

Sara shines in Montreal, wins gold medals at Laval Cup

Sara Crignano made her way into the winner's circle more than once recently at the 5th annual Laval Cup in Montreal.

The 11-year-old Milton track and field athlete — representing the Athletiques International Club of Oakville — earned double gold in the minime girls' sprint events, running the 60 metre

in 8.9 seconds and the 150m in 21.7s.

Fellow Miltonian Russell Bruyns, 10, could only stay for opening day events but made short work of his minime boys' 150m competition — covering the distance in a personal best 20.8s for a relatively easy victory.

Malcom Syme, nine, came up with Milton's

other medal for the weekend, a bronze in the minime boys' 800m in 5:20.8 minutes.

He was unable to crack the top three in his other three events. He finished fourth in both the long jump and shot put — with 3.79m and 5.82m efforts respectively. He placed fifth in the 60m with a time of 9.4s.

The club's athletes also took part in mini-meets at Milton District High School. They are part of the club's summer-time track and field camp, which will be offered at the school from August 12 to 20.

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Coach who created powerhouse leaving

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

Special to The Champion

Bishop Reding Secondary School will have some big shoes to fill in their senior basketball coaching ranks this coming school year, with the exit of longtime and accomplished skipper Chris Dooley.

As Royals' athletic director Joe Golini put it, Bishop Reding basketball "is not going to be the same."

"I suppose it's a great loss. There's no question he put more time and effort into senior basketball than any other coach in the region," said Golini.

Dooley now leaves BR for Burlington's Notre Dame Secondary School, after almost a decade in town.

He arrived on the scene during the 1986-87 school year — after two years teaching at a Burlington elementary school — and immediately began his campaign to bring respectability to the school's basketball program.

"I came to BR the year after it opened and immediately started coaching. However, there weren't enough players for senior teams until two years later so I began with the juniors," he said.

Dooley eventually built both the girls and boys squads into regional contenders, and in one case a provincial powerhouse. This highlight came during the 1993-94 campaign when his senior boys' crew were ranked second in Ontario for most of the season and won nine of 11 tournaments.

Unfortunately, they didn't reach their potential in playoff action, falling to Burlington's Lord Nelson in the Halton semifinals. The team has been a top contender in Halton ever since.

The same holds true for the senior girls, who under Dooley's tutelage reached the Halton finals in four straight seasons between 1990 and 1993. They took the title in both '91 and '92.

"I'd say the two highlights of my career at BR would have to be winning the first Halton title with the girls and the 1993-94 season with the boys when we went on that huge tournament roll," said Dooley, who is coaching the under-19 boys' provincial team this summer. "It seemed everything was a perfect fit that year."

He said BR has become well known for its tenacious defense and three-point shooting. From a



Chris Dooley

personal stand-point, he cites previous coaching stints at two Ontario universities as having helped him succeed at the high school level.

"I was an assistant coach at both Brock and McMaster before I came to BR. This helped (me) develop my coaching skills and understand just what these high school players had to do to move up to the next level," Dooley explained.

He said he has taken a lot of pride in seeing several of his players move on to university. Among them are female cagers Angela Hrkac and Jackie Shaw, who both play for Lakehead University.

Some male Royals who have moved on include Peter Stelter, Jesse Ogden, Steve Kokelj and recent graduate Pat Sweeney, who will be vying for a spot on McMaster's roster this fall.

"Coach Dooley taught me how to be a team leader and helped me with my toughness and work ethic," said the 18-year-old Sweeney. "He's just a good, knowledgeable coach."

Dooley said it will probably be hard coming back to BR with his new Notre Dame Irish this year, adding "no matter what, there will never be another Reding for me."

Golini said parent Paul Mascarin will probably take over the senior girls team. The senior boys crew will likely be coached by either Mascarin or Dave ReMac.

"Chris put Bishop Reding on the map. Hopefully we can continue to be strong," Golini said.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Milton Red Sox player Tony Casarin slides safely home ahead of the tag during senior all-star game action Sunday at Brian Best Park.

McCandless cranks homer for Milton

A trio of Milton Red Sox helped their Andrew Division all-stars to an 11-10 triumph over the Ken Johnson Division Sunday afternoon in Milton at the annual COBA Senior All-Star Game.

Leading the way for the local contingent was starting shortstop Matt McCandless, who cranked out a home run.

His replacement through the later innings, fellow Red Sox John Blasko,

was strong in the field and had a base-hit in his only plate appearance.

Meanwhile, Tony Casarin worked a complete game in left field and came up with two singles and two walks for a perfect 2-for-2 showing on the day.

Granite Ridge is public

New golf course minutes from downtown

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
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There's a new place to hit the links in Milton this summer, at the Granite Ridge Golf Club.

Located on Dublin Line north of Campbellville Road — beside Greystone Golf Course and across the way from Dufferin Aggregates — Granite Ridge is

barely a week old, having opened just last Thursday.

The 18-hole facility is geared toward golfers of all skill levels, and is both "challenging and affordable" according to general manager Mary Caravaggio.

"The owners of the club wanted to give local golfers a private club setting at an affordable price," said Caravaggio, whose background in the business

stretches 16 years. Most recently she worked alongside her husband at Greystone. "Our prices are very reasonable, with \$25 green fees between Monday and Thursday and \$30 on the weekend."

Caravaggio will run the public club for owners Ted Diamanti, Bill Carl and Stan Fay.

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