

Leads MDHS to third overall

# Steenhof shatters cross-country record

Starting off the season in excellent fashion, Brenda Steenhof ran away from the field in capturing the junior girls division in record time at the 17th annual York University High School cross-country meet Saturday.

Steenhof not only broke — but she shattered the existing mark of 13 minutes and four seconds by 45 seconds finishing in a time of 12:19.07. She also set a meet record for girls of all ages besting the senior record, which was also set Saturday, by eight in the 3,900 metre race.

The marks help guide the Milton District High School team to an overall finish of third in the highly rated meet. It was the best, by far, Milton had ever done at this meet.

Despite setting the mark, Steenhof said she was feeling ill during the week and didn't feel her strength return until just hours before the race.

"I was really pleased with my running," she explained, "because



Brenda Steenhof

I had run lousy all week. I had the flu (early in the week) and took a day off school. But as soon as I was warming up for the race, I felt all my strength come back.

"Mr. Camani (coach) told me to use my elbows at the start so I could get a good start. I was about

10th at the beginning and then second after about 800 metres."

The win was especially gratifying for the grade 11 student in that she beat Tammy Roberts. Roberts, a year older, had beaten Steenhof at the midget level two years ago in one of Brenda's first major races.

"I haven't raced against her since grade 9," she added. "She beat me and I kind of looked up to her as a hero."

Steenhof broke away from Roberts in the last stage and Roberts faded to a distant second.

Brenda also wasn't exactly convinced she had broken a record. "I have an idea that it's a mistake. The top five or six runners broke the record."

Camani explained that the race course had been changed but he added, "There was no question she was going to break the record. It was just a matter of by how much."

Brenda has trained hard by her-

self all summer. In previous years, she had run while her sister rode her bike. However, her sister Audrey, as well as her younger brother Chris, have also taken up cross-country and all three Steenhofs ran at York. Audrey ran in senior girls while Chris was in midget boys.

Brenda is still training six days a week although since the start of school, she has spent her time with the school's team. Training six days instead of seven is also better for her she says. "If I train every day, I get discouraged easily because there is no day off to look forward to."

Overall, the junior girls' team was fourth. Other top runners from MDHS were Denise Falukner 13th, Patsy McCormick 34th, Lori Williams 37th, Lisa Martin 38th and Chris Kerr 40th.

Tracey Smith, a grade 9 student, enjoyed great success in her first major meet by finishing second in midget girls 20 seconds off the

lead. Running in a group of 55 runners, Smith led the Milton team to an overall second-place finish in midget girls. Other top finishers were Jennifer Haston ninth, Gloria Crisci 28th and Sandy Snyder 37th.

The senior girls' team of Heather McTavish, Audrey Steenhof, Anne-Marie Buttigieg and Cindy Funk ran to a sixth overall team finish.

On the boys side, the best team result came from the midget group which, with eight placings in the top half of the 170-runner field, finished a highly respectable third.

Robbie Wilson led the charge with a 12th while Geoff Pollen was 21st. Other good placings were Scott Baird 27th, George Hawkes 35th, Wayne Rivers 49th, Chris Steenhof 65th, Scott Ellwood 87th and Mike Pos 90th.

The junior boys' team, with many just-graduated midgets in tow, was 20th in the team competition. The top MDHS finisher was Greg Vanderkoi 76th. Mike Wade

was 119th, Steve Watts was 125th and Ian Watts was 134th.

The senior boys team was led by Dave Nolet's 16th place finish for an overall placing of 10th. Derek Cummings was 60th, Sean Lopes was 81st and Ron Brice was 86th.

The meet was the second of the young year for the MDHS runners. The previous weekend, the team ran at McMaster University. The meet was open and Milton's girls topped the list.

Brenda Steenhof again led the team by finishing first while Tracey Smith was fourth, Denise Faulkner was seventh and Patsy McCormick was 13th.

On the boys side, Dave Nolet led Milton with a fifth placing. Rob Wilson was 19th, Bill Corradetti was 19th and Greg Vanderkoi was 26th.

The school team takes part in a meet at Erindale College tomorrow (Thursday) before getting ready for the Halton, Peel-Halton and OFSSA championships.

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## New optimism gets Steamers set for year

When Milton Jr. B Steamers open their Central Ont. League season tomorrow, it will be with renewed enthusiasm concerning their chances of success.

