

At the CNE

Nightfall ousted in semi-finals

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TORONTO-Halton Hills rock band Nightfall failed to get to the finals of the Rising Star '89 talent competition at the Canadian National Exhibition.

But if the band's purpose in entering the contest was to get its name out, they are already winners.

Playing at the CNE's bandstand gave Nightfall its biggest-ever audience and exposure in a music market with greater recognition potential than local gigs in the Acton-Georgetown area.

"Right now, it's safe to say that we're happy to have come this far," said guitarist Mike Whaling, shortly after the band completed

its four-minute performance at the Rising Star semifinals.

"Every little bit helps," said drummer Greg Hagan, adding that the band did not enter the competition for the money (split five ways, the \$1,500 first prize wouldn't buy a decent electric guitar) nor for the freebies (Club Monaco T-shirts) nor for the adoration of an already loyal but small following.

What this energetic and hopeful group of guys wanted from the competition most of all was exposure. And although there's more exposure if you win, they wouldn't snub the free promotion afforded by the competition.

"We're serious," says Whaling of the competition. "But we're not so serious that we'd get peeved off

(if we didn't win.)"

Hagan nods, adding "I'm just glad to be here."

Another reason for entering the contest, and another reason for calling their competition bid Thursday a success, is the band's desire to begin honing their style - to find a comfortable "niche" in the rock music spectrum.

That spectrum includes cover bands (playing a mixture of original and well-known songs) and tribute bands (impersonators of already famous groups).

The band members (three of whom are still in high school) fear that pretending to be someone else could make developing their own music and giving it the exposure they want all the more difficult.

Having already successfully run the gauntlet of the preliminary Rising Star competitions, band members Hagan, Whaling, Tim Tibbits, Trevor Kemp and Dave Haffey were eagerly awaiting the results of the second-to-last competition hurdle and discussing future plans.

Those plans include getting their foot in the door of local bars and developing a name as a cover band. Even before the results were announced, and their rising star was briefly withheld, the band was already looking forward to performing at the Georgetown Fall Fair Sept. 8.



Georgetown's own Nightfall lost out in their bid to become stars in the "Rising Star '89" competition held throughout the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. But the group fared well all the same reaching the semi-finals. Nightfall is (from left, sitting) Trevor Kemp, Tim Tibbits and Mike Whaling and (standing) Greg Hagan and Dave Haffey. (Photo courtesy of Thomson News Service)

Know your igloos

It pays to know what an Igloo is.

Seven Halton children, including two from Georgetown, correctly identified an Igloo as a recyclable waste container. Jay Duval, 12, of Chelvin Drive and Chris Goodhew, 10, of Sargent Road, both win shirts for their efforts in the Halton Region's guessing game.

The grand prize winner, Lauren Cooke, 6, of Milton wins two tickets to see the Toronto Blue Jays play at the SkyDome.

Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy announced the names of the contest winners at a press conference held in Oakville Tuesday. The children aged six to 12 were asked if they knew what the Igloos were used for.

The Region's Igloo project is a continuation of the Blue Box

waste recycling program in place in Halton.

WHAM meets

WHAM (Women of Halton Action Movement) meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at Shell House, 3506 Lakeshore Rd. W. just east of Burloak Drive in Burlington at 7:30 p.m.

One of the issues soon to be addressed is the abortion issue.

Anyone interested is welcome on Sept. 7.

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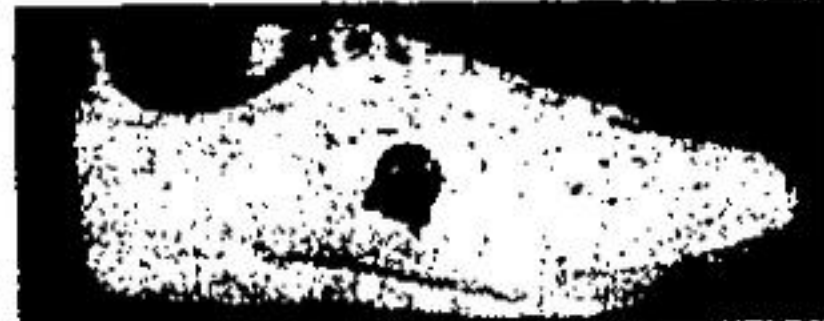
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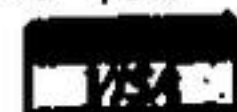
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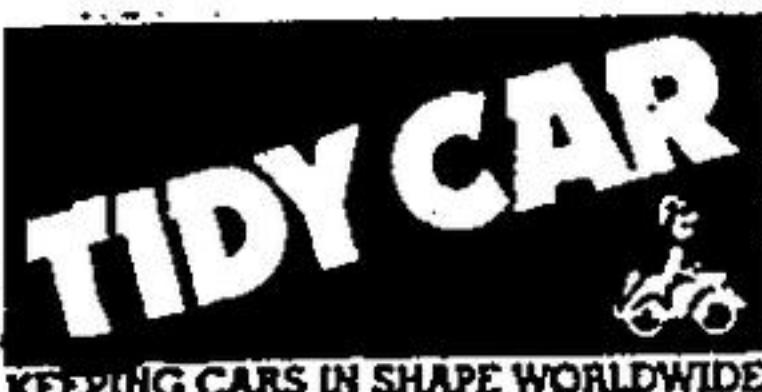
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