

Ian James the best in Ontario

Ian James proved without any doubt he is the best long jumper at the high school level in Ontario.

The 16-year-old Milton District Secondary School athlete came through with a leap of 7.03 metres to win the junior boys' title at the Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Association championships Saturday at Etobicoke's Centennial Stadium.

His jump was the best of the day, at any level. He would have also

won the senior event by nine cm and he is well on his way to become a world-class jumper at his current pace.

James' jump was remarkable in that it was accomplished in inclement weather and a blustery wind. His jump was 31 cm below his personal best.

James will continue practising for the Junior Pan-Am Games scheduled for Sudbury in August. It marked the first time any ath-

lete from MDHS had won an event at OFSSA.

In addition to James, three other MDHS athletes qualified for OFSSA—which was also the most the school had sent to the provincial championships.

Carmelina Crisci ran second in her heat in the midget girls' 100-metre sprint and finished fifth in the final. Carmelina had won the event at each meet leading up to the provincial championships.

Distance runners Roy Poloni and John Phelps finished ninth and tenth respectively in the 2,000-metre steeplechase. Both ran in six minutes and nine seconds which were personal bests for each of the runners. But the winning time of 5.53, a provincial record, was too formidable to counter.

The pair had run in the fastest heat in the morning. Poloni was third in the heat while Phelps was two places behind. The top six in each heat moved on the final.

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Just for kicks

The soccer season is in full bloom now as these fellows in the atom houseleague attest. For rundowns of

houseleague soccer look inside the paper for more details.

Doug Johnson eager

Flyers name new coach

Milton Jr. B Flyers surprised everybody by announcing Saturday that Doug Johnson has been signed to coach the team for next year and probably many more years to come.

Springers' Gymstrada

The general improvement of members of the Milton Springers gymnastic club will be on display for all to see when the club holds its second annual Gymstrada Friday at 7 p.m. at E.C. Drury School.

The club is eager to demonstrate the general improvement of all its team members and could use the money raised through admissions to continue with the program and purchase new equipment.

All competitive, pre-competitive and recreational gymnasts will participate.

Last weekend, three Springers took part in a pre-competitive meet at Glendon College in Toronto. Team members from Burlington, Xcoes-Eagles, North Toronto Gyros and Springers took part.

Jenny Dobson came through in fine fashion taking a first-place overall gold medal. Miss Dobson was first on both the beam and her floor routine and was second with her performance on the vault.

Melanie Wood finished third in the competition and took home the bronze medal for her efforts. She was second with her floor routine and fourth on both the bars and the vault.

Andrea Geniole rode fifth, sixth and seventh place finishes for a sixth placing in the competition.

Johnson's arrival with the team means that Gerry Inglis who coached the Flyers for the last half of the season will not return.

"We're very pleased to have him," said Beth Gooding who along with her husband Vern own the team. "He's very good with young Hockey players."

The Goodings have known Johnson, 46, for the last 10 years and approached him on several occasions. However, Johnson's job, she said, prevented him from giving the team the type of commitment he would like to give.

Johnson formerly coached in the Central Ontario Jr. B league with Oakville Blades for three years winning one provincial championship and were finalists another year. The team also was the Ontario representative at the Canada Winter Games in 1974.

He moved to coach Windsor Spitfires in 1976 in the squad's initial year in the Ontario Major A League. The team finished last and Johnson was released although the financial arrangements of the settlement allowed Johnson to remain in Windsor and attend Wayne State University in Detroit.

Johnson moved back to Oakville in 1978 and is employed by the Peel Board of Education as a consultant.

"I'm looking forward to coming to Milton," said Johnson. "Our long-range plan with the team is to make it as attractive as possible for the players."

There is a general consensus that Gooding would like Johnson to reorganize the nature of the team and assume more responsibility than previous coaches. Whether this is part of a grand scheme involving moving up a league is as yet unsure.

"I've been given a free hand to run the team," Johnson added. "Everything hasn't

exactly been laid out perfectly but I'll select the players and look after some of the responsibilities Vern has carried."

