

Six O.S.D. students entering World Olympics for Deaf

By Roy Downs
Six young students from Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton are heading for Yugoslavia this summer, to participate in the World Olympics for the Deaf. The Olympics are being held in Belgrade from August 9 to 16 under the sponsorship of the International Committee of Silent Sports and this will be only the second time in the Olympics' 12 years of sports meets that Canada has sent an entry.

The trip is the dream of a lifetime for the sextet of O.S.D. seniors who qualified against stiff competition for a place on Canada's Olympic team. The Canadian contingent includes just over 30 officials, chaperones and athletes, and O.S.D. Milton is proud to have such a large share in the effort.

School officials are pinning their major hopes on two of the local contingent, Greg Crockford and Billy Whyte. While all six students stand a good chance of copping an Olympic medal in the games, Crockford and Whyte are outstanding athletes in their chosen fields, and are being counted on for top notch performances.

Crockford, 18, is originally from Sarnia but his parents now live in Fort McMurray in Alberta. He is a huge athlete and after just three years of throwing the discus he can boast of 143 feet distance. He has been entering shot putt events for the past four years and can toss the 12 pound shot a distance of 47 feet. He'll enter both discus and shot putt events in the Olympics.

Whyte specializes in the pole vault but will also enter the high jump and 200 metre race at the Olympics. Billy lives at 60 Dublin St. N., Guelph, and is 18 years old. He never tried pole vaulting until last April but caught on quickly and can do 11 feet six inches without much

trouble. Billy is used to the regulation pole but has been adapting himself to using a fibreglas pole in the past month—the glass pole gives a vaulter an added lift and he's expecting to meet vaulters from American schools capable of 12 foot vaults in the Olympic games.

Billy has received a lot of help in his quest for an Olympic medal. Prof. Alec Pepprie of the physical education staff at University of Guelph has helped out immensely, as has Dr. Powell of University who heads up the Guelph Legion track clinic. The

professors loaned Billy some training equipment and convinced him to try the fibreglas pole.

His main help to date has come from the Milton school's physical education instructors Lindsay Moir and Craig Barnes. They work with him for hours on end to help him perfect his style. Even the schools' closed circuit TV camera has been enlisted, taking pictures of his vaults so he can later pick out his faults on the TV screen replay.

The phys. ed. coaches have also been busy with the other athletes. Moir and Barnes have spent many after-school hours encouraging them, measuring their jumps and shots, and timing their running.

Only girl heading from Milton to Yugoslavia is Linda Russell, 14, of Brampton. She's been running about three years and is entering the 100 and 800 metres races, the 80 metres hurdles and the girls' relay race in Belgrade. Linda's an avid sports fan and when she isn't running, she's swimming in the school pool.

When the Halton and Peel Parents' Association for the Hearing Handicapped sponsored a walkathon and swimathon to raise funds to help send the deaf athletes overseas, Linda did her part. She volunteered for the 72-lap section of the big swim, completed the distance handily, and raised \$158.40 through her sponsors.

Mike Smith, another O.S.D. runner, is entering the Olympics' 400 and 800 metre races and the 1,600 metre relay race. Mike is 18 and comes from Kingsville. He has just been running four years but is getting some help at the Ryerson Track Club. Mike has worked out his own training plan and can do the 400 metres in 54 seconds, the 800 in two minutes eight seconds.

The other two O.S.D. students participating in the Yugoslavia trip are a pair of outstanding volleyball players who will join the Canadian volleyball team. One is Brian Dymond, 19, of Vinemount and the other is Wai Ming Seto, 19, of St. Catharines. Dennis Snider, a teacher at O.S.D., will coach the volleyball team on the trip. Most of the players are adults from around Ontario and two of the men come from Quebec.

