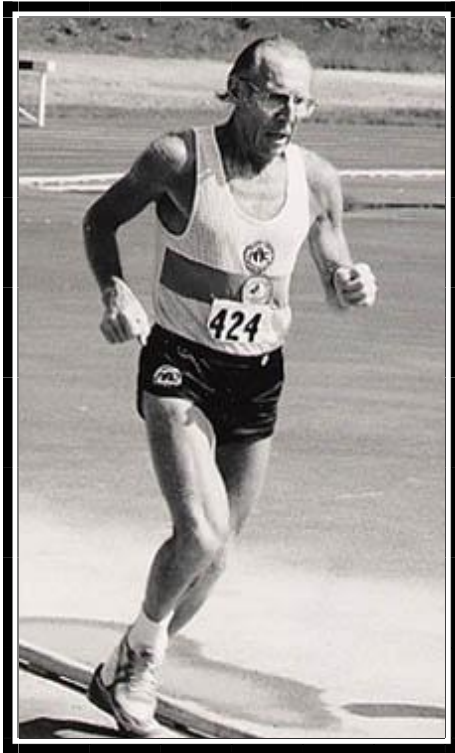


# Kurt Gelbhaar 1923-2002



A local athlete who inspired many a Sudburian died doing one of the things he loved best...running. Kurt Gelbhaar collapsed at the Sudbury Arena. He was 78. Interment will be at the Civic Cemetery. Kurt's story is one of dedication to family, friends and sport. He was born in Saxon, Germany in 1923. He married Ursula Kothe in 1949 and the couple moved to Sudbury. He was a stope leader at Creighton Mine and retired from Inco in 1984 after 31 and a half years service.

Kurt also became quite the soccer star during the 1950s. During an interview with Northern Life in 1999 Kurt said when he stopped playing soccer he just had to do something else. "I couldn't sit down and say, well, my career is over," read a quote in the article. He took up track at an age many men start to slow down and competed in various international events over the past 20 years. And his daily regimen was something to be admired. He told Northern Life he got up every morning at 6 am and went for a

10K run. That was reflected in the solid muscular tone of his athletic frame.

Kurt was selected Northern Life Athlete of the Week on numerous occasions and his list of competition victories was near endless. Among the highlights, a gold medal in 1999 at the World Championship Duathlon in Huntersville, North Carolina. He also won the gold in 1998 when the event was held in Germany.

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## Canadian Track Records

### Indoor

M75	800m	3:09.76	Toronto '99
M70	1500m	5:41.78	Toronto '94
M75	1500m	6:12.0	Toronto '99
M70	3000m	12:23.57	Toronto '94
M75	3000m	13:27.10	Toronto '99
M65	5000m	20:19.4	Toronto '90

### Outdoor

M75	1500m	5:55.91	Toronto '98
M65	Mile	5:45.7	Sudbury '89
M75	Mile	6:56.8	Sudbury '99
M70	5000m	20:47.86	Etobicoke '93
M75	5000m	22:23.90	Toronto '98
M70	10,000m	42:59.54	Etobicoke '93
M75	10,000m	46:20.43	Saskatoon '98

## Canadian Road Records

M75	5K	22:08	Toronto '98
M75	5M	44:33	Hamilton '98
M75	10K	44:33	" "

M75	15K	1:11:13	Waterdown '99
M75	20K	1:41:46	Ottawa '00
M75	Half Mara	1:41:46	" "

## OMTFA Indoor Championships Meet Records

M75	800m	3:09.76	1999
M70	1500m	5:41.78	1994
M75	1500m	6:12.0	1999
M70	3000m	12:17.03	1996
M75	3000m	13:27.10	1999

## OMTFA Outdoor Championships Meet Records

M75	800m	3:01.21	Toronto '99
M70	1500m	5:43.71	Sudbury '93
M75	10,000m	47:33.98	Toronto '99

## 1999 Gateshead WMA Championships

M75	800m	4th 2:56.75
	1500m	Gold 5:59.62
	5000m	4th 23:34.51
	10K X-C	Silver 48:54