

## Mississaugans win track and swimming titles

Three Mississauga competitors displayed dynamic forms on dry land and in water last weekend, winning national and provincial championship crowns.

Pan-American gold medalist pentathlete Debbie Van Kiekebelt, holder of the North American record for the gruelling five-event test of athletic ability, came up with her best jump of the year to take the women's long jump at the Canadian indoor track and field championships in Quebec City.

The 19-year-old Clarkson athlete leaped 19 feet 8 1/4 inches, outjumping pentathlon rival Diane Jones of Saskatoon by nearly five inches. Montreal's Candice Follette finished a distant third with 18 ft. 1 1/2 ins.

Some 200 athletes from various parts of Canada competed in the two-day meet.

Meanwhile, at the Ontario open swimming championships at Etobicoke's Memorial Peel, 14-year-old TL Kennedy high school student Julie Bonner helped

the host club's 800-yard girls freestyle relay team to a new provincial record (8:23.0 minutes).

A former Town of Mississauga Aquatic Club (TOMAC) competitor, Julie joined the Etobicoke group a year ago. Two weeks ago, she crowned herself Peel-Halton high school swim queen with triumphs in 200-metre butterfly and 100-m freestyle events.

Favorite University of Toronto student Byron McDonald, who lives on Victor Avenue in Cooksville, splashed his way to the men's 100-yard butterfly title with a time of 52.3 seconds. The Olympic swimmer, third-ranking butterfly specialist in the world, missed a record by a fraction.

More than 250 swimmers from Ontario, Montreal, Winnipeg, Halifax competed against entries from the United States and Soviet Union during the three day international aquatic meet.

### MARJORIE HOMER-DIXON

## Canadian paddling queen gives her blades a rest

BY MIKE TOTH

North America's top-ranking woman kayak competitor Marjorie Homer-Dixon is calling it quits.

The Mississauga Canoe Club paddling queen has decided to put an end to a remarkable competitive career that started on the Credit River back in 1959 and came to a halt at the Olympic Games in Munich, West Germany, last summer.

The reason for the 28-year-old Canadian champion's decision to abandon the razor-sharp world of competition is that she has accepted an offer to coach Nova Scotia's Mic-Mac club. She will begin her new career May 20.

"A lot of thought has gone into this decision," said Marjorie. "I want to unfold my wings and fly a little bit." She has already joined the National Coaches Association, becoming the first bona-fide woman coach in Canadian paddling history. Marjorie said her duties will be the club's water safety program and coaching Mic-Mac's bantam-



MARJORIE HOMER-DIXON

juvenile contingent.

"In looking at it as a feather in my cap," she said. "And Missy's hat, too."

"It will give me a great chance to do what I would like to do."

She said she is informing the Mississauga club of her decision to abandon ship.

The five-time Canadian kayak singles champion, majoring in physical education and psychology at McMaster University in Hamilton, is a resident of Port Credit. In 1972, she was chosen by Jaycees as Mississauga of the Year beating out Toronto Argonaut linebacker Peter Martin for the honour.

