

John Fletcher gamely bounces back, car is temporarily out of commission

John Fletcher lost consciousness, the use of his car and the Super Late Model feature — all in a matter of moments — Saturday night at Flamboro Speedway.

The Milton racer was halfway through the second lap when he collided with pole-sitter Randy Gray, who lost control of his car.

In an unsuccessful bid to accelerate past him, Fletcher was clipped in the right-rear corner by the skidding competitor and sent head-on into the front stretch wall at more than 100 kilometres per hour.

"I don't know what happened," said Fletcher, after the race. "He got loose and I tried to go around him, but he clipped me. We had a good car."

The 30-year-old driver was rendered unconscious as a result of the crash, but came to within minutes and left the track under his own power. He suffered no lasting injuries.

His Quaker State/Champion Spark Plugs-sponsored vehicle fared less well. "You name it, it's broke. There's major damage to the front suspension and frame," he explained.

"I figured it'll take about \$10,000 to completely

fix." The racer estimated he would be back on the circuit by June 28. "I haven't had near enough punishment yet."

A longtime regular on the provincial racing circuit, Fletcher has won at Cayuga and taken the runner-up spot at Flamboro so far in the still young spring-summer season.

Todd Forsyth and the Milton-based Racer's Edge team didn't quite enjoy the type of success they would have liked Saturday either. Having just signed with Maple Lodge Farms, they were looking to win for their new sponsor but had to settle for second.

Contact with the retaining wall ended their charge in the second Challenger feature.

"The car's not handling right, but we're excited to have Maple Lodge Farms with us. They're pretty pumped up about racing," Forsyth said.

In other action, Milton's Andy Wheller was victorious in the Street Stock division while Glenn Colling added to his points lead in the Canadian Vintage Modified Division with another top-five finish in his father's Eastside Auto-sponsored car.

Logue is a triple threat in track aces high jump, two other events

Melissa Logue turned in her own version of the triple crown Saturday at York University.

The Sam Sherratt Public School student went three-for-three — and established personal records in each case — at the Royal Canadian Legion District 'B' Track and Field Championships.

Showcasing endurance on the track, Melissa won both the 800-metre (in 2:51.6) and 1,500 (in 5:51.3) in the under-12 girls class. She also tried the high jump for the first time and was victorious with a 1.20m leap.

Her efforts highlighted Athletiques International's team showing. The Oakville-based club raked up 25

golds, nine silvers and three bronze while establishing two dozen personal records.

Nine-year-old Aaron Reese of St. Peter's enjoyed the biggest medal haul among Milton participants. He covered the 1,500m in 6:48 to capture gold, put the 4-kilogram shot 4.86m for silver and took bronze in the long jump (3.58m) and high jump — in which he set a new personal standard of 1.15m.

Brookville's Garrett Lyall, 12, made a personal best 13.72m hammer fling and grabbed first-place honors

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Fancy footwork

Milton soccer coaches took on the Streetsville men's team Sunday morning at Thompson Field. The visitors came out on top in this Father's Day showdown, beating Milton 3-1.

Trio earn national medals

A trio of Young Choung Tae Kwon Do black belts captured national medals Saturday at the Canadian Jr. Championships in Toronto.

Steven Duffield became national champion in featherweight division forms, and

added a silver medal in sparring.

Shannon Condie won the Canadian sparring title in the bantam weight class. She was also a bronze medalist in forms.

Fellow bantam division participant Kristen Bonham took bronze in sparring.

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