The Federation of Silent Sports in Canada is in charge of raising an estimated \$100,000 to finance the Canadian delegation's trip overseas. The Halton and Peel Parents' Association had a big part to play in the fund-raising activities—their walkathon included 400 young walkers from Acton and Milton and the swimathon involved 18 O.S.D. students of all ages. The raised an estimated \$8,000 from the



GREG CROCKFORD gets ready for some shot putt practice at O.S.D. He's entering the discus throw and shot putt events at the World Olympics.—(Staff Photo)



MIKE SMITH AND LINDA RUSSELL, both top runners, are heading for the World Olympics of the Deaf in Yugoslavia this summer. Mike is entered in the 400 and 800 metres races and possibly the 1,600 metre relay, while Linda is participating in the 100 and 800 metres races, the 80 metres hurdles and the girls' relay.—(Staff Photo)

two events—\$5,500 from the walk and \$2,500 from the swim. Some of the trip money will come from the Federal Government's physical fitness council. Several organizations, business firms and individuals have made donations to help send Canada's team.

The deaf Olympics are held every four years, starting in

1926. The only other time Canada competed was four years ago when the games were staged in Washington. More than 1,200 deaf athletes from 36 countries will participate this year.

Six O.S.D. Belleville students also made the Canadian team. A few other deaf adults from Ontario are included in the Canadian contingent.

Flamboro

Fast track, good action

At Flamboro Speedway the Milton Hobby cars again ran smooth and fast to take three more checkered flags. The asphalt track was extremely fast and slippery. The fans saw some real good spin outs, and for some drivers the fence came mighty close.

Scannell, our late model driver, sure couldn't get the tiger snarled up in his motor until the semi-finals when he took the checkered flag from the starter. "The Chief" and another driver got involved on number three corner and Howie was pushed sideways to the starting line. At this time and place we saw one of the best dances performed with Howie in the lead. If you should get up some morning to find foot prints on the hood of your car don't blame the neighbors' kids, could be the tiger from 99's tank. To remove the above prints get in touch with driver 13, he should have the prints removed from his hood by Saturday evening.

Lyle Thring in car 48 placed second in the first heat. Lyle sure is trying and will soon be up

with his brothers. Jim Plant in car 53 placed first in the second race. Earl McCoy in car 8 was again feature winner. Wayne Howden car 37 was fourth in the feature while McCoy placed fourth in the third heat.

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No draftees from Merchants

No players from the Milton Merchants Jr. C. Hockey club were picked up by O.H.A. clubs in the midget priority draft last week. Four Oakville Blades were among the 76 midget players

selected by Junior A clubs. Juri Kudrasos, who played for Georgetown last year and

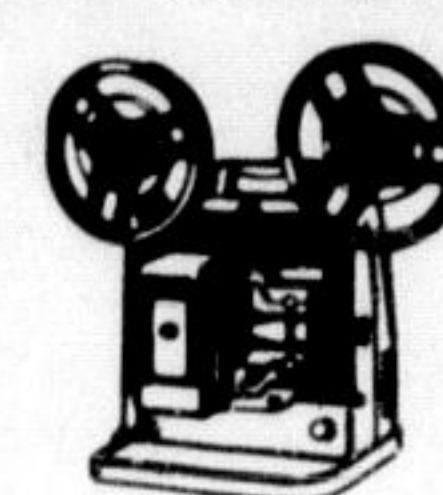
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Bantams down Acton B 20-6

Milton B Bantams trounced Acton B Bantams 20-6 in a regular June 19 game at Rotary Park. Warren McLeod and Mark Grenke shared inound duties for Milton with McLeod striking out eight, walking two and being hit only three times while Grenke struck out four, allowed just three walks and was hit six times.

Leading the Milton sluggers was Turner with two singles and a double followed by Grenke with three singles, McLeod with two singles and a double, Connell, Presniak, Rigo and McCann with two singles each and Frency and Hyatt with singles.

The next home game for the team will be against the Georgetown Bantams, June 25 at 8:30 p.m. in Rotary Park.



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WATCH THAT HAND, BILLY—An outstanding pole vaulter, Billy Whyte of O.S.D. shows near-perfect form as his fibreglas pole lifts him up and over the 10½ foot bar. Billy is entered in the pole vault, high jump and 200 metres race in the World Olympics for the Deaf in Yugoslavia, and he is one of six O.S.D. students participating.—(Staff Photo)

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