

Three Milton finalists

# Halton swimming championships

Story and Photos  
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Screams and shouts of encouragement from team members and swimming fans in the balcony filled Lord Elgin Centennial Pool in Burlington Tuesday afternoon and evening at the Halton High School Swimming Championships.

With every heat, the almost deafening roar was silenced only when the starter raised his pistol and announced the event. From the start to finish it was competition between 13 Halton high schools for the right to compete in the Halton-Peel Championships this Friday.

It was the first year for the afternoon preliminary competitions and evening finals, which were organized by Greg MacPherson of Lord Elgin and his staff of timers and recorders.

Three Milton swimmers will be representing Milton District high school in the Halton Peel Swimming Championships following the finals for the Halton Championships.

Mike Heard, Brenda Cowan and Jeff Elsley are the three who finished in the final standings at the championships.

Mike Heard placed third in the junior boys' 100 meter individual medley swimming a time of one minute, 18.91 seconds. The winner was Eric Elson of Georgetown District High in 1:10.73 and Peter Os-

good of Lord Elgin was second in 1:17.58. Heard topped Jeff Meltretter of Oakville Trafalgar, Noel Draper of White Oaks Collegiate of Oakville and Geoff Charabin of Nelson High of Burlington.

Brenda Cowan finished fourth in the finals of the senior girls' 100 meter backstroke in a time of 1:23.22. Heather Clarke of Georgetown was the winner in 1:20.10 followed by teammates Jennie Thompson in 1:21.00, Fiona Duckett of Oakville Trafalgar was third in 1:26.86 and follow-

ing fourth place Cowan of Milton, was Kit Mooney of Nelson of Burlington and Tracey Morgan of Lord Elgin high of Burlington.

The Milton rep in the junior boys' 50 meter breast stroke was Jeff Elsley who finished third in the finals in 39.09 seconds. Neil Spencer of White Oaks was top with 37.81 and Geoff Charabin of Nelson was second, swimming in 38.41 seconds. Following Elsley's pacing were Chris Chapman of Appleby College and Mark Vandermolen of White Oaks. John Mooney of Georgetown was sixth.

In the overall team standings Milton District High stood 11th of 13 schools Lord Elgin was the top institution with 587 accumulated points. Georgetown was the second place school overall, with 581 followed by Nelson with 532.

Queen Elizabeth Park finished in fourth followed by T.A. Blakelock and White Oaks tied for fifth with 338 points.

Oakville-Trafalgar Devils sat in seventh place with 215 and M.M. Robinson close at their heels with 207 points. Appleby College entered all

boy teams and tallied 206 points. Perdue had 137, just over Milton with 113. Acton District high had 91 points.

Georgetown led the junior division with 310 points followed by Lord Elgin with 254 and White Oaks Collegiate with 211. Milton finished in 10th with 71 points just under Acton in ninth with 88.

Lord Nelson dominated the senior team placings with 354 and Lord Elgin 333 and Georgetown 271 in second and third. Milton was again 10th in the senior division with 42 points. Acton was last with 3.

Other Milton swimmers who performed well were Christine Murray who finished seventh overall of 13 entries in the senior girls' 200 meter freestyle swimming a time of 2:53. She also finished 11th overall in the 50 meter butterfly in 38.78 seconds.

Kevin Morrison was 16th overall in the junior boys' 100 meter freestyle swimming at 1:18. The fastest time was by Chris Kowalchuk of Blakelock in the prelims who clocked 1:04 and Doug Orr of Blakelock second with 1:05. Chris Kowalchuk of Blakelock won in the finals heat.

Dave Heard was seventh overall of 12 entries in the junior boys' 50 meter butterfly. Heard made his swim in a time of 38.46 seconds. The first place finisher time was 31.59, belonging to Kowalchuk in the prelims. In the finals Kowalchuk again pressed for first place while Kevin Thompson of Georgetown grabbed second.

Susan Wiffin came 12th in a field of 18 for the junior girls' 50 meter freestyle in a time of 34.60 seconds. Sue Abray of Georgetown was the top finisher in the preliminaries with a time of 33.25 seconds. Miriam Beaton of Acton was second, but came up to win the final heat in a time of 32.54 seconds, as Abray fell to fifth spot. In second was Laurie Sutherland of Georgetown.

Whiffin also placed 12th in a field of 17 in the junior girls' 100 meter freestyle. Whiffin swam a time of 1:21 seconds, tied with Connie McCrust of Acton. Allison MacDonald of Georgetown won the preliminary heats in a time of 1:11 and the Georgetown swimmer topped the finals again with a time of 1:11.40. Miriam Beaton of Acton at 1:13.78

placed first and second. Sue Abray of Georgetown was fourth with Marg Hunter and Lisa March, both of Queen Elizabeth high third and fifth. Colleen Ahrens of Lord Elgin finished sixth in the finals.

Karen Asp of Milton placed 10th out of 19 entries in the junior girls' 50 meter backstroke in a time of 42.50. The preliminary heat winner was Maria Owen-Turner of QEP who swam the 50 meters in 38.77 seconds.

Owen-Turner dropped to second in the finals with a 39.56 time. Sandra Millar of M. M. Robinson won the finals in a 38.60 seconds time. Asp of MDHS also placed ninth of 19 entries in preliminary heats in the junior girls' 50 meter breast stroke. Asp swam in 44.12 compared to the top prelim time of 40.56 belonging to Jacinth Dignam of QEP. Dignam won the finals with a 40.24 time. Beth Stewart of Georgetown was third, swimming a 41.07.

John St. Antoine of Milton placed 11th in the senior boys' 100 meter backstroke in a time of 1:27.12. Rod Mysko of Lord Elgin captured the prelim and finals with a 1:13.78 prelim time and 1:12.90 finals clock.

Mark Payne of Georgetown was fourth in the finals with a time of 1:18.04. Anita Van Oorschot was 10th overall after the preliminary heats for the senior girls' 100 meter breast stroke. Van Oorschot's time was 1:44.77 compared to the fastest time of 1:29.85 belonging to Dignam of QEP. Dignam also won the finals with 1:30 time.

The Milton Mustangs junior boys' 200 meter medley relay team placed fifth in the preliminary heats but was disqualified in the finals. White Oaks Collegiate of Oakville won the event in a time of 2:16.72. Milton's time in the finals was 2:37.08 for what would have been a fifth place finish.

Other results in the finals held Tuesday evening had Oakville Trafalgar winning the senior girls' 200 meter medley relay in 2:25.54. Georgetown finished fourth with a 2:29.98.

Lord Elgin nabbed the senior boys' 200 in 2:07.68. The Georgetown boys finished third behind Nelson high with a time of 2:10.82.

Elgin captured the junior girls' 200 medley relay in 2:29.70. The GDHS team placed second with a 2:30.24 time, followed by QEP. The junior girls' 200 meter freestyle was garnered by the White Oaks squad in 2:16.72. The Milton team was disqualified.

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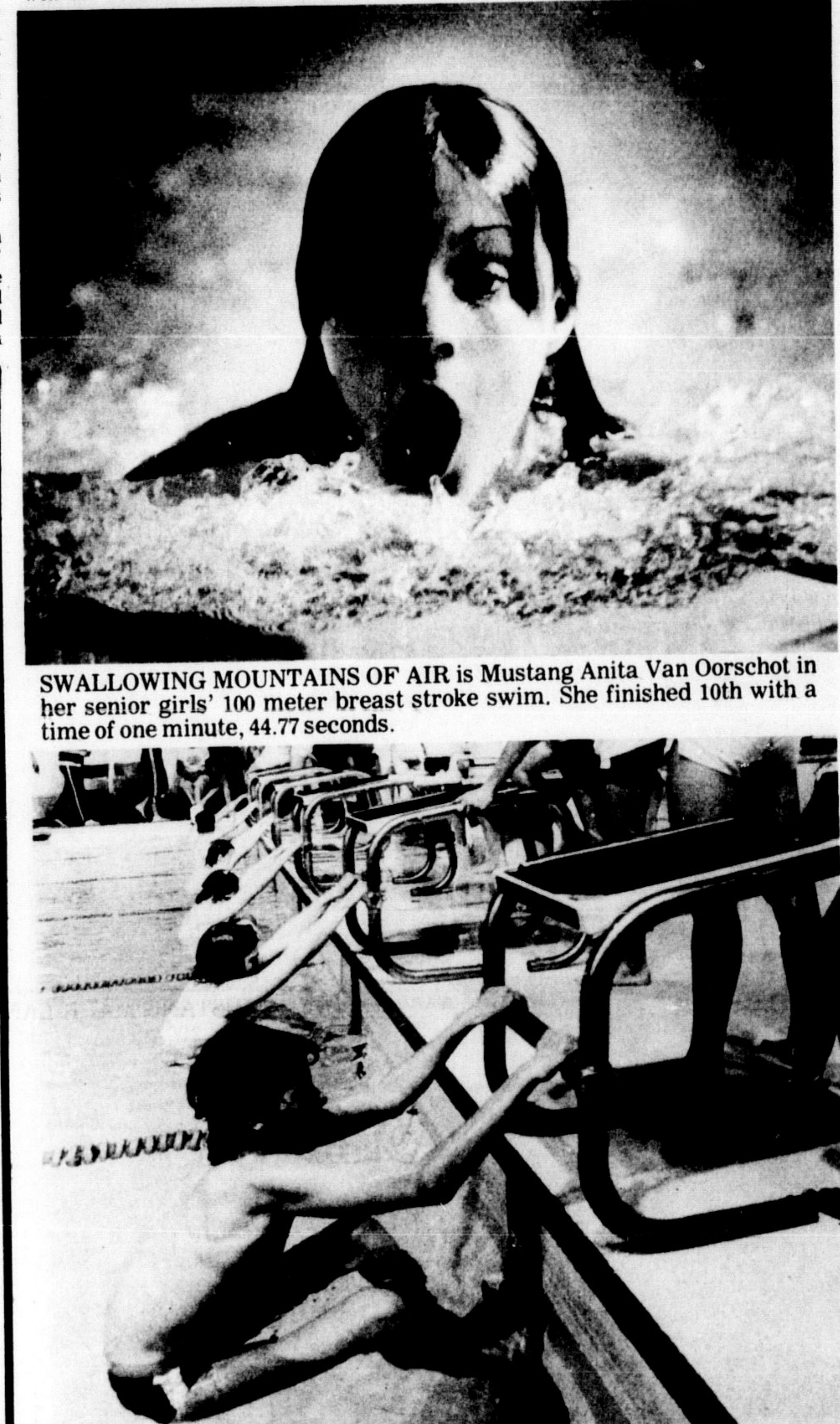
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SWALLOWING MOUNTAINS OF AIR is Mustang Anita Van Oorschot in her senior girls' 100 meter breast stroke swim. She finished 10th with a time of one minute, 44.77 seconds.

ON YOUR MARK is MDHS swimmer Larry Feagan. Feagan swam the junior boys' 50 meter backstroke in 42.36 seconds and finished 16th. He also swam the 50 metre breast stroke in 49.29.

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