



The Lawrence Loop?

Remember the Fosbury Flop, the backwards style that revolutionized the high jump business? Well, Dave Lawrence of Homelands Senior School may have patented the Lawrence Loop. He tried this flip while competing in his school's track meet long jump. Unfortunately, he didn't win. Flippin' shame. More on page B-4.

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All quiet on the lacrosse front

The controversial lacrosse flare-up between George Chandler, Rob Gemmell and the Mississauga junior A Builders seems to have come to a happy ending for all.

Chandler has rejoined the Builders, scoring five goals in each of the two games he has played since the reunion. Gemmell has been traded to Whitby in return for an undisclosed amount of cash and the rights to Ottawa's Pete Mutch.

The pair of high scoring players had refused to play after a disagreement with coach Ray Shipway. They demanded to be traded together to a Minto Cup contending team.

Any hopes of reconciliation with Builders

ended for Gemmell when he said in an interview with The Mississauga Times that he would return only upon the event of Shipway's termination as coach.

Trading the two players to a team in return for relatively equal compensation proved to be an impossibility, according to general manager Jim Halliday. He traded Gemmell to Whitby in the hope that Chandler would report back to the Builders.

The trade occurred two days before a deadline specified in a letter written by a law firm representing Gemmell.

"We're taking a gamble that Gemmell really wants to play for a Minto Cup team,"

said suspended Whitby coach Jim Hinkson last week. "With him and Tim Abbott (an Owen Sound release Hinkson hopes to sign) nobody will be able to touch us."

Gemmell voiced approval of the trade and expected to have a job in Whitby yesterday.

"That's one thing I've got to give the Builders credit for," said Gemmell. "I asked to be traded to a Minto Cup contender and that's where they traded me."

As to the possibility of Builders defeating Whitby in the playoffs, Gemmell said, "That would be the irony of ironies."

— TOM MALONEY

They'll walk 30 km. for a Games berth

By TOM MALONEY
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All of Marcel Jobin's serious challengers have conceded first place to him at Sunday's Commonwealth Games Racewalking Trials at Erindale College. The fight is over second spot.

Mississauga's Glenn Sweazey, Etobicoke's Helmut Boeck, Hamilton's Pat Farrelly and Oshawa's grand old man of walking, Alex Oakley, will be laboring over a grueling 30-kilometre course at Erindale College in an effort to earn a trip to the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton in August.

Only the two top finishers qualify with a remote chance that the third place finisher will be selected.

Sweazey, 24, has been training seriously in Mexico and treats it as a full time job. Oakley, 52, has competed in three Olympics and seems to make a comeback months before every serious race. Farrelly, 43, has a demanding job and a family but has been training hard all winter. Boeck, 20, is a powerful walker who cannot afford time off his job to train as much as Sweazey.

But all think they have a shot at the Games berth, although their conceptions of the race do not necessarily coincide.

Boeck says Farrelly is disadvantaged because of the hilly course at Erindale. Farrelly says he loves to race on hilly courses.

Boeck and Sweazey say Oakley will

sprint into the lead to set the pace. Farrelly says Jobin will take the lead and never bother to look behind. Typically, Oakley didn't comment.

Sweazey says Boeck will follow his pace and try to out-sprint him, near the end, as usual. Boeck says Sweazey will see nothing but his back from beginning to end.

Boeck has fared well in recent races. He won two in Cleveland last weekend. The week before, he finished fifth in a Long Island, N.Y. race, 83 seconds ahead of seventh place Sweazey but well behind first place Jobin.

"I haven't lost to him (Sweazey) in eight months," says Boeck. "I like racing and he likes the training. He puts pressure on himself."

Sweazey is the youngest competitor in serious competition but has suffered from injury trouble. Now, however, he says he is healthy — physically.

"It's just a question of whether I'll be properly prepared mentally," says Sweazey. "If I am, I'll blow them out."

Farrelly says that nobody is going to be blowing anybody out if the weather remains hot. If the weather is more conducive to a fast race, he says, Jobin will win easily. Everybody else, including himself, will be scrambling for second.

The race starts at 4 p.m., as it will in the Commonwealth Games. The course consists of 24 laps around Erindale College's Outer Circle.



Glenn Sweazey

Doty, Hinds at the blocks

Sprinters aim for NCAA laurels

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Times Photo by KEN KERR
Cole Doty

The man who would be king walks around the litter-strewn Lorne Park running track ignored by everyone but a nine-year-old girl.

The man on the dusty Lorne Park track, who plans to become a dentist to make money — there are no \$100,000 contracts in track — takes off his blue sweat pants and steps into his blocks. He begins to practice his starts.

He jumps out of the blocks and coasts easily down the track showing some of the form that makes him the fastest man in the land — the unrecognized king of Canadian sprinters.

Cole Doty of Mississauga, formerly of Lorne Park Secondary School and recently graduated from Southern Methodist University in Texas, gets his chance to grab some of the limelight away from the hockey and football heroes this August.

Doty is Canada's best bet to grab a sprint medal behind Olympic champions Hasley Crawford of Trinidad and Don Quarrie of Jamaica at the Edmonton Commonwealth Games.

Commonwealth Games success could bring Doty the national recognition he deserves. But this weekend he will face his greatest test.

