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Same story, just a different day

Craig O'Neil picked up right where he left off last year. The 17-year-old Mustang ran the junior boys 300-metre hurdles to a second gold-medal finish in as many years Tuesday at the Halton Track and Field Championships in Burlington.

He was the only first-place finisher for Milton District High during day one of the regional competition — which featured boys running and girls field events.

He qualified for the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) next Thursday at Hamilton's McMaster University.

The lanky 6'5" runner stopped the clock at 42.7 seconds. Where O'Neil was the top finisher for MD, Christie Robertson was the top workhorse.

The junior female athlete put her throwing skills to the test in three different events and managed GHAC qualifying standards each time.

She placed third in both the discus and javelin, with 24.58 and 30.11m showings respectively, and hurled the shot-put 8.27m for fourth-place honours.

A half dozen other 'Stangs earned GHAC berths after day one, including Natasha Hooper and Carrie Meltzer, who both took the high-endurance test in the grueling 1,500m.

Hooper finished fourth in the senior girls loop with a time of 5.37-minute while a 5.17 finish earned Meltzer an identical placing among the juniors girls.

Shawna Turner was the other female qualifier with a 4.26m leap in the junior girls long jump, which netted fourth-place honours.

Sprinter Mike Cerka ran the senior boys 100m dash to third place with an 11.8 second finish while a 1.01 showing gave junior Chris Mark fourth spot in the 400m.

Taking fifth in the open boys 2,000m steeplechase was Cam Fraser.

Narrowly missing qualifying placements in both the 400m and 300m hurdles was junior Melanie Casson, who took fifth in each event.

Senior Jason Suter and junior Josh Remazki finished fifth as well in the 100m dash and 400m respectively.

Also competing for MD Tuesday were Blair McTrach, Holly Summerfield and Brendan Coyle.

Day two of the competition was held yesterday. Results were not available at press time.

Top finishers at next Thursday's GHAC will move on to the South Regionals — also at McMaster University — and vie for berths to the provincial finals, set for the first weekend in June in Sudbury.

Marques wants to get three-peat

The Bishop Reding Royals had a couple of regional champions and an overall third-place standing after day one of the Halton Track and Field Championships in Burlington Tuesday.

Leading the charges were senior stars Matt Peers and Shawnda Marques, who're following up on stellar 1997 seasons.

Peers turned back all challengers in the 100m dash with an 11.4 second finish in the finals. A bastion of consistency all day long, he clocked in at 11.4s and 11.3s in the preliminary and semifinal heats respectively.

Marques meanwhile is looking to make a third consecutive trip to the provincial championships this spring. She got her campaign off to a rousing start with a victory in the girls long jump, stretching the tape measure 4.56 metres.

She also advanced to the next level — Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) finals at McMaster University next Thursday — in the 400m with a time of 1:12.3.

Bobby McKnight and Jesse St. John provided an effective one-two punch in the boys 400m. McKnight finished second in the senior class, setting a new school record of 53.3s, while St. John clocked in at 56.3s for an identical placing among the juniors.

A total of 18 other Royals qualified for GHAC, with their results as follows:

Midget Boys

Luke Brunner; 3rd in 400m (58.7s)
Rich Tyrrell; 4th in 400m (59.3s)

Midget Girls

Crystal Morra; 3rd in 400m (74.1s)
Leanne Doolan; 6th in triple jump (8.05m)
Eva Sitarz; 6th in shot-put (7.35m), 6th in discus (18.54m)

Junior Boys

John McDougall; 4th in 3,000m (10:05.3)
Darryl Penson; 4th in 110m hurdles (school record of 18s)
Mark Antonelli; 5th in 110m hurdles (school record of 18s)

Junior Girls

Tasha Marques; 3rd in long jump (4.34m), 6th in shot-put (7.80m)
Carrie-Ann Nichols; 5th in 1,500m (5:31.5)
Anna Gori; 5th in triple jump (8.42m)
Fiona Silcock; 6th in triple jump (8.34m)

