

Jenny, champions go hand in hand

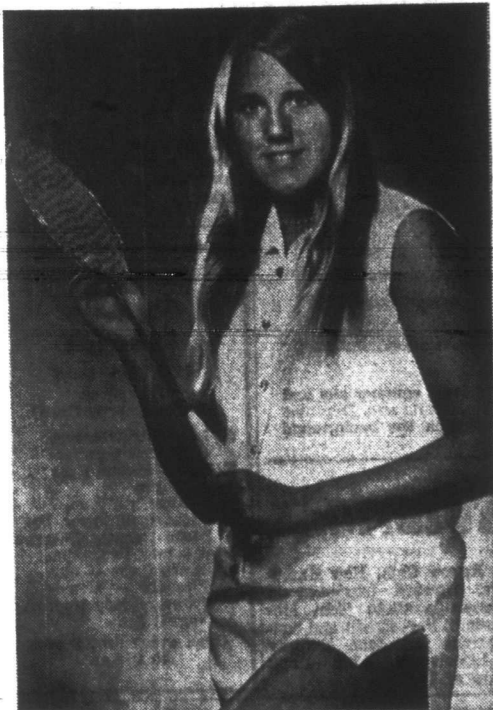
LORNE PARK — Jennifer Dakin has this irrefragable habit of hers and it's a habit athletic opposition wishes she would kindly shed, being on championship teams.

Lorne Park's female athlete-of-the-year is the Ontario junior badminton champion for a starter and her badminton wars have taken her to the Canadian junior championship where she was runner-up and Ontario senior champion — also runner-up spot.

She was unable to compete in the Peel finals because of her national standing but helped organize the tournament. Then, the attractive grade 13 student simply helped the senior basketball team, the volleyball squad and the field hockey team to Peel County championships. Ever since Jennifer has been at Lorne Park, championships seem to latch on to her.

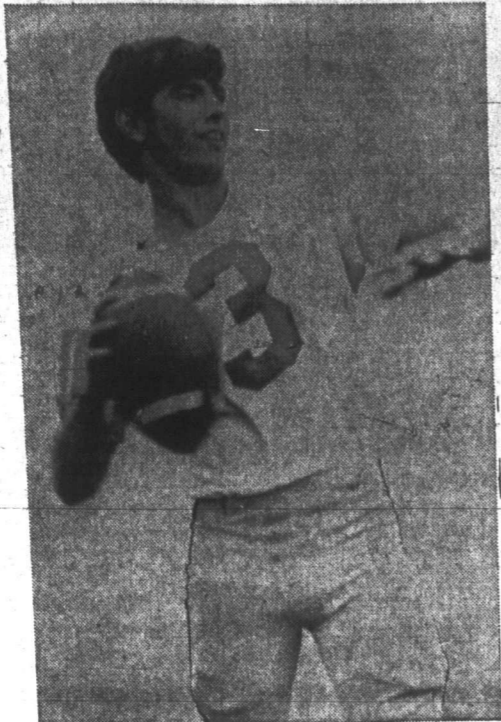
Besides the big four, Jennifer was an average member of the track team this past year. She also has played on the archery team and has been with the gymnastic team. To top it all, she devoted much time to the GAA as vice-president.

For all her work around the school, her athletics and a high academic ability, Jenny was awarded all three letters — citizenship, athletic and academic.



JENNIFER DAKIN
badminton, basketball, volleyball, field hockey, archery, gymnastics

This is the final in a series of athletes-of-the-year for high schools in Peel County. The schools are to be commended for their co-operation in arranging for photos which must be credited to Times photographer Stan Harwood.



BOB CONAWAY
football, basketball, track, rowing

Conaway came back from serious injury

LORNE PARK — Bob Conaway, star quarterback for Lorne Park's football team, was told one autumn day in 1968 that he would never play competitive sports again.

He had just received a severely broken nose and crushed eye socket during a broken play in a semi-final playoff game and doctors were fearful of him not playing again. But, a long convalescence program began and one day doctors gave him the go-ahead to play his first love, football, and basketball.