Fifth-place finishers last year, Steamers impressed in the quarter-final playoffs by extending Barrie Colts to six games including three losses which were decided in overtime.

The club's optimism comes from the nucleus of players the club has been able to keep together for this year. In fact, just five key players have either gone overage or departed for other teams. Blair Phillips and Doug Brophy, both defencemen, went overage. Goalie Paolo Zulian has joined Richmond Hill (Tier 2 Jr. A), leading scorer Tim Pollen, just 16, is taking a shot at North York (Tier 2 Jr. A) and Scott Sanders has moved to Mississauga and joined Streetsville Derbys.

However, 14 players have returned to give the club a measure of stability.

The biggest change over the summer came in the front office. Coach Tom Martin resigned to take a coaching job with Toronto Marlies, of the Ontario Hockey League and assistant coach Chris Meloff went with him. In their places stepped the Italian Connection of Ray Tonelli, to coach, and Perry Caputo, as assistant coach.

In addition, general manager Bob 'Pie' Lee stepped down but has remained with the club as the goaltending coach. Dave Del Papa, whose title last year was director of hockey operations, is the new GM.

However, the club has spent its pre-season working about a half-a-dozen new players into the line-up for the season opener Thursday away to Burlington Cougars.

The biggest change will be in goal. The loss of Zulian became the club's biggest hole to fill and at last count four goalies remained in the hunt for the two starting jobs.

Included in the quartet are returnees Derrick Neelands and Rick Landry. Neelands started with Steamers early in the year but when the club re-acquired Landry from Port Credit Titans, Neelands played out the rest of the year with the juveniles. He returned to the Steamers late in the season and the versatile player was used on the right wing.

The other two goalies are 16-year-old Dave Doucette, from Brantford, and Mark Lamarche, from Smooth Rock Falls, who played last year with Chatham Jr. B.

On defence, the club received a shot in the arm when Rick Serafini signed a card Sunday. A long-time minor-hockey player from Milton, Serafini left last year to play with North York Civics and was eventually drafted by Toronto Marlies. He succeeded to make Dixie Beehives this year at the Tier 2 Jr. A level but decided last week to stay in town and play with Steamers.

He'll join returnees Randy Heggie, Randy Perusello, Rick Brown, Mike Chudleigh and Kevin Dowling. All but Dowling are local players and there is little doubt that defence will be the club's strong suit this year. Heggie and Perusello were both outstanding last year. Brown showed improvement as the year progressed and Chudleigh, a midget last year, played the last few games of the regular season and all six playoff games in steady fashion.

In addition, midget-aged players Tracy Harding and Ed Morgan have both impressed in the early going. Both will play with the midgets this year but will get some work with Steamers. As well, Stu Anderson, a second-year junior, has been getting some work with the juniors this year although he will start with the juveniles.

The departures of Pollen and Sanders left a big void in the club's top line last year. The duo combined with captain Bobby Mills late in the season and were easily the club's top scoring line.

This year, Mills will flank centreman Bob Landry and right winger Brad Warden in what promises to be the club's top line. Mills and Warden are exceptional two-way players while Landry has a scoring touch and a knack around the net which Jr. B teams have had difficulty in coping with.

"We have the facility to put them together and then break them apart to strengthen other lines," explained Tonelli. "Mills and Warden are both leaders in the dressing room and on the ice."

The second line will put two long-time members of the team, centre Jeff Martin and right winger Bill Lynch, with a newcomer in Trevor Erb. Martin, who is starting his third year with the club, and Lynch, a four-year member, have both acquired the Jr. B attitude. Lynch is also returning from a broken leg. Erb is of major-midget age but is a quick left-winger.

The third line will be made up of a combination of Mark Haskett, centre, Ken Schaeffer, left wing, Doug Riding, either wing, midget player Mike Mangotich, and winger Jamie Hume.

Haskett, like Serafini, is returning from North York Civics, and his goal-scoring touch will be welcomed. Schaeffer, an import, is back for his second year. Hume played both junior and juvenile last year while Mangotich will play both midget and junior this year and has not looked out of place with the juniors. Riding, who along with Warden, made up the 'Bruise Brothers' in the playoffs, is a tireless two-way hockey player who will give the club much-needed depth.

