

AMATEUR SPORTS AND RECREATION



WINNING A 10-KM run helped Steve Murray regain his lost confidence.

BACK ON TRACK

Steve Murray wins Vintage 10-km run

AMHERSTBURG: Steve Murray ached for a win. A 17-year-old Grade 13 Sandwich Secondary School student, Steve had failed to win a race since his impressive showing at the Essex County Secondary School Track and Field Championships (ECSSA) in May.

To repair his shattered confidence, Steve decided to enter a 10-km run, the third annual event sponsored by Vintage Courts Racquet Club in Amherstburg. metre, 3,000-metre and steeplechase events had been sitting in his drawer, mocking his inability to regain glory.

After the ECSSA, victory has eluded Steve. He placed sixth at the Ontario track championships. "I figured I had nothing to lose," he says about entering the 10-km run.

Steve won over 49 other runners the 10-km run with a time of 34.31 minutes. "It's my first 10-K win."

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SHANNON BUCKNER of Amherstburg hopes to catch the eye of U.S. college scouts in Cleveland camp.

OFF TO CLEVELAND

AMHERSTBURG: At 185 cm, Shannon Buckner stands a head taller than any of her basketball teammates at General Amherst High School.

The Grade 12 senior finds this frustrating. "I just can't push myself as hard as I'd like to," she says. "Basketball practice isn't very challenging."

In search of a more intense workout, Shannon, 17, will be heading for the Top Choice Bas-

ketball Scouting Camp at Cleveland's Notre Dame College for Women. The five-day training camp will be host to top-notch secondary school basketball players from North America.

"I can't imagine playing eye-to-eye with somebody," she says. "Up until now, it's been hard to push myself to the limit." She thinks she can use her height to her advantage.

Also, Shannon is attending the

camp to catch the eye of scouts high-calibre American universities are sending to Cleveland.

She still has two years at General Amherst, but Shannon sees no reason why she shouldn't leave a good impression.

Shannon already has had an offer from Mount Allison University, in New Brunswick.

"If I shine at the camp, the opportunities are endless."

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JUSTIN ADAM of South Windsor pitched a three-hitter and struck out 13 batters to oust West Windsor in District 5 All-Star Tourney.

CAUTION PAYS OFF

SOUTH WINDSOR: Justin Adam, 12, pitcher for the Windsor South All-Star team, says he was sure bad luck would haunt him once again.

It didn't. In the District 5 All-Star Tournament held at Optimist Park, Jason pitched a three-hitter and struck-out 13 batters. Windsor South ousted Windsor West 4-3.

"Last year was the first year I made the all-star team and I ended up having to hang up my glove and cleats before the season began," he says.

Prior to last year's all-star season, Justin was killing a little time before classes resumed at Notre Dame Separate School, wrestling with buddy Dave Bartolovic. He broke the little finger in his pitching hand.

"I couldn't believe it," Justin says. "My first all-star sea-

son and I break my finger."

This year, Justin put a lid on his energy when off the pitcher's mound. Before the all-star game, he stayed home mostly.

"It was definitely one of my better games," Justin says of the game against Windsor West. "I guess it paid trying to avoid careless injuries."

As for loser Windsor West, Brooke Ferenc hit a three-run homer in the second inning, bringing in teammates Vince Lepera and Clint Bowyer.