With a special mask designed to protect against further injury, Conaway came back and brilliantly quarterbacked Lorne Park to the Peel title and was selected to the West team of the annual East-West high school classic. As well, he was one of the major cogs on Lorne Park's basketball squad.

The 5'10", 145-lb. star has left for the U.S. with his family and because it was his last year, he was accordingly awarded athlete-of-the-year honors at Lorne Park.

As well, he has participated on the track team, rowed for the school and president of the BAA.

The coaching staff described him as a cocky athlete, an asset required to make him a good quarterback, but an extremely coachable lad who followed coaches' orders. He didn't miss a practice in two years with the senior squad.

Rueffer captures mid-season classic

By BOB BUNT

George Rueffer — the Pinecrest veteran of 18 years — made his presence felt last Saturday night and showed that he isn't going to be content with anything but the number one spot in the O'Keefe point standings this year. The Port Credit resident drove a superb race to take the Pinecrest mid-season championship race and the first prize of \$400.

George was in the inside lane and a slow car caused a real traffic jam in the outside lane, moving him up fast.

Rick Batters of Barrie took over the lead from Clark after an accident on the fourth lap caused a restart. At this point Rueffer had moved up into eighth place and was closing fast. After the restart, Batters was able to hold off all other cars until lap 15 when Rueffer passed him and went into the lead. From then on he was never seriously challenged and went on to victory in the 30-lap race.

CYLINDER TROUBLE
The night started out as an unlucky one for Rueffer and

he was lucky to run the feature race at all. In the pre-race trials George noticed his car was missing badly so he brought it into the pits. It was discovered that there was water in one cylinder so the engine had to be pulled apart. Excellent pit work by George's pit crew of Carl Hunter and Stan Bell quickly found that the problem was a broken head gasket. The hasty repairs were completed just before Rueffer was to run in his heat and they didn't even have time to really test the car. George finished fifth in the heat for the top ten cars and the car seemed to be running OK.

The car performed flawlessly in the feature event and when George took the lead, his pit crew was confident of victory. However with 12 laps left to go an accident occurred and the race had to be stopped while the track was being cleared. Rueffer then told his pit crew that the car just didn't feel right, as if something was coming loose.

This was a little disturbing and all just held their breath for the last 12 laps until the checkered flag spelled victory for the Rueffer crew. This win, the biggest one of the year for Rueffer, moved him into second place in the O'Keefe driver's standings, just 50 points behind points leader Norm Lelliot.

HAD DIABETES
George is showing all the Pinecrest fans that last year was just a fluke and won't be repeated. Last year was a bad year for Rueffer. Despite the fact that he ran in the top ten drivers, he was just not driving to his usual high standard. It was discovered however during the winter months that George was suffering from diabetes. The treatment for the disease began shortly after and the Pinecrest fans are now seeing the results. George is not only in second place now at Pinecrest but is also running in second place in the drivers standings at Sunset Speedway in Stroud.

In other action at Pinecrest Speedway, other drivers who were unable to finish the mid-season championship, Ross Howes of Scarborough, was unable to qualify for the feature after his distributor cap broke.

heat. Don Hastie piloted his 1970 Mustang to a second-place finish in the third heat and trophy dash. Both drivers however, fell victim to one of the five pileups in the feature race and did not finish. In the race for the top 10 cars in the O'Keefe point standings Tim Hooper of Toronto was awarded first place as a pile-up on lap nine took out the second, third and fourth place cars. Tim also survived the feature race to take second place.

STANDINGS

The mid-season championship marks the halfway point in the Pinecrest race season. The drivers standings at the halfway point are: 1. Norm Lelliot, 410; 2. George Rueffer, 360; 3. Del Meeks, 338; 4. Gord Dolphin, 327; 5. Tim Hooper, 303.

Points leader Norm Lelliot was involved in an accident on the 19th lap of the feature and was unable to finish. For the first time this year Lelliot went without scoring a point.