## Brand, Hunt capture singles crowns

### Brand busy in all three title games

Superb weather conditions Saturday set the stage for the Milton Tennis Club's end-of-season Open Tournament finals.

This year, Pauline Brand reigned "Queen for the Day" as she made a clean sweep in all three events she entered.

In the ladies' singles final, Brand and last year's winner, Tracy Morgan, fought to a six-all tie in their opening set. Morgan held her own during the set, playing several excellent passing shots and capitalizing on some over-cautious ground strokes made by Brand.

It was during the tiebreaker that Brand began increasing her percentage of first serves and started playing her most comfortable hard-hitting style of tennis. Brand took the tiebreaker 7-5 and went on to dominate the second set 6-0.

The ladies doubles saw Pauline Brand and Anne Wollaston defeat the team of Maureen Morgan and Moora White in two straight sets 6-0, 6-3. The Morgan-White duo kept par with their opponents during several steady rallies which produced many deuce games. However, Brand and Wollaston capitalized on key net shots which determined the final outcome of the match.

Don Hunt made full use of his aggressive style of play in his singles final against young Paul Judkins to come up the big winner 6-1, 6-4. Hunt controlled the opening set with his powerful first serve and precision placed backhand baseline shots. The second set saw a host of service breaks where Judkins, who had



The clear winner of the Milton Tennis Club was Pauline Brand who captured the ladies' singles' title in addition to playing in both ladies' and mixed doubles competitions. Pauline won the singles'

a slow start, began capitalizing on key points with his consistent baseline rally style of tennis. However, Hunt succeeded in breaking Judkins' serve four out of five times and went on to capture the set 6-4 to earn him the men's singles trophy.

In a men's doubles category, Bill Morgan and Hunt were defeated in two straight sets by the father-son team of Carl and Jeff Smith 6-3, 6-3. Morgan and Hunt, who demonstrated excellent tennis abilities throughout the tournament, failed in the final round to successfully

break their opponents serve or capitalize on key mid-court rallies which invariably cost them the match.

Smith and Smith did, however, combine their skills to display a splendid exhibition in the art of tennis doubles which captured for them the well deserved trophy.

By far, the most exciting and enjoyable match of the day had to be the mixed doubles event. Again, Brand, paired with partner Tony Schaefer to compete against the most recognized husband-wife team in the Milton Tennis Club—Bill and Maureen Morgan.

In the opening set, the Morgan duo blew a 5-2 lead and lost the set 7-6 in a 7-4 tiebreaker. Again the Morgans acquired a 4-1 lead in the second set and this time held on to win the set 6-4.

Excitement built in the third and deciding set as both teams were earning games neck and neck. Fatigue, along with aching leg and back muscles, began taking their toll on Brand and the Morgans who had played previous matches throughout the afternoon. When again both teams reached a six-all tie, rules of the tournament dictated that the first team to win two straight games (no tiebreaker) would be the champions.

Brand realized her only chance of winning the match at this point was to lob as often as possible to avoid the near flawless Bill Morgan at the net. Schaefer, who continued throughout the match to impress viewers with several winning net shots, demonstrated his determination and drive in the final games by charging the net as often as possible to put away the point.

In a match that stretched over 2 hours, Brand and Schaefer finally defeated the mighty Morgan team with a third set score of 10-8.

For those spectators who stayed on to witness this super display of competitive tennis, it will be a tournament match to