Gooding said he felt he wanted to restrict his involvement with the team.

"I'm getting old—or maybe I'm just not as young as I once was," Gooding explained. "My wife and I have been handling almost all the responsibilities and I'd like to restrict them now."

Johnson said he was looking for changes on Flyers' roster next year.

"It's quite obvious that some of the personnel didn't perform to expectation last year," he added. "I guess you can say that we'll be looking at anybody who would like to come to the tryouts."

"I like a good, fast-skating, checking and passing team. I respect Gerry Inglis very much but our styles are different. He likes the experienced kind of hockey player while I like the good young player who has a lot of heart and desire."

"I like to be close to my players but not buddy-buddy."

Johnson has achieved the Level Five instructor and he paved the way for the program to get under way in Quebec.

"I consider myself a technical coach with a human side."

When Johnson goes behind the bench for the first time next year, he'll mark the team's fifth coach in a one-year span. Doug Vaughan handled the team at the beginning of last year. Scott Sones took over the reins after the second game and when he went on holidays for two weeks, Gooding coached the team. After much deliberation, Inglis was brought in to light some fire under the players and he did just that although Flyers finished out of the playoffs.

Optimists take pair

An all-out offensive effort allowed Milton Optimists to take baseball reps a pair of victories over Georgetown in action last week.

Optimists put their attack into gear last Tuesday with a 20-14 win in Georgetown and followed it up with a 20-15 victory at home in Rotary Park Thursday night.

A 10-run first-inning coupled with six more runs in the second inning allowed Optimists to build up a sizeable early lead. But Georgetown rallied with a couple of big innings themselves with five runs in the first and 10 more in the third. Milton regrouped and shut out their attack in the fourth inning when the game was called because of darkness.

The big bats for Milton were supplied from veterans Bryan Haringa and Stuart Thorne who rapped out a single and triple apiece. Scott Hilson connected for a double, Brad Jones cracked a pair of doubles and Matt 'The Bat' McCandless hammered a double and triple. Singles went to Todd Hlushko, Brett Gervais, Russ Shaw and Nick Robulack.

In Tuesday's game, Milton ran up a 20-3 lead and watched Georgetown battle back aided by several Milton miscues. Optimists took a 6-3 lead into the fifth inning and broke the game open with seven runs before adding seven more in the sixth.