Another top driver who did not finish included Doug Warnes of Downsview. Known as "Mister Clean" to the fans because of his spotless appearance and his spotless car, he was running second with five laps to go when his rear motor mount broke. This caused the engine to twist on its front mount. The throttle jammed sending him into the wall between turns one and two. The car was badly damaged but Warnes was unhurt. Last year's winner of the mid-season championship, Ross Howes of Scarborough, was unable to qualify for the feature after his distributor cap broke.

MINOR SOCCER

Tradition goes by wayside as bantams enjoy goal feast

MISSISSAUGA — The bantams continue to dispel the laws of soccer with some resounding scores in league play.

Lorne Park remained undefeated as they walloped Streetsville Cougars 13-0 at Huron Park last week. Tom Powell and Aubrey Vanderstar each fired four goals while Steve Stovewell, McInnes and Victor Skakum had a pair each. Neil McInnes chipped in a single. Steve Ossleion earned the shutout.

Graydowntown Thistles solidified their hold on fourth spot by dumping wireless Lakeview United 7-2. Scott Glen had three goals and Doug Metcalf a pair to pace the winners. Singles went to Scott Dobbins and Rick Smith. Chris Martin booted both goals for Lakeview.

Port Credit Rangers moved within two points of the leadership by edging Clarkson 1-0 on a goal by Randy Strong. Eddie Piercy was outstanding in goal.

1st DIVISION MOSQUITO
Sherway Kickers retained first spot by blasting Sheridan Dynamos 5-0. Kim Albrecht had a pair with singles to Mark Palmer, Daryl Wells and Scott Bayrd for the winners. Brad Tomkin earned the shutout.

Sheridan Dynamos earlier had battled last place West Acres to a 1-1 draw. Sean Feriman scored for West Acres and Mike McCord replied for Sheridan.

Elmcrest Eagles moved into a tie with idle Clarkson for second when they tied fifth place Mineola Milan 1-1. David Axial scored for Eagles while Walter Cresspi was the marksman for Mineola.

2nd DIVISION MOSQUITO
Floyd Darin fired four goals and Randy Sakaluk the other as Dixie Bees moved into a tie for first spot with Graydowntown Hawks by beating Erindale Thunder Birds 5-3. Donald Kivell scored twice for Erindale and Dean Valentuzzi the other.

Graydowntown Fleegles moved into a tie with three others for fourth spot by edging Mississauga 2-1. Bret Spiers and Pat Nioletti scored for Fleegles and Richard Bech for Mississauga.

Whiteoaks Spurs trounced Streetsville Braves 5-0 as Dave Leavers potted four goals and Tim Rienstra the other. The shutout went to John Wozniak.

Graydowntown Hawks had a pair of goals from Chris Prior to help the Mississauga 2-2. Scott Page and Kevin Adams scored for Mississauga.

Vince Gianfrone scored all three goals as Cooksville defeated Clarkson United 3-1. Leonard Vanderstar scored for Clarkson.

Willow Glen defeated Erindale 4-2 as Barry Fisler, Jost Ritterhaus, Richard Williamson and Peter Sterne scored singles. Martin Clark scored both goals for Erindale.

2nd DIVISION PEE WEE
Sheridan earned its first win of the season by defeating second place Graydowntown Spurs 2-1. Maurice Huntington and Tim Edwards scored for the winners while Felice Murphy scored for Spurs.

PADDLERS REPORT FROM HUNGARY

"Hungarian jrs. do 500m. in 2 mins."

Editor's Note — John Wood, Scott Lee and Dean Oldershaw of the Mississauga Canoe Club are presently in Hungary training under the world's best coaches for the world championships. They are learning new methods that will help improve the calibre of canoeing in Canada. Chris Hook of Dartmouth is the only other Canadian with the trio. In letters home to friends, relatives and wife, they talk about their experience in Europe. Naturally Dean's letters to his wife Sue (the former Sue Legault) are revealed only in part.

John Wood to Brian Burton

We had our first races last weekend and I made a consolation final in C-1 but I didn't bother racing in it. Scott and I had the two best tandems in Europe in our heat and didn't make the final but in 500 C-2 we won our heat and got a real close second in the final.

If it wasn't for a steering problem we could have won it. The regatta was the selection regatta for the Hungarian National Team, and the competition was really stiff. We weren't pleased with our 1,000 C-2 but we will do better.