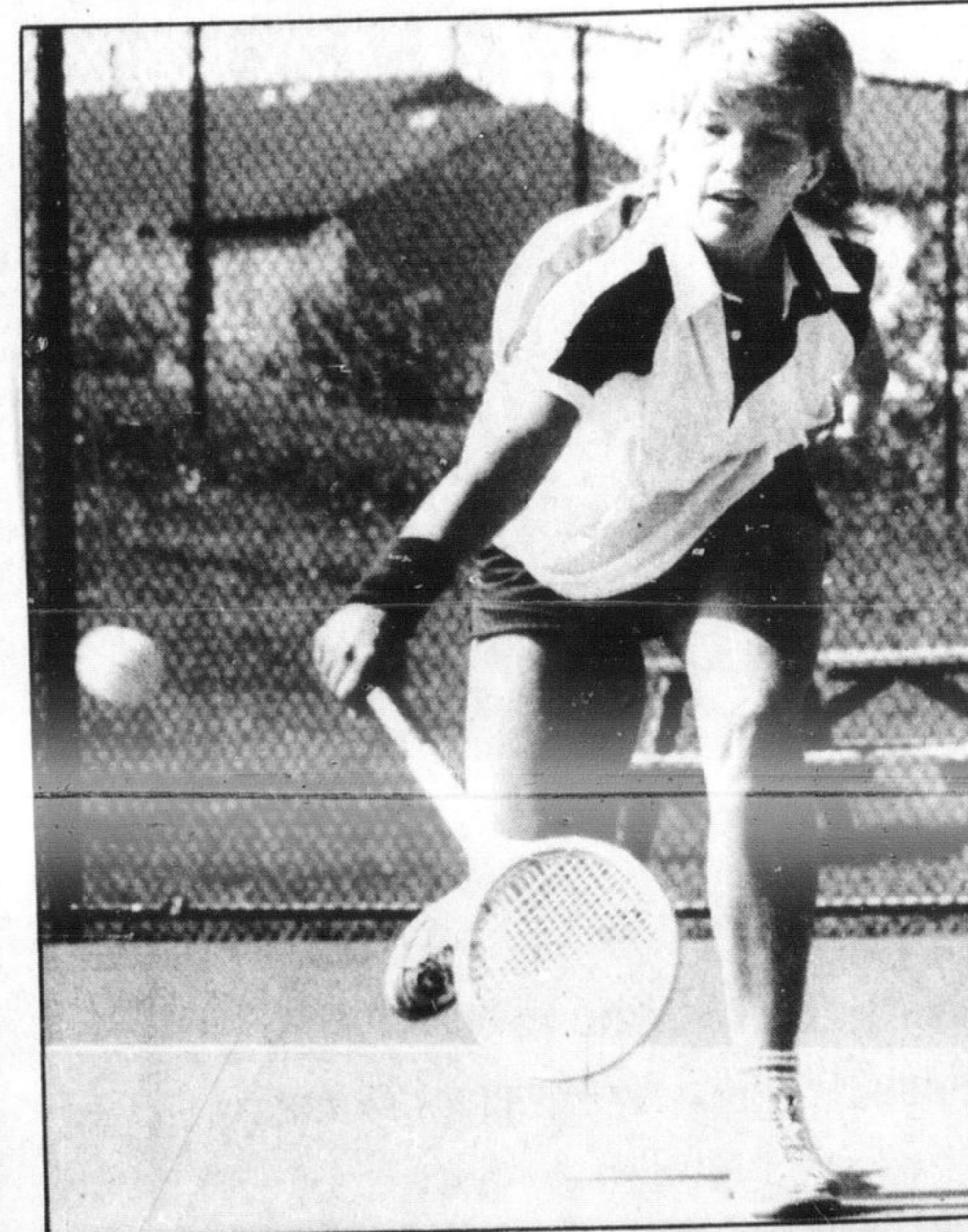
match in a tie-breaker in the first set before rolling to a comfortable win in the second set.

long remember. Even though Brand and Schaefer proved themselves deserving trophy winners in the mixed doubles event, one cannot help but feel that Bill and Maureen Morgan also came away champions that afternoon. Their impeccable style of play on the courts and their obvious love for the game of tennis rates them highly with all who have ever watched them.

All in all, the Milton Tennis Club's open tournament, organized by Mike Frampton, was a major success thanks to its co-operative participants and good weather. Champions have been determined and may deservedly take their bows at the upcoming annual dinner and

dance Oct. 15. Congratulations should also go to all finalists who put forth their best effort throughout the finals. For those of us who didn't make it, there's always next year! Don't be surprised if you sight me on the courts at the first sign of spring rallying with—who else—Pauline Brand, of course!

Old timers will still have an opportunity to decorate their mantelpiece with the beautiful McLean Trophy as the over 40's tournament kicks off this Friday evening and all day Saturday. If nothing else, this competition will determine whether or not grey hair has any bearing on tennis ability.



Tracey Morgan makes a back-hand lunge for the ball during her final with Pauline Brand. Morgan forced a tie-breaker in the first set before Brand took command of the second set with some devastating hard shots.



Don Hunt put down a determined effort from Kevin Judkins in capturing the men's singles' title at the Milton Tennis Club Saturday.