



Tyler—At Large!



So here I am in Guelph, Ontario—Canada's Running Capital—seriously, most of the best runners in the country are living & training here. I'm still pretty new to town but I'm enjoying it so far. My first few weeks here have convinced me that taking a year off from school is good for me. I think that it is better than hopping into an undergraduate program that I am unsure about.

The house I'm living in is older, but comfortable. My room had not been rented for a while so it took some cleaning. Now I'm all set up, including all of my tying and fishing stuff.

I am working at Staples and the job is going well. I'm working lots & keeping busy. In just these few weeks, I have been promoted to a lead cash position.

Running here is sweet & I am already feeling more fit. I'm doing more tempo work than I have in the past. We do many of our workouts in the University of Guelph Arboretum. It's a really nice park with a lot of different loops in it. The main loop we use is the 2k loop, with a few small hills in it. The path is wide, smooth, well-groomed & perfect for the workouts we are doing.

I haven't explored the downtown scene a lot. But I really like the college town feel of it all. The group I'm doing structured training with is the Junior Speed River group. But the guys I room with are part of the Gryphons university team. So I've been doing some of my easy runs with them. As well, I have done a few runs with the two triathletes living in my house. I haven't taken any pictures of my house yet, but I attached some pictures of the places where I run.

I figure since I'm training for it I may as well do some cross country running events. I don't think that I want to do any of the long ones, but I'm in for some 5K or 6K races.

What I am really excited about is that they just started demolition on the dome that houses the indoor track! Word is we will have a new indoor track next year. Indoor racing rocks!

I work later today, so I'm going to head out now for some fishing. I've already caught a few bass, but my real target/challenge is the carp - they take a lot of skill and stealth to catch. It should be fun!

Please let everyone at Avid know that I'm still alive and well.

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Speed River—the river my track club is named after

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