We have our own coach who is just incredible and is teaching us much improved techniques, steering, how to ride washes in C-2 10,000, which is unheard of in Canada, and how to train. We aren't going to travel out of Hungary until Copenhagen because we aren't in good enough shape to stand the travelling. Also we need all the time we can get to train and close the gap between us and the other competitors from other countries. Besides paddling we had to do a lot of sleeping to acclimatize, but now we are pretty well into the pace here.

Dean to Sue (almost all)

We got into Vienna at 9:10 but had to wait until 2 p.m. until the next train so we rented a Volkswagen and drove into Vienna. The airport is about 10 km. from Vienna. We kept getting lost

but we drove around 'till we would find a street that was on our map. Because it was Sunday all the stores were closed.

Somehow, thanks to my excellent map reading and Scott's steady driving, we made it back to the airport just in time for our flight. The other people on our plane was the National Hungarian Soccer Team.

"GRANEK'S WOMAN"
When we got to Hungary we had to show our passports and visas but for some reason they didn't check our luggage and we were met by Grane's wife and two other paddlers. One of them was assigned by Grane to be our trainer. His name is Hyba Antel. We call him Tonio.

A few years before (I think, 1965) he won the World Championships in C-2. He is 32 and can speak English. He is the head coach of the club consisting mainly of juniors. However some of the top Hungarians have paddled for his club. Grane's wife can speak a few words of English. When she introduces herself she called herself "Grane's woman." I like that.

We drove through Budapest to where we would be staying. It was easy to tell the country is poor. Everything is old, rundown and any new building looks very unfinished. It was depressing in a way. We arrived at a hotel or a Sport's hostel (we don't know what it is yet). We will stay here for the rest of our stay.

Grane arranged to have boats sent to the hotel for us. I got a Pointer K-1 but will get a Hunter later. All I need now is a kayak paddle. Tonio's club all use right twist and I use a left twist so I will have to wait until he can get one from another club.

We are on the third floor in room big enough for only two beds and a table and a small closet with four hangers. I room with Chris and John and Scott are next to ours. Both rooms have a balcony. We were told that a restaurant down the road was open. When we got there it was closed so we ended up eating maple sugar leaves and water. We were so tired we went to bed about 8:30.

There are many things about the Hungarians that are different from us. All their cars are small. The largest was a Viva. The roads are small too. The people seem always straight-faced but are eager to help. All their clothes are plain, especially the men. I only saw one mini-skirt in two days. I haven't seen any girls yet that wear slacks or shorts. The men are the same. Either they wear slacks or a tight bathing suit like Les's (Rellthouser, K-1 paddler at Mississauga).

BOATHOUSE

On Sunday I was amazed at the number of kayaks and rowboats that were on the Danube. Our hotel is on the river and behind it is a boathouse the size of Mississauga and the Don. Between the boathouse and the dock is a dirt road which runs the length of the Danube — at least 4 km. either side of the hotel. All along the dirt road are similar sport hotels and boathouses, and the occasional cafe. We are amazed at the current in the river. Right now it is about 6 km. per hour (that's 4 miles an hour) and this is what the best paddlers in the world train on.

This morning we got up at 7 a.m. although we were awake at five. We were served a breakfast in the cafe of two

wieners, a hunk of cheese and two buns with some sweet type of tea. That cost 15 forints (or 45c). We met Tonio but he couldn't get a paddle for me so I went in the coach boat with Tonio while the others paddled. After they got back I went out in C-1 for 10 km. It felt very good.

For dinner, my salad had a dead fly in it. I ate it (the salad) anyways. So far there is no butter or milk but they do have ice cream and Pepsi I suppose it will take a week or so adjusting to the Hungarian way of life — especially the food.

If you see Reed (Oldershaw, Dean's brother) tell him best Junior (18 an under) in K-1 does a 500 meter in two minutes flat. Something for the kids at the club to aim for. Our style is almost identical to many top Hungarian K-1 paddlers except they completely recover the paddle before they start the next entry and they twist like h—

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