

Year in review

The highs and lows of sports in Halton Hills

Every year at this time we sit back and contemplate about the year that was. Now while 1989 isn't different, doing so these last few days not only brings back memories about the accomplishments and disappointments of the past 12 months, but that of the past decade as well. For not only are we saying goodbye to another year, but awaiting the advent of the 1990's.

The 1989 athletic season was overall a very fruitful one for Halton Hills athletes and teams. Athletes from the community represented us at the international, national, provincial and region levels. But on the other hand 1989 did feature its share of down moments. So here is a look back at the year that was.

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-Adam Bennett being drafted in the first round of the National Hockey League draft. The 18-year-old Sudbury Wolves defenceman went seventh overall to Chicago Blackhawks. Bennett was also invited to try out for the national junior team, but was released after making the second set of tryouts.

-Georgetown's Bryan Lewis is named the new Director of Officials for the National Hockey

League. But the promotion is clouded somewhat by the circumstances, that being the untimely passing of fellow Georgetown resident John McCauley who held the position prior.

-Judy Spear and Kara McGaw playing for the Canadian senior ladies softball champion Chinguacousy Diamonds. The Diamonds hosted the national tournament, thus getting an automatic entry. However the Diamonds went into the championship as the Ontario champs and went on to defeat Alberta in the final. Chinguacousy will travel to B.C. this year in order to defend their crown.

-Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Raiders Trent Cull and Rod Pasma went on to the OHL in a big way. Both were first round selections by Owen Sound Platers and Cornwall Royals respectively. Cull also ended up being named to the Ontario Under-17 hockey team and was slated to play in the International Quebec Cup but a thumb injury forced Cull to scratch from the event.

-Area minor hockey grads Brian Hayward and Mike Hudson went a long way in the NHL playoffs. Hayward and the Montreal Canadiens advanced to



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the Stanley Cup final before succumbing to Calgary Flames. Hudson was Chicago's top scorer in their semi final with Calgary, this after splitting his year between the Hawks and their International Hockey League minor affiliate. So far this year Hudson has remained with the Hawks while Hayward has posted a goals-against mark of under 3.00 through 14 appearances with Montreal.

-Bill McGillivray played for the Ontario men's rugby team that played B.C. for the national championship. However McGillivray Ontario had to settle for the silver medal.

-Mel Barton set a new senior weightlifting mark with a clean and jerk lift of 214-pounds.

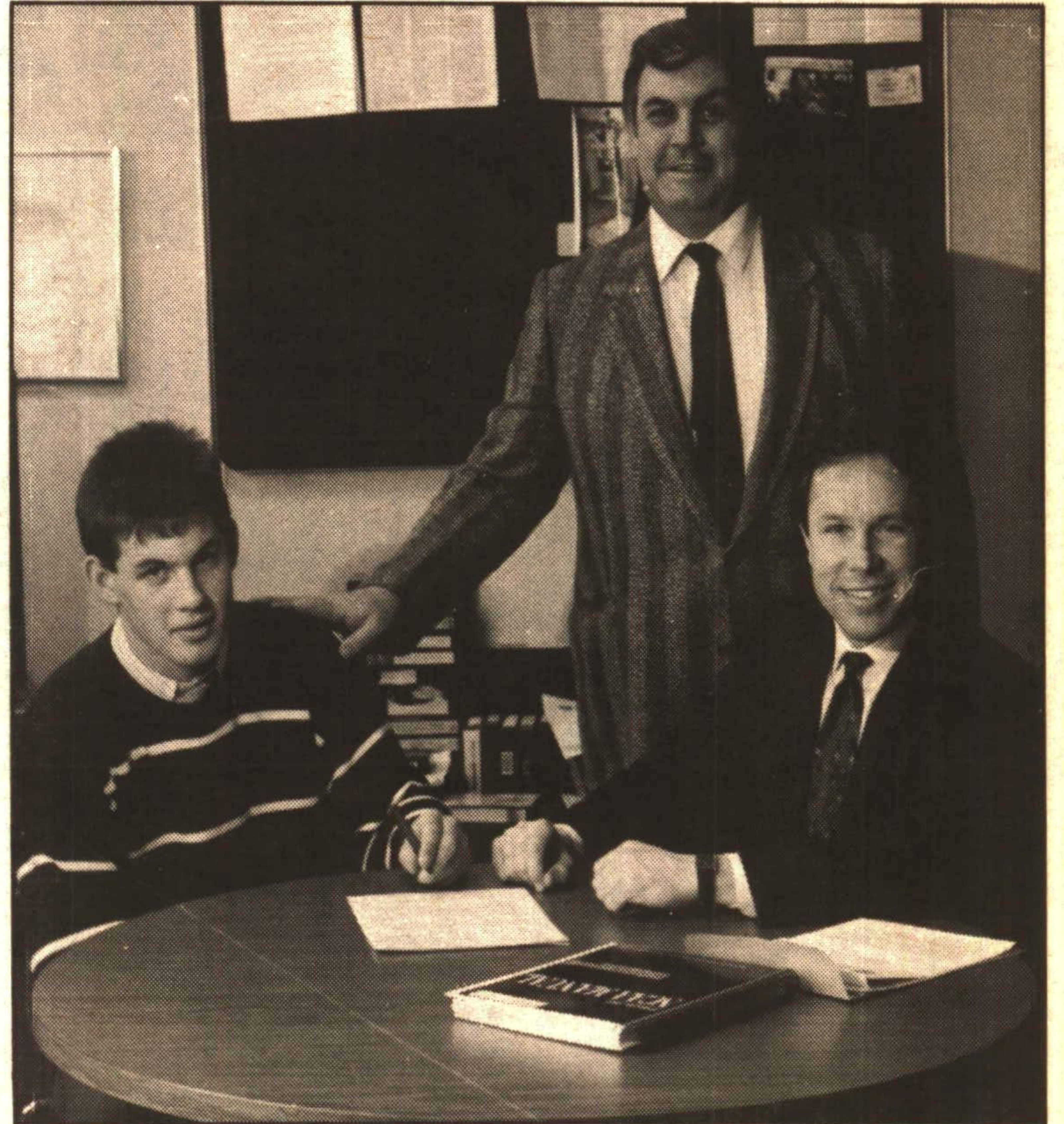
-Wayne Morrow was named a finalist for the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union hockey player of the year. Morrow was in his rookie season with St. Marys Huskies and went up against a pair of veteran Canadian college performers.