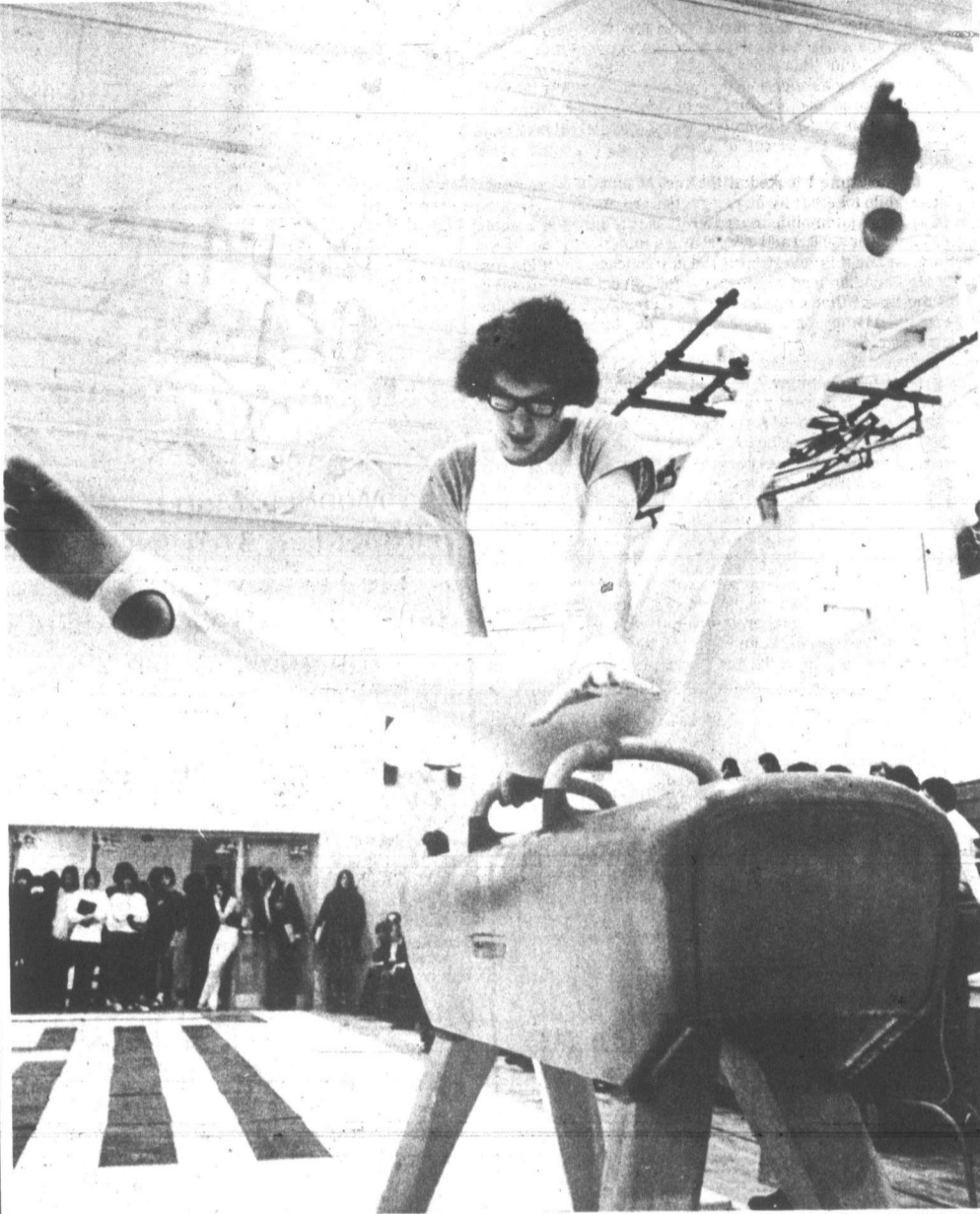
It was a fitting recognition.

Marjie's interest in paddling goes back over 14 years when she watched her brother race in Missy colours. She joined the club and was soon heralded as up-and-coming talent, winning a handful of competitions in various regattas.

Then came the big times in 1967, when Marjorie formed a partnership with her friend and club rival Joanne Kelly (Philadelphia Flyers forward Bob Kelly's sister) and earned a bronze medal in the Pan-American Games in Winnipeg.

A year later, she tasted the exhilarating sporting experience of Olympic rivalry in Mexico City. Then came other international stops, such as the world championships in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in 1971 and another Olympics last summer.

Marjorie's best showing against the elite of the world was a final's berth in Belgrade — a considerable achievement for a Canadian cinderella girl.



Erindale's Bill Hutchinson taming the side horse during the Peel boys gymnastic meet last Thursday. (Times photo by Ron Pozzer).

## Putnam power: Lorne Park gymnast runaway winner

BY MIKE TOTH

Dave Putnam, a gourmet among Mississauga's high school gymnasts, has a simple but tasty recipe for success: take a portion of ability, sprinkle liberally with herbs and spices of desire and let it simmer over long and tiresome hours of training sessions.

The 18-year-old Lorne Park student served up a taste bud teasing gymnastic culinary delight. Thursday, winning five of a possible six events en route to the individual advanced crown of the 1973 Peel Secondary School boys championships.

The event, viewed as a vital step in the revitalization of the oncept-rank scholastic sporting pastime, drew entries to Erindale from nine different learning institutions — Applewood, Glenforest, Clarkdon, Lorne Park, Woodlands, Westwood, Gordon Graydon, Mayfield and a sizeable contingent from the ranks of the hosts.

Competition, divided into advanced, intermediate and novice classifications, was held on rings, parallel bars, high bar, floor, side horse and vaulting.

The apparatus that prevented Putnam from a clean sweep was the vault. "I just blew it," he said.

The slip, which enabled up-and-coming Erindale gymnast Robbin Rowe to get into the winners' circle once, didn't prevent Putnam from becoming a runaway victor in the individual stakes with an accumulated total of 46.45 points, a whopping 15.90 percentage points ahead of Applewood's muscular Mike Quinn. Erindale's Eric Flannagan was a distant third with 28.95.

