

HALTON HILLS
WEEKEND

SPORTS

Darts

by ALEX TOUGH

Playoffs begin

The Halton League began playoffs round robins on March 4 with the league being divided into two sections. The leaders at the close of round robin play will play off for the championship.

Legion Three, league winners, opened in fine style, with a 10-4 win over Legion Two. A closer result was expected based upon recent form. Royal Pizza defeated Brackys Tapsters 9-5 and hold second place in the section for the moment. Brackys Pat Bunch pulled off an 8-6 win at Charleys Two and lie third.

In the other section Charleys One and Time Out Two both won by 8-6 to share first place, the losing teams being Time Out One and McGibbon respectively. Brackys Brew Crew and Legion One tied 7-7 and share second place for now.

Although individual points scoring was kept to a minimum, Roger Vanderham managed a maximum score of 180, Bruce Hope finished 104 and Craig Renwick hit for three treble nineteens for a 171 score, the second highest possible score. Christine Monteath scored a high 145, Daryl Maybanks notched two 140s as did Bruce Hope and Terry Hancock.

The industrial league returned to league play. With one week remaining in league play. Gasketman leads New Dream Team by four points after the night ended. Gasketman defeated Bossman 8-3 and Dreamers defeated Woodchucker by 7-4. It is going to be close at the finish. Chuckers hold on to third place, ahead of Teddy Bears who defeated Panthers 8-3. Independents lifted themselves off the bottom spot once again with an emphatic 9-2 win over Bullsitters.

Neil Olmstead and Eric Fuller both opened with 112, Fuller also starting with 120. Walt Anderson and Dennis Thorogood both had 108 opens and Mike Pepper began with 100. Fuller pulled off the high close of the night with 85. Walt Anderson had four starts and four finishes. Alex Tough had four and three and Terry Hancock went one higher with a 5-4 night. Four starts also for Eric Fuller and five for Andrew Farkas. Shawn Warwick hit a maximum (180) and 140s came from Hugh Smid, that man Fuller again, Al Gardiner, Bruce and Mike Hope and Terry Hancock.

Question for Woodchuckers — who is this mysterious Harvey Kapussick? (Could it be Neil Olmstead in disguise?)



Off to Provincials

Four local bowlers will be off to Ottawa for the Provincial championships after winning at the zone Youth Bowling Council competition in Georgetown. Heading to the provincial event are front row (from left) bantam boy Willy Walker of Georgetown, bantam girl Kylie Kruk of Acton, junior boy Ryan Neily of Brampton. Back row are senior boy Matt Walker of Georgetown, junior girl April Everingham of Georgetown and senior girl Kelly Laporte of Brampton.

Photo by HERB GARBUTT

Finals set for Sunday

Georgetown's 36th annual International Bantam tournament is winding down this weekend, with just one more day of top-flight minor hockey action remaining.

The tournament started off with 62 teams, and is now down to the final eight as of this morning (Sunday).

With the ladies division already claimed by Barrie, in a 3-2 triple overtime thriller over Stoney Creek, remaining teams are hunting for the coveted Grand Championship trophy, presented annually to the tournament's premier squad.

Teams surviving last night's (Saturday) division semi-finals advanced to this morning's division finals at Alcott Arena.

The D division final is set for 8 a.m., division B to follow at 9:40 a.m., with C division at 11:20 a.m. and the A championship at 1 p.m.

Final four semi-final showdowns will be played this afternoon, with the B and D division winners meeting at 2:40 p.m. and the A and C representatives following at 4:10 p.m.

The Grand Championship game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Shier claims OCAA crown

Downhill racer claims gold

By STEVE LeBLANC
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Sometimes it's okay to rush through things, especially when the payoff is as big as a provincial championship.

Such was the case for 21-year-old Limehouse native Tim Shier, who recently captured the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association (OCAA) alpine ski championship at Georgian Peaks near Collingwood.

Representing Seneca College in King City, Shier began the two-day competition with first-place honors in the giant slalom event — turning in the best combined times of the day. His efforts included the fastest single run, an outstanding 29.83 second finish.

The following day, he took third in the slalom and managed to edge Georgian College's Jeff Brerton for the overall men's championship. A total of 80 top skiers participated in the men's division while another 30 were part of the ladies' class.

As a graduating student this spring, this was Shier's second and final shot at the OCAA title. Last year he took costly tumbles in both events and fell from championship contention.

"I was really happy with my performance this season," said Shier. "I had competed in three races before the provincials, placing second in two and 10th in the other. I was expecting to finish in the top three, but not necessarily to win the whole thing."

He said training for his Level 2 coaching certificate played an important role in winning the championship this season. "The course involved a lot of mental training which really helped out. Both my technical skiing and

concentration were much better this time around."

Shier's Level 2 training has also helped him become a better instructor with the Milton Heights Racing Club, where he is a coach with the MacKenzie Gold Team. He got his start as a Milton Heights competitive skier and spent five years division racing in Collingwood as well.

Sister Kathy Shier, 18, has managed to become an accomplished skier as well, and is now on the southern Ontario all-star squad.



TIM SHIER

Shier's recent college championship follows a successful high school showing. During his last two years at Georgetown District High School, he won back-to-back Halton and GHAC championships.

He began skiing at the age of six and started racing two years later.

Once finishing his Parks Operations course at Seneca, Shier hopes to incorporate skiing into his career plans. "I'll be going for my Level 3 coaching certificate at Blue Mountain over the March Break. Next season, I'm hoping to go out west to coach. If not, I'll try to find work at a resort in southern Ontario, perhaps at Blue Mountain."



PAM OLSEN



NICK FREAD

Athletes of the Week

The Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Pam Olsen and Nick Fread. Pam was chosen for her prowess on the volleyball court for the senior girls squad. She helped her squad to a fifth place finish at the OFSAA 'A' finals. Nick was selected for his efforts in the pool as a member of the Redmen swim team.

Georgetown High School Athletes of the Week are Robyn Miller and Jason Titus. Robyn was selected for her spirit and dedication to the Rebel swim team while Jason was honored for his third place finish at the OFSAA wrestling championships.



ROBYN MILLER



JASON TITUS