

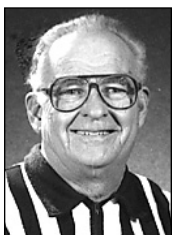
# SPORTS & LEISURE

## Ex-Heritage winner 'Perky' dead at 76

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As founder of the Georgetown Referees' Association, Gerald 'Perky' Perkins became known as the man people often "loved to hate and hated to love" in local hockey circles for more than 50 years.

Perkins, 76, died after a stroke Friday.



**GERALD PERKINS**

The longtime official, coach and manager in Georgetown Minor Hockey, Perkins was named the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award recipient in 1991 for his dedication and contributions to the sport. He served on the Hockey Heritage council and its selection committee and was the senior director of the council.

"He was always the first to volunteer for anything that came up," said Hockey Heritage chairman Dave Kentner.

Perkins was also well known in the area as a baseball umpire. During the Georgetown international bantam minor hockey tournaments, he would often call on NHL referees such as local native Bryan Lewis to officiate.

Acton resident Ron McKnight, confined to a wheelchair after being born with cerebral palsy, recalled his parents being apprehensive of his wish to become a timekeeper at hockey games as a teenager.

"Gerry was very supportive of me and it put my parents' minds at ease to know that he was in charge," said McKnight, 57. "Every official usually has a signature call and because Gerry had a cleft palate, he had difficulty pronouncing some words, and over the years many people came to imitate him. You could hear him all over the arena. But he took great pride in what he did and he was very enjoyable to work with."

Ward 4 Councillor Bob Inglis eulogized Perkins at Monday's council meeting recognizing his half a century of volunteering.

"I don't think there anybody under the age of 55, who played hockey or baseball in this town who didn't have a game refereed or umpired by Mr. Perkins, or Perky as we called him," said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

Perkins is survived by wife Betty, six children, eight grandchildren and a great grandchild. The funeral service will be held in the chapel of J.S. Jones Funeral Home, 11 a.m. today (Wednesday).



Kaitlyn Andrews' toss of 13.80 metres in the shot put on Saturday at Etobicoke Centennial Stadium was easily good enough for a gold medal for the Acton High School student at the Father Redmond Classic. Photo courtesy Torstar News Service

## Andrews dominates Etobicoke meet

Acton's Kaitlyn Andrews once again turned in dominant performances in her events at one of the top track and field meets for teenagers in Ontario on Saturday, the Father Redmond Classic at Centennial Stadium in Etobicoke.

The 17-year-old Andrews, who has accepted a scholarship to Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas, is not only looking to defend her Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) titles for the senior girls' shot put and discus in early June, but she's set to crush the standing provincial-best marks.

Andrews' toss of 13.80 metres in the shot put on Saturday would have broken the current OFSAA best by half a metre and was easily good enough for a gold medal in soggy conditions at Centennial. She was also over 12 metres better than the runner-up in the discus with a throw measuring 39.66 metres, which is well short of her personal best.

The OFSAA finals will be held June 1-3 in Toronto.

Several other Acton Bearcats competed at the Father Redmond Classic, including J.D. Hartnagle, who earned a silver medal in the senior boys' shot put and bronze in the discus. Hartnagle recorded a toss of 12.73 metres in the shot put and 33.11 metres for his discus throw.

Teammate Daniel Kearns threw 29.80 metres in the senior boys' discus, good for sixth place, and came in 11th for the shot (10.48 m).

Cameron Shortt finished sixth in the midget boys' 800-m run in 2:23 and was seventh in the 1,500 at 4:44.15. Matt Bigg placed sixth in the junior boys' 800 in 2:16.

In the open girls' triple jump, Acton's Jaimi Fellows was 14th (8.41 m), Ashley Macpherson placed 16th (8.36 m) and Rachel Amirault finished 18th (8.22 m).

## Blue Fins swimmers shine at own meet

The Halton Hills Blue Fins hosted their annual meet earlier this month at the Georgetown Indoor Pool and invited the Acton Aqua Ducks and the Orangeville Otters to take part.

Following are the results of Blue Fins swimmers who placed in the top-three at the meet.

**Competitive Girls 10&11**

**50m Free**

1. Sophia Cieplucha; 2. Kristen Gergely

**200m Free**

1. Sophie Cieplucha; 2. Kristen Gergely; 3. Loren O'Brien-Egesborg

**50m Back**

1. Rea Pavlopoulos

**100m Breast**

1. Sophia Cieplucha; 3. Samantha Ceci

**100m Fly**

1. Loren O'Brien-Egesborg; 2. Kristen Davison; 3. Kristen Gergely

**200m IM**

1. Kristen Davison

**Boys 10&11**

**50m Free**

1. Trevor Burwell; 2. Paul Zearth; 3. Sam Bellman

**200m Free**

1. Trevor Burwell; 2. Sam Bellman; 3. Paul Zearth

**50m Back**

1. Mitchell Krafczek; 3. Aaron Brautigam

**100m Breast**

1. Paul Zearth

**100m Fly**

1. Trevor Burwell; 2. Sam Bellman; 3. Stefan Sicard

**200m IM**

1. Aaron Brautigam; 2. Mitchell Krafczek; 3. Andrew Weisz

**Girls 12&13**

**50m Free**

1. Tasha Truscott; 2. Kaitlyn Knox

**200m Free**

1. Chelsea Burton; 2. Riley Bolt; 3. Kaitlyn Knox

**100m Back**

1. Chelsea Burton; 2. Elizabeth Skuriat

**100m Breast**

1. Tasha Truscott; 2. Charlie Wright; 3. Chelsea Burton

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**GEORGETOWN TOYOTA**  
**GAME OF THE WEEK**

**HALTON HILLS BULLDOGS vs AKWESASNE LIGHTNING**  
Saturday, April 29, 2006  
7:00 pm  
at A'nowara'Ko:wa Arena

**HALTON HILLS BULLDOGS vs CORNWALL COLTS**  
Sunday, April 30, 2006  
2:00 pm  
at Bob Turner Arena, Cornwall