This was the third straight year that Putnam made his presence felt on the Peel scene in spectacular terms. In his first attempt, he took five events while winning the novice title (he "blew" the high bar that time for a change). Last year, there

were no slips, an achievement for which Putnam has a sextet of first-place ribbons to show.

The Lorne Park gymnast, who competes in outside circuits for the York Memorial Club, is a firm believer in a heavy workload. For four days his training schedule calls for three-and-a-half hour sessions daily, increasing to four hours on Fridays and Saturdays, mostly under the watchful eye of coach Dave Holmes.

Of course, when your ultimate aim is the Olympic Games ("Not Montreal in 1976, that's too soon," he says. "But I would like to make the 1980 Games.") The sacrifices must be on par with the demands.

"I didn't do my toughest routines," he said, referring to the Peel finals. "In high school competitions, it's better if you do simple things but do them well."

Outside competition is another thing, where the

degree of difficulty displayed during free routines is taken into consideration.

Joining Putnam on the list of individual overall champions were Applewood's Bruce Poidevin (intermediate) and Mike Geniole of Mayfield (novice).

In team standings, Applewood came first in the advanced and novice divisions, while Erindale captured the intermediate title.

John Yancey of Applewood, odds-on favorite to win the intermediate division, was forced to the sidelines with a broken foot, suffered while giving a gymnastic demonstration prior to the Peel finals. He attempted the side horse, but failed to exhibit more than a fraction of his true abilities.

Next on the agenda is the Peel-Halton inter-county championships at Erindale during the last week of March.

MIKE TOTH  
Sports Editor



Quickly now: name the most versatile high school athlete in Mississauga.

Give up? Well, meet quiet-mannered Lawrence Dallimore, a 19-year-old Erindale student whose distinctive features have become a familiar sight on a wide and often contrasting range of sports terrain — football, gymnastics, track and field, swimming and wrestling.

The entries of the past three years on Dallimore's achievement list show "Lawrence of Erindale" as a unique man in a sports Sahara; a jack of all trades and a master of more than one.

It seems that when Lawrence is on the scene, a mirage turns into a Raider oasis.

Take Erindale's senior football team, for instance. Coach Ron McBride, who guided Raiders to their first-ever Peel crown during the 1971 campaign, sent a jumble of rookies and veterans into last fall's warfare. Pre-season opinion polls had this conglomeration high on enthusiasm, but not in the same league with their predecessors in the manpower department.

When the final whistle sounded on the CNE Stadium's mod sod, Erindale had not only defended its crown, but also had gone unbeaten to surpass all expectations.

At 156 pounds one of the smallest boys on the team, Dallimore played a giant role and was chosen as middle linebacker to the coaches' all-star selection. Not only did he lead Raiders in unassisted tackles with 42, but recovered three fumbles and made two key interceptions.

Aside from the fact that at Erindale both sports are coached by McBride, football and gymnastics have little else in common. Yet, Dallimore is as at home on the horizontal bar as he is on the grid iron.



LARRY DALLIMORE  
"Lawrence of Erindale"

In last Thursday's Peel championships, he was runner-up in the intermediate division's vaulting, then added third places on rings and horizontal bars. Larry's showing could have been more spectacular but he had injured himself during a training session, bruising a foot and suffering a pinched nerve in his neck.

"I spent the night lying on a hot blanket and applying a heating pad to my neck to loosen up the muscles," he confided.

The gymnastic championship was the third scholastic sporting event on Dallimore's hectic schedule in the space of four weeks. Earlier, he helped Erindale's relay team to the county and the Peel-Halton swimming championship titles; and make his mark on the wrestling scene.

Wrestling — that's one word that turns Dallimore on faster than other sports. "It's the top for me," he says.

It was the mat that provided this ambitious young athlete with his most memorable conquests. In three successive attempts, he fought his way to Peel titles in three different weight divisions. But his biggest moment of glory came in 1971, when he became the Ontario freestyle champion in the 143-lbs. category and went on to finish fifth in the Canadian finals in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Dallimore figures there are a few more sporting Everests still to be conquered and his soaring desires are firmly focussed on the lofty heights of the all-Ontario high school pole vaulting crown in May.

"I would like to reach 14 feet this season," said the self-made vaulter, who watched other jumpers, studied films and read whatever literature he could lay his hands on en route to a pair of Peel-Halton championships and a top height of 12 ft. 8 inches.