-Older brother Gary Morrow had a third straight chance for a Canadian Soccer League championship ring with Hamilton Steelers. However for the third straight year the Steelers were league runnersup.

-Wes McCauley's Junior B hockey season ended on a positive note. McCauley played for the Sutherland Cup champion St. Mike's Buzzers, then went to Michigan State University on a full hockey scholarship. The Sutherland Cup brought to an end what was a very colorful hockey tenure for St. Mike's as the Buzzers ceased operations during the summer.

-The Acton House League Hockey Association joined the Tri-Town loop. That meant Acton youngsters would play contests against teams from Grand Valley, Hillsburgh and Erin.

-Andreas Schrim netted a pair of national volleyball medals. The talented setter starter for the Canada Summer Games bronze medal Ontario team, then helped the West Side juvenile team claim a gold medal nationally and paced the junior team to a Canadian bronze medal. Then



Georgetown's Wes McCauley enjoyed a banner campaign in 1989. He was on a Sutherland Cup winner with St. Mike's Buzzers, and also inked a four-year full scholarship with Michigan State University. On hand to sign the formal papers was father John McCauley, along with a MSU official.

later in the year he received a Gold Carding from the Ontario Volleyball Association, the highest possible available.

-Still with volleyball Jim Lawrence netted a national gold medal while playing for West Side's juvenile squad while Peter Gombocz and John Jickling claimed national gold medals for their play with West Side's midget team.

-Tara Burroughs made the Ontario ladies volleyball team that represented the province in the Canada Summer Games. As well, Bob McKay went to the Games after being named as a wrestling official.

-Sue Craig made the most of her first season of varsity volleyball at York University. She not only came off the bench to become a starter, but Craig was named to the Ontario all-star team. Then later this summer she made the Canadian junior national team.

-Joanne Bingham was invited to the senior national ladies volleyball trials, and was named to the squad. She opted to return to Western Michigan this Fall, and will resume training with the national team in 1990 after finishing her university studies.

-Terry Dixon completed his second full season at Eastern Illinois University where he was a starter with the varsity soccer team. Not only did he help the Panthers net their divisional crown, but he was named to the conference's all-academic squad.

-Ray DeSouza adds a provincial college hockey gold medal and a national bronze to his collection. DeSouza toiled for Humber Hawks, who won the Ontario crown and were third at the Canadian College Athletic Association championships in Alberta.

-Area junior coaches Ken Steen and Peter Sturgeon were invited to coach at the Ontario Hockey Association's Under-17 mini camp.

-Melanie Jans won her third Canadian ladies squash crown, successfully defending her Under-16 title. Jans was also named to the national junior team and competed in the World championships in helping Canada finish eighth overall.

-The Acton Sabres received a new owner and bigger non-import territory in 1989. Local businessman Mitch Lajeunesse purchased the club and found a