Senior Boys

Andrew Silcock; 4th in 200m steeplechase (7:24.2), 5th in 3,000m (10:23.3)
George Kerr; 4th in 3,000m (10:21.6)

Senior Girls

Nicole Lee; 3rd in discus (21.38m), 3rd in 400m hurdles (79.2s), 4th in javelin (17.24m)
Tanya Lutkin; 3rd in 100m dash (15.6s)
Sharmila Regala; 4th in 400m (76.1s)
Mariana Hrkac; 6th in shot-put (6.62m), 6th in javelin (12.52m)

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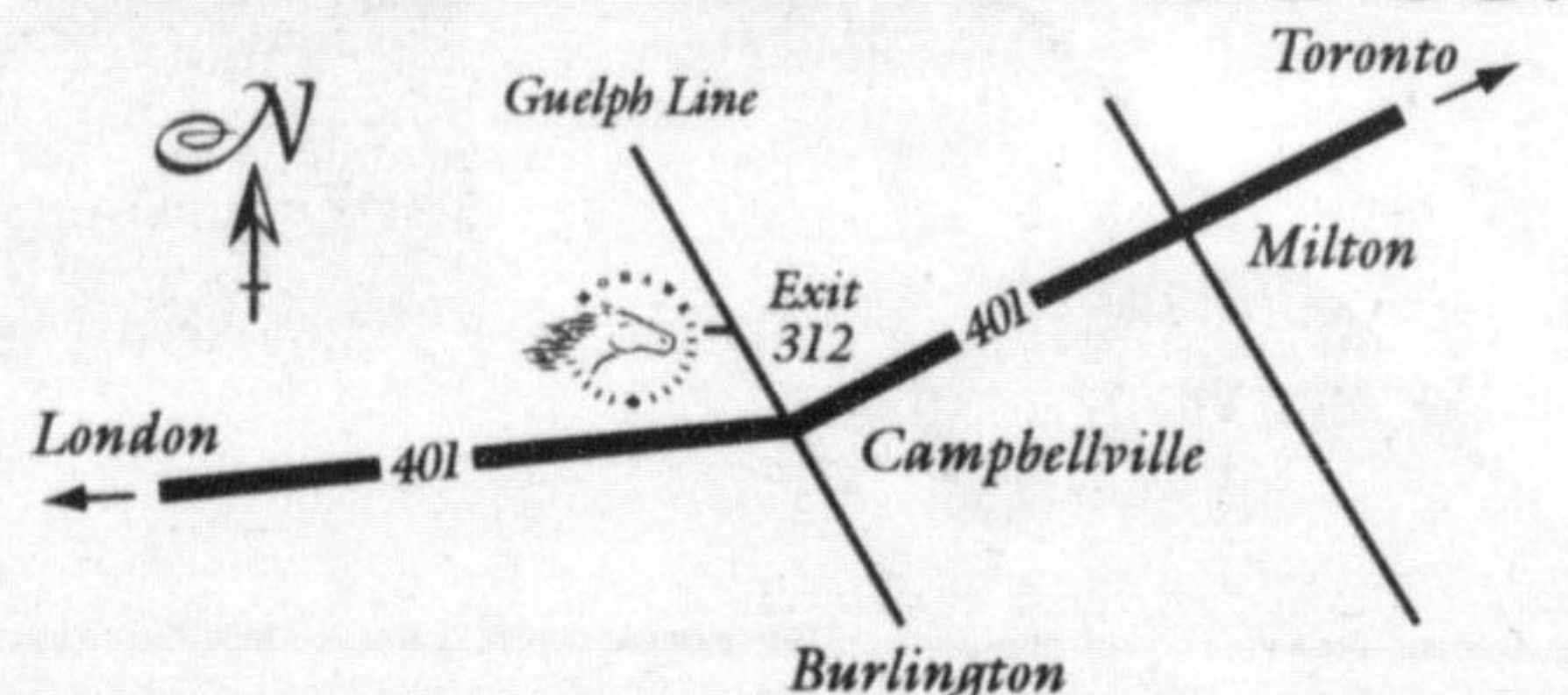
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