in the championship game.
photo by Colin Gibson/HHTW

Adapting to new rules takes time

By Ruth D. Taylor

The Orange team was fresh and the Gold team was shining as the house league games for Under-11 girls soccer kicked off last week.

This is the first time for the girls to play 11-a-side and all the teams are sorting out how to play positions so they do not all have to run the entire length of the larger field.

The goalies are adapting to the rule that there is no longer a goalie crease. There are now 30-minute halves, a five-minute half-time and substitutions only with the referee's permission. The new rules did not stop the eagerness of all the girls to be out running for the summer and the teams all played admirable games to start the new season.

Playing at Mackenzie-Smith field in Acton, the Orange juices were flowing as Kathryn Weston of the Linda Armstrong/Johnson Orange team scored the first goal seven minutes into the game and then scored another later. She shared the goal scoring with teammates Ellen Smith and Vanessa Taberer, who each got one while Alana Zelek popped two into the goal mouth.

The PoppaCorn gold team were undaunted and good positional play was displayed by Rhonda Myers

Under 11 girls

and good ball control by Jaclyn Neill. Heather Stevens and Jill Redman played well also. Kira Lawrence scored one for the PoppaCorns to make the score 6-1.

Twenty-four hours later, the PoppaCorn Gold players were playing deep and wide as they outshot the Optimist Blue team at the Meadowglen field. The teams actually ran the whole game playing 10-a side, since no players showed up as substitutes.

Blue players B.J. Fleet and Kim Nielsen defended well while forwards Becky Culp and Teri Lynn Reynolds tried valiantly to get the ball to their opponent's net.

In a final rush to the net, the Blue team was called offside. The Gold team were playing their positions and starting to remember to pass to Ashley Campbell who positioned herself in front of the goal. Michelle Smyth did some nice zig-zag dribbling to get the ball downfield.

There was exciting action when a 7-women wall of Blue players stopped the ball on their goalline on a penalty kick.

PoppaCorn player Danielle King

netted two in the first half and Rhonda Myers kicked in another in the second half for a 3-0 score. George Anderson refereed this game and had to call a few handballs as the girls have yet to learn to move out of the way of big kickers.

At Emmerson field, in their first game, the Green team was busy looking for a way through the Red Milliere's TV defenders Jessica Macdonald, Sharilyn Kogon and Jennifer Verey.

Red players Mary Krasnay and Jaimie Ellis each chipped one into the back of the Green net in the first half but then Green player Sinead Irvine saw red and netted one for her team just before half-time.

In the last half, both teams toiled in the midfield, yet there were good shots on goal by the Green team. These were deflected or caught by the Red goalie Alyssa Taylor who hung onto the ball in exemplary fashion.

Green players Caitlin Lichty, Keri Hofing and Meighan McIntyre playing defense and goalie kept the score respectable at 2-1.

The referee, Jan Stevens, helped the players to adjust to the new rules.

Hats off to the Maple Leafs

By Rod Beaumont

The dream ended with a wild scramble around the King's net at 10:46 Saturday night. It will be the Kings and the Canadians in the Stanley Cup final and not the all-Canadian classic we all hoped for.

The Leafs, however, have nothing to be ashamed of. The drive and desire they displayed gave us a wondrous ride through the playoffs none expected.

The Clark who was questioned to be non-existent in the first of the Detroit series showed signs of the Wendel of old and stood out as a dominant player just as Gilmour has all year.

The younger players showed why they got the opportunity to play and that next year they will be back. Cliff Fletcher and Pat Burns put together a team not as talented

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but one with the determination to over-achieve and give Leaf fans the most enjoyable spring we have had in years.

A tip of the hat to the whole Maple Leaf organization for bringing back the pride and glory of yester-year.

Nice to Georgetown resident, Bryan Lewis on the second intermission Saturday. Mr. Lewis explained the referee's position and what is expected in officiating during the playoffs.

With Toronto gone, at least the referees will get a reprieve from the lambasting they received from the Toronto media, and arm chair officials alike, self included. However, take warning.

I hear L.A. and Habs fans like to

whine, too, so stock up on cheese cause the party continues.

Do you have a topic for discussion or an opinion on the past week in sports? Write me care of Halton Hills This Week, 232 Guelph St., Georgetown or phone 873-2254. If it makes me go Hmmm, I'll include it in my column.



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