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Liver transplant recipient  
**Tom Awad**, healthy &  
running again in  
WRACE events.

**SPORTS**  
**J.L.Forster Spartans win**  
**W.S.S.A & S.W.O.S.S.A**  
**Championships**

**ORGAN DONATION AWARENESS EVENT**  
Organ Donor Awareness walk to  
London April 27<sup>th</sup>.by Tom & Roger Awad

**TODAY'S**  
**Sport Fest Windsor**  
**FORECAST**  
**Sunny & High 25C**



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# SPORT FEST WINDSOR NEWS

## Meretsky & Gitlin Ontario Sr. A OASA Softball Champs



Back Row: (L-R) Johnny Locke Sr.(Trainer), Dean Jackson(Bus. Mgr.), Lyle Dowell,  
Gerry Parent, Art Moores, Russ Nantais, Gussy Angus, Eagle Reid (Mgr.)  
Front Row:Herman Landry, Harry Heydon, Art Murphy, Bill Hodgins, Johnny Locke,  
Steve Zepka, Philip Bakst (Batboy)

The 1945 Meretsky & Gitlin (M-Gees) brought the first O.A.S.A. Sr. A title to Windsor since 1931. They won first place in the Windsor Softball League but in the playoffs they faced the Butcher Engineering squad. In an exciting 5 game playoff series that went to the wire the M-Gees won three games to two. They had earned the right to represent the city of Windsor in the Senior A title hunt.

The M-Gees faced the Hamilton Beavers in the next round and defeated them in two games straight. The final series was against the Toronto Cadmiums. The M-Gees won the first game 2-0 and followed with a 12 inning thriller by a score of 5-4. The Meretsky & Gitlin team had become the first Windsor team in 14 years to win the O.A.S.A. Senior A title.

### Did you know that?

Anyone at any age can become an organ and tissue donor. The oldest organ donor on record was over 90 years of age and the oldest corneal donor was 102 years old.

Only patients who have suffered brain death in hospital can become organ donors because vital organs must be maintained artificially by a ventilator so they can be transplanted. However, only those whose hearts have stopped and cannot, therefore, be artificially supported by a ventilator (the heart and lungs have stopped working), can become tissue donors. Most religions support organ donation as an act of kindness.

Organ donation does not preclude an open-casket funeral. When clothed, the body shows no outward sign of surgery. Transplants can save health care costs: the cost of a kidney transplant averages \$20,000 plus \$6,000 per year thereafter (\$50,000 over five years). Maintaining a kidney patient on dialysis costs \$50,000 per year (\$250,000 over five years). **To find out more about registering your consent, please contact the Ontario transplant program:**

Organ Donation Ontario  
1-800-263-2833 (416) 351-7328



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