An aid to Dallimore's high ambition is a brand new fibreglass pole, which he just had to try before departing for England on a two-week holiday.

"I would love to see an indoor meet in London," he said wistfully.

This is the sort of a sportsman "Lawrence of Erindale" is — he never stands in one place too long.

TOTH-SOME MORSELS — Yes, Canada should play host to the 1976 Olympic Games, slated for Montreal.

Who says so? Seventy (70 per cent) per cent of Peel South residents who answered Federal MP Don Blenkarn's recent questionnaire, that's who. The findings are likely to infuriate a handful of stick-in-the-mud parochials, but it is a fair reflection of the attitudes in other areas of Canada.

## Sabres name manager

Mississauga Sabres have concluded their search for a candidate to lead the senior team into its maiden season of Halton Baseball League competition.

Sabres chairman of the board Al Hicks announced this week that 57-year-old Cecil Branning has been chosen as general manager.

"We feel, he's the best choice," said Hicks, explaining that the club

received several applications.

Joining Branning's staff as coach is long-time baseball man Bruce Bosley.

Branning, a familiar figure on the local ball scene, last coached Nido's in the Mississauga Men's Fastball League.

"It'll be a challenge, but I hope I can do the job," said Branning, a one-time semi-pro player with Chicago

Cubs' farm club in Sudbury.

During his 12-year association with Mississauga's ball scene, he managed and coached senior and juvenile sides.

Sabres will play a 28-game schedule with the opening date set for May 13. Home games will be held at Huron Park Friday nights. In addition to league games, Sabres will take part in a two-day Burlington Centennial tournament.

## Peel high school basketball all-star team well-balanced

BY JOHN STEWART

Port Credit and Westwood dominated the eastern selections and county champion Brampton Centennial named two players to the first team in the west as the high school basketball all-stars were announced this week.

Centre Bill Lawrence and guard Bruce Hamilton of the Warriors join John Graham and Ken Marshall of Westwood on the eastern contingent. The fifth selection is Mayfield's burly Len Brydon.

The two teams who met in the zone final also named one player each to the east's second team to give them six of the ten all-star slots. Port Credit's Jamie Clare and the Wildcats' Vic Risinger earned those honours. Gordon Graydon's Andy Bonniwell, Mayfield's Ted Valiant and Glenforest's Bob Hutchings round out the squad.

In the western division, Bernie Niermann and Bruce Thorne represent Brampton Bucs with Central Peel's Don Dash joining consensus choices Shawn Dunn of Erindale and Henry Vandenberg of T.L. Kennedy.

The second team features two Lorne Park Spartans — Garth Nicholas and Paul Ford. Kennedy forward Mike Meadows, Streetsville guard Ed Pimental and Clarkson's Al Bignell round out the choices.

The selections were made by a vote of the coaches in the respective divisions. Players were chosen on overall ability rather than position.

The five-foot-eight inch Graham was the only repeater on the eastern team. After sporting a whopping 17 point per game scoring average last year, Graham changed his style this season to accommodate Westwood's better team balance.

When the Wildcats suffered defections and injuries as the year wore on, Graham resumed his high scoring ways, as well as quarterbacking the offence. Marshall, one of the better driving players in the league, made the team in his first year as a senior.

After the return of Bill Lawrence to their lineup, Port Credit Warriors were undefeated in the regular season. His offensive power

and rebounding led their second half surge.

The role of unsung hero fell to the Warrior's Bruce Hamilton. A consistent shooter, Hamilton played most of every game and was probably Credit's best defensive player.

A bench warmer to start the year, Jamie Clare worked himself into the Port Credit lineup and onto the second all-star team by year's end.

Slender Bob Hutchings was the only Glenforest Gryphon to make all-star. The Gryphons, a cinderella team to begin the season, had their troubles at the end, but Hutchings was their most consistent performer.

The only Gordon Graydon Hawk representative is six-foot-four Andy Bonniwell who led his team in scoring in virtually every game.

In the west, the Brampton Bucs placed captain Bernie Niermann and sharp shooting Bruce Thorne in the starting lineup. Niermann improved his play of last year tremendously as the Bucs got better and better during the season. The

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Port Credit's Bill Lawrence pulls down a rebound as fellow all-star teammates Bruce Hamilton (10) and Ken Marshall (14) of Westwood look on. (Times photo by Ray Saltz).



T.L. Kennedy's Henry Vandenberg (35) was named starting west all-star center for the second consecutive year. (Times photo by Ron Pozzer).

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