

Spartans warm up before hosting meet

The E.C. Drury wrestling team warmed up for their own E.C.D. Invitational meet tomorrow by competing in a pair of events last week.

The Spartans made their first-ever appearance in Ontario's largest high school tournament, the Collingwood Invitational on Saturday. Drury had several strong performers among the 660 competitors, including three medal winners.

In the junior division, Shawn Savage continued an impressive rookie season with his third medal, a bronze in the 172 lb. class. Savage fought from behind to win his semi-

final bout before scoring a late win in the final. Winning his first career medal was John Stevenson at 82 lbs., who fought strongly to win a bronze. Glen DeCarlo had his best result, a fourth at 156 lbs., while Dustin Delorey and Chris Spence both placed fifth.

In the senior division, Drury was held to one medal, a silver by John Madden at 134 lbs. Madden put in perhaps his best effort in a major event in reaching the final.

Others who put in strong performances, though missing the final round, were Marcus Henry, fifth at 141 lbs., Paul Carles and Kirk

Rowbottom, who revenged a GHAC loss last year by defeating Bishop Ryan's Cory Curran.

On Thursday, Drury hosted the North Halton Tri-Meet. Drury led the meet in wins as they went 26-13 on the day (12-7 in exhibitions, 14-6 in team competitions). Georgetown led in overall win percentage, though, as they entered a small but strong team.

Bishop Reding trailed the two more established squads but put forth a spirited effort against their more-experienced rivals.

The Spartans were led by Paul Carles at 3-0 while Nick Thompson, Liat Tan and Kirk Rowbottom earned two wins each.

The top Reding wrestler was Ted Vankestrom who had a pair of wins and only narrowly lost to Rowbottom.

Tomorrow's third annual E.C. Drury Invitational wrestling meet is looking like it will be the biggest ever with more than 200 wrestlers expected. All Halton schools, Bishop Ryan and Westdale of Hamilton and several teams from outside of GHAC will be in attendance.

Drury is the defending champs, but if Bishop Ryan brings their full squad, as they have said they will, Drury coach Larry Jaraslawski thinks they will be the team to beat.

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Wood takes provincial car rally title

By JEFF PASQUALE
Perhaps the most famous of all car rallies is the Paris to Dakar race, currently being run in North Africa and Europe. If Milton's Ross Wood has his way, one day he'll be the man to beat in that famous race.

Wood has taken the first steps on his way to the major events by placing first overall in the five-race Ontario Car Rally Production Class along with driver Andy Browning of Acton. Wood and Browning were

honoured at the 1988 Ontario Car Rally Championship Awards presentation held over the weekend. The team managed three first-place finishes in the series of performance rallies with their race-prepared Toyota Corolla GTS. The

first win came in Minden in June. That was followed by a victory in Britt (on Georgian Bay) in August and North Bay in September. The twosome finished second in Peterborough in November, which clinched the overall title.

In a performance or stage rally the object is to travel over a closed course, on narrow, twisty forest roads as fast as possible. The Ministry of Natural Resources roads are closed to the public while the competition is in progress. Cars are set off at one-minute intervals and race against the clock. These rallies are run under all manner of weather and road conditions.

Browning, 22, the driver, began rallying as soon as he got a driver's licence at age 16. A graduate of electronics from Sheridan College, Browning now works in the research division of Ontario Hydro.

Wood is very impressed with Browning's driving. "Andy is a former student of mine at Bramalea," said Wood, a guidance counsellor at Bramalea Secondary School. "He started racing as soon as he could and in 1986 won the Canadian Novice Championship. He's got tremendous potential."

In rally car racing, the driver, in this case Browning, must drive the car over unfamiliar courses as fast as he can without losing control. The co-driver's job is to give the driver detailed information regarding the layout of the course and how far ahead or behind the competition they are. That way the driver can adjust his speed accordingly.

The faster the car goes, the more dangerous it is for the driver, said Wood. If Wood and Browning are well ahead of their competition, Wood passes on that information, allowing Browning to slow down a little and make sure the two cross the finish line.

"Andy started to get discouraged when he totalled four cars in a short period of time earlier in his career," said Wood, who has been rallying for more than 20 years. "He was always the fastest driver, but his co-drivers didn't tell him when he could take it easy and try and save the car while staying in first place."

This is where Wood and his many years of experience come in. He is able to keep track of the route, as well as knowing where they are in the overall standings.

The race car is specially prepared with protective plates on the bottom of the car and competition suspension parts to take all the abuse associated with type of racing. However, in the Production Class, no engine modifications are permitted. Fires are used up at an alarming rate, but fortunately the team is sponsored by General Tire Motorsports.

"Now that we have the credentials of winning the overall title, we're out looking for additional sponsors in order to tackle the Canadian championships," explained Wood. "In addition to trying to win the Ontario title again this year, we are going to go to some rallies in Quebec and New Brunswick."

Wood said the logical progression in rally car driving is to progress to the national level, then on to the international level. We may be seeing Wood and Browning in the Paris to Dakar Rally yet.



If everything goes right for Ross Wood of Milton and Andy Browning of Acton, here seen in action during one of their three wins on the Ontario Car Rally Championship series, they may one day be driving in some of the famous car rallies of the world. One that Wood aspires to is the Paris to Dakar rally, one of the world's oldest.

Hockey Moms make it to Streetsville final

Minor Novice AA
The Milton Hockey Moms minor novice AA rep team made a run at the championship in the Streetsville Minor Novice Christmas Tournament but ran into the host team in the finals and dropped a 3-1 decision. Milton opened the tourney with a 3-2 win over Meadowvale. Jonathon Glover led the way with a pair of goals while the single went to Kris MacDonald. Danny Lennox led the way in the next outing, a 4-2 win over Woodstock, with a pair of goals. Also chipping in with singles were Glover and MacDonald. In the semi-final, the Moms edged Erindale 4-3 to earn a berth in the finals. Goals went to Glover, MacDonald, Lennox and Matt Jenkins. Chipping in with assists were Glover, Cory Broussard, MacDonald, Kristen Haringa, Mat House and Justin House. Milton played league rival Streetsville in the final, but the hosts wouldn't be beaten on their home ice and walked away with a hard-fought 3-1 victory.

The game was evenly played over two periods, with each side scoring a goal. Mat House, assisted by Craig Hudak, did the honours for the locals. Milton held the better of the play over the final period, but couldn't beat Streetsville goalie Justin Balangero. Streetsville took the lead midway through the final period and Milton pulled their goalie with over a minute remaining. Although they put on sustained pressure, they couldn't score and Streetsville fired an empty-netter with one second left on the clock. Getting back to regular season action, Milton beat Dundas 3-0 and tied Streetsville 2-2. Against Dundas, Lennox fired all three Milton markers while the rest of the team kept Dundas under constant pressure. The star in the tie with Streetsville was goalie Brett McClure, who constantly made great saves. Scoring were MacDonald and Jenkins.

Novice AA
The Milton P.L. Robertson novice AA rep team had a full weekend, playing to a 4-4 tie with Oakville, knocking off Georgetown 6-3 and edging Markham in an exhibition game 2-1. In Oakville Friday night, the team got off to a poor start as the home side's power play put Oakville into a 1-0 lead after only a minute of play. Things went downhill from there as the homeside built a 3-0 lead before the first period was over. Milton got going in the second period, though. Matthew Peers opened the scoring in the first minute before Jason Pento narrowed the gap to 3-2 heading into the third period. Pento fired his second of the game midway through the period to tie the score at 3-3. The teams traded late goals, Milton's coming from Ben Wilson to make the final 4-4. Sunday in Milton, the locals spotted Georgetown a 3-0 lead before they got their act together and fired six unanswered goals to win 6-3.

Peers got the homeside going with a pair of goals in the second period to narrow the lead to 3-2 heading into the final frame. In the third, David Slessor tied the game at 3-3. Lucas Redditt had his turn next and Todd Warren rounded out the scoring with a pair of goals. In the exhibition win over Markham, both Milton goals came from Haydar. The squad has three league games left and sports an impressive 19-1-5 record. They travel to Brampton next to take part in the Silver Stick Tournament. **Minor Atom AA** The Milton Docs and Dents minor atom AA rep team keeps rolling along, winning three in a row since the Christmas break. They beat Brampton 5-1, Streetsville 2-0 and Burlington 7-4. After giving up the first goal against Brampton, Milton scored five unanswered goals for the easy win. Myles Seeds put Milton on the board before Pat Lennox scored with just 26 seconds left in the se-

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