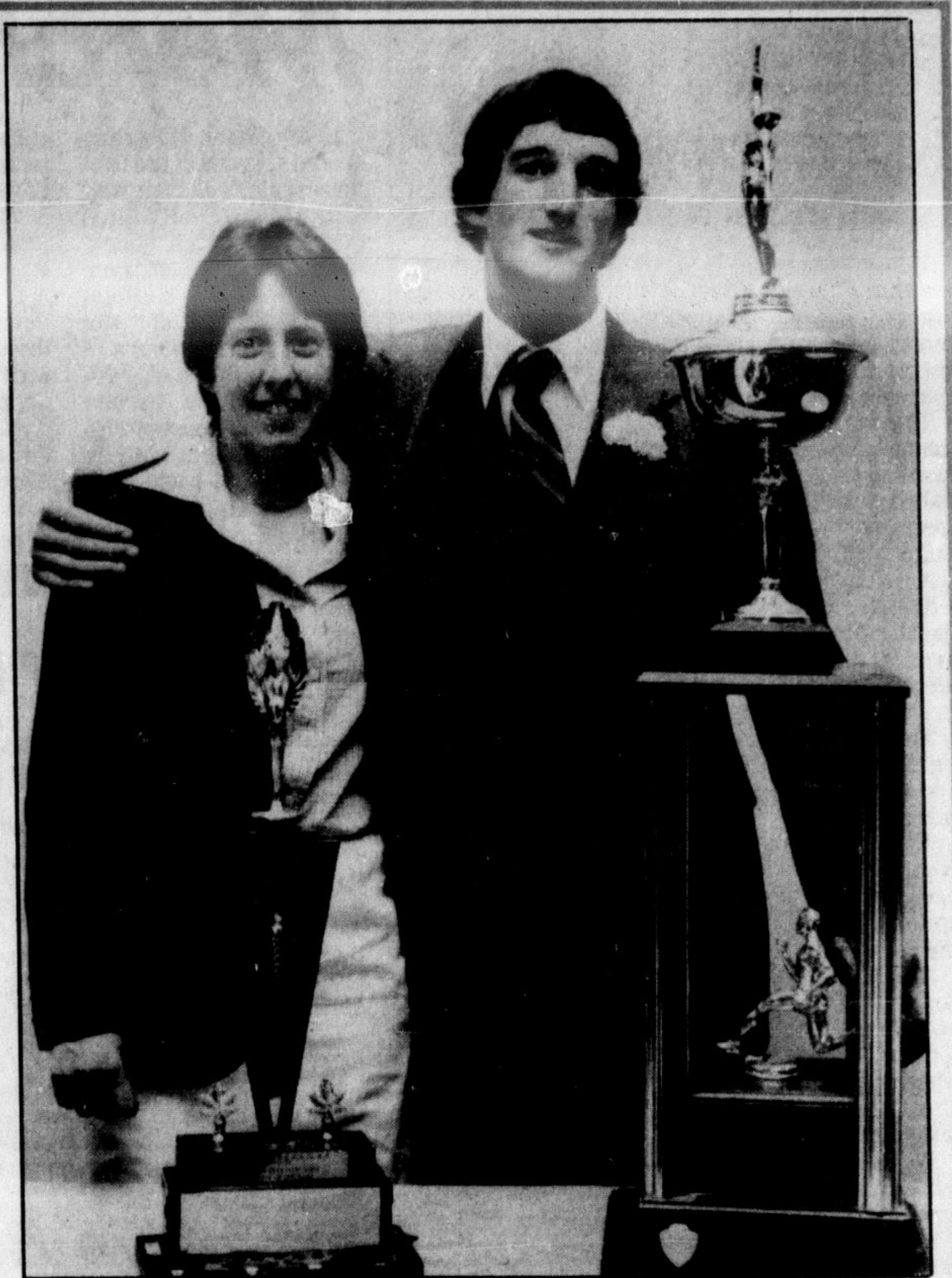
Milton hurlers Hilson, who received the win, Robulack and Gervais combined to allow just four hits but suffered through excessive walks and five Milton errors.

Hilson pitched well, striking out four and surrendering just one walk and helped his own effort by driving in three runs.

Thorne and Hlushko came up with three singles apiece to pace the attack. Gervais and McCandless each hit a triple while Haringa, Robulack, Jones and Hilson connected for a single apiece.

The squad received some bad news on the weekend when it learned that ace reliever Jason McLean broke his ankle and will be out of action for about a month.

Optimists faced their hardest challenge of the year last night when they travelled to Brampton to battle one of the strongest teams in the league.



Athletes of the year: Joey Bennett (left) and big Paul Van Oorschot were named top athletes of the year of Milton District High School last week. It marked the third year in a row Van Oorschot received the honor. Both plan to attend Ontario universities next year.

Joey Bennett and Paul Van Oorschot athletes of the year

For the third successive year, Paul Van Oorschot has been named Male Athlete of the Year at Milton District High School.

The six-foot-five inch basketball star who led Mustangs' senior basketball team to the finalists position at the all-Ontario tournament in Kingston earlier this year won't be eligible for the award next year which is sure to please the other school athletes. He's graduating and will attend Waterloo University studying maths and sciences.

Joey Bennett, who played in four sports for five years but did not play with a winner, was named Female Athlete of the Year. Miss Bennett played volleyball and badminton as well as captaining both the basketball and soccer teams. She'll attend McMaster University and study physical education.

The awards were presented at the

athletic banquet Wednesday night at the Optimist Centre. The school also distributed the most valuable player awards in each of the sports. The following is a list of the winners.

In boys' sports, Ian James was named MVP for football and track and field. Jamie Racinsky was named best defensive player on the football team and the top player on the junior basketball team. In badminton, it was Jeff Willows, Mike Baynton won for cross-country running, Dwayne Worth was MVP for hockey while Brian Serafini was top scorer, Steve Duguay was MVP for midget basketball and Van Oorschot for senior basketball.

The girls' winners are Carmelina Crisci for track and field, Julie Harrison for junior basketball, Joey Bennett for senior basketball, Patti Haist for junior volleyball and Patti Gies for senior volleyball and Denise Worth for cross-country.

W.I. Dick takes title for 2nd year in a row

For the second consecutive year, W.I. Dick Middle School captured all three divisions and the overall title at the north Halton track and field championships Thursday in Acton.

Last year was the first time any school had made a clean sweep of the championships and W.I. Dick is making somewhat of a tradition out of it by taking the title again.

Four other schools participated. Teams were from Brookville, Mackenzie Smith (Acton), Centennial (Georgetown) and Stewarttown.

Mark Haskett shone during the championships with two firsts and a third. Haskett, a senior, broke two north Halton records in the 400 and 800 metres to accompany his third-place finish in the 1500 metres.

Also in senior, Clinton Shaw set two new school records finishing second in both the 100 and 200-metre sprint races. Marcel Cezette was third in the 400 and 800 metres while Mike Horning was second in the 80-metre hurdles and third in the triple jump.

Mike Waters was third in the high jump and Nick Guileboom was second in the shot put.

In intermediate results, W.I. Dick didn't record any firsts but managed four seconds. Mark Cross was second in the 200 metres, Billy Simpson was second in the 800 metres, Cedrick Kelly was second in the high jump and fourth in the 400 metres and Dave Rosenboom was second in the 200 metres.

In junior boys, Greg Holdcroft captured the 400-metre event and was second in the 800. Wayne Haldane won the 200 metres and was fifth in the long jump. Ricky Rosenboom was second in the 60-metre dash and third in the 400. Rosenboom is just 10 years old and has one more year of junior. Robert Holliday was second in the long jump.

Unfortunately, no results for the girls events were available at press time.

The athletes were allowed to enter a maximum of two events and the 1500 metres. Brookville students were allowed to enter three events because of the small size of the school.

Late surge just short

A spirited rally fell just short as Burlington defeated Milton Glass and Mirror minor soccer reps 4-3 Thursday at Brian Best Park.

Milton found themselves defending for most of the first fifteen minutes of the game as Burlington started applying very heavy pressure on the Milton defence. During this period Burlington scored twice without reply.

Milton stuck to their job and began slowly to turn the tide as they began to get their offensive unit into swing. At this stage Milton were awarded a penalty shot and young Keith Newell placed a perfect shot into the right hand corner of the net with the Burlington goalkeeper left flat-footed and narrow the gap to 2-1.

The second half began at the same scorching pace with fortunes changing like the ebb and flow of the tide. Both teams battled for control. Burlington scored again to go ahead 3-1.

Milton coaches Steve Griffin and John Hinton decided to give Doug Drennan his first action since having a cast removed from his leg a few weeks ago.

He was like a breath of fresh air. Playing

at centre-forward, an unusual position for Doug, he assisted on the second goal. He fixed a shot which rebounded off the Burlington defence to Paul Starkiss who drove a long shot from 20 yards which beat the Burlington goalkeeper easily.

Burlington scored again to open up their two-goal margin again. Doug Drennan again fought hard and scored for Milton. From this point, Milton dominated the contest and hemmed Burlington in their own end. Despite applying relentless pressure, Milton just couldn't score the equalizer.

Pools rebound

Rebounding from a shellacking earlier in the week, Milton Pools peewee baseball reps posted a 10-5 victory over Georgetown Friday at Brian Best Park.

The peewees took it on the chin the day before losing 14-0 to Streetsville but put together some much improved team play to double the score on Georgetown.

Danny Langlois led the Pools' offence with three singles.



The winner: Mark Haskett won two events at the north Halton track and field championships last week.