Doty will fight it out with the top 40 American sprinters — 10 of whom are probably capable of winning an Olympic medal — at the National Collegiate Athletic Association track and field

championships starting tomorrow in Oregon.

Doty hopes to reach the 100 or 200 metre finals and earn all-American status in track and field.

"The way I was running a month ago I would have said I could reach the finals for sure," he says. "But you get tired running week in and week out and I'm not as mentally sharp right now."

The 22-year-old, an honor student this year, has applied to the University of Western Ontario Dentistry School. To get the top grades he needs, Doty bore down on the books in his last month but his track times began to suffer.

"It is not impossible for me to get into the finals now," he says. "But I'm hoping the killer instinct will return and I'll be able to run some of those guys down."

Doty's best times this year have been a 9.98 in the 100 metres and a 20.59 in the 200 metres — both fully electrically-timed but also wind aided.

Doty won't be the only Mississauga sprinter at the NCAA meet this weekend. Doug Hinds formerly of T. L. Kennedy will compete for the Lamar College sprint and mile relay teams.

Hinds, who anchored the Kennedy sprint and mile relay teams to OFSAA titles last spring, starts on the mile team and runs third leg for the sprint team.

Lamar's best times this year are 39.9 — 1.7 seconds off the world record — in the sprint relay and 3:08.0 in the mile relay.

Hinds figures on reaching the finals in both events.



Times Photo by KEN KERR
Doug Hinds

Wendy rolls out another championship

Winning Ontario championships is nothing new to Wendy Prosser but that doesn't make them any less important.

The 13-year-old Camilla Public School student won her fourth Ontario roller skating

championship last weekend in Scarborough. Prosser was first in freshmen girls' freestyle, first in figures, first in novice dance and first overall.

Last year Prosser was second overall at the

Ontario championships. Prosser, a member of the Mimico Roller Skating Club, will advance to the Canadian championships in July in Oshawa. She is coached by Beverly Preston and Don Gates.

Did you hear the one about the field?

The pun, it has been said, is the lowest form of humor, lower even than Gilligan's Island. The popularity of the ethnic joke has put the pun's lowly standing in jeopardy in recent years.

But a new, lower form of humor has come along to undercut both. What's more amazing is that the new form of humor is native to Mississauga.

Yes, Canada's largest bedroom has produced its own form of humor — the field joke.

For example, the following field joke is guaranteed to bring many laughs:

Have you seen The Mississauga Stadium?

That's it. The world's only one-line joke.

There are, of course, longer jokes about the stadium. Here's one guaranteed to bring the house down.

Have you seen The Mississauga Stadium?
No. All I found was a parking lot. That is The Mississauga Stadium, turkey.

The beauty of the field jokes our

Chris
Zelkovich



fair city has created is that they not only bring laughter but also can produce very violent reactions. This is not always so peaceful for the teller of the joke.

The very mention of the word field,

in fact, is liable to produce reactions varying from uproarious laughter to uncontrollable anger.

Take our baseball diamonds. Please.

Ask the minor baseball people about them and you'll be greeted with laughter. "Diamonds," they'll say between chuckles. "You call them diamonds? Well, they're certainly diamonds in the rough."

The laughter usually stops and is followed by an angry diatribe on how few diamonds there are, how poorly lit they are and what terrible condition they're in.

The Mississauga Sabres, a defunct senior baseball team, will tell you how they became defunct because the lighting was so poor at Huron Park.

How poor was it, you ask? It was so poor that the Sabres outfielders were selected by their hearing ability.

Rumor has it that two of the Sabre outfielders were blind. They played by following the sound of the ball. It was easier than trying to see it.

The junior Sabres also have their own field story. First of all, they have to worry about the new houses that suddenly appeared behind their diamond. In an effort to minimize the risk of breaking windows, Sabre officials considered instituting a "three foot balls and you're out" rule.

When they took the field for their first home game they found that it resembled an open pit mine. The cause of the desecration was a football team that used the diamond for its practice.

Why, you might ask, was a football team using a baseball diamond for practice? That brings us to another area of field humor.

The football team was using the

baseball diamond because there isn't a football field in the entire city with lights. Pretty funny, eh?

Add to that joke the one about Mississauga Raiders and you've got a great one-two punch line. Raiders, holders of the unofficial world record and members of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame for their 57 straight victories, don't have a home field.

They just move from field to field, depending which field is being resodded and which ones have been condemned. Henny Youngman couldn't have done better than that.

If the football fields are bad and the diamonds terrible, there aren't words to describe what the soccer people think of their pitches.

Clarkson's entry in the intercities senior league doesn't have any home games because Mississauga doesn't have a field up to league standards. Mississauga has never hosted an On-

tario Cup final for the same reason. That's funny enough, but some of the attempted solutions to the pitch situation are even funnier.

The Metro-Croatia soccer club was so angered by the city's pitches they built their own.

Mississauga No-names of the National Soccer League ignored a league rule about enclosed stadiums and identified St. Lawrence Starch Field as Corn Starch Stadium. The Big C draws good crowds. Sixty or seventy enclosed and sixty more watching from outside, peeking through the wire fence.

It's a scene worthy of a Woody Allen movie.

In the meantime, others are adding to the laughs by claiming that the fields are used too much.

And others wonder why, if everyone is laughing so much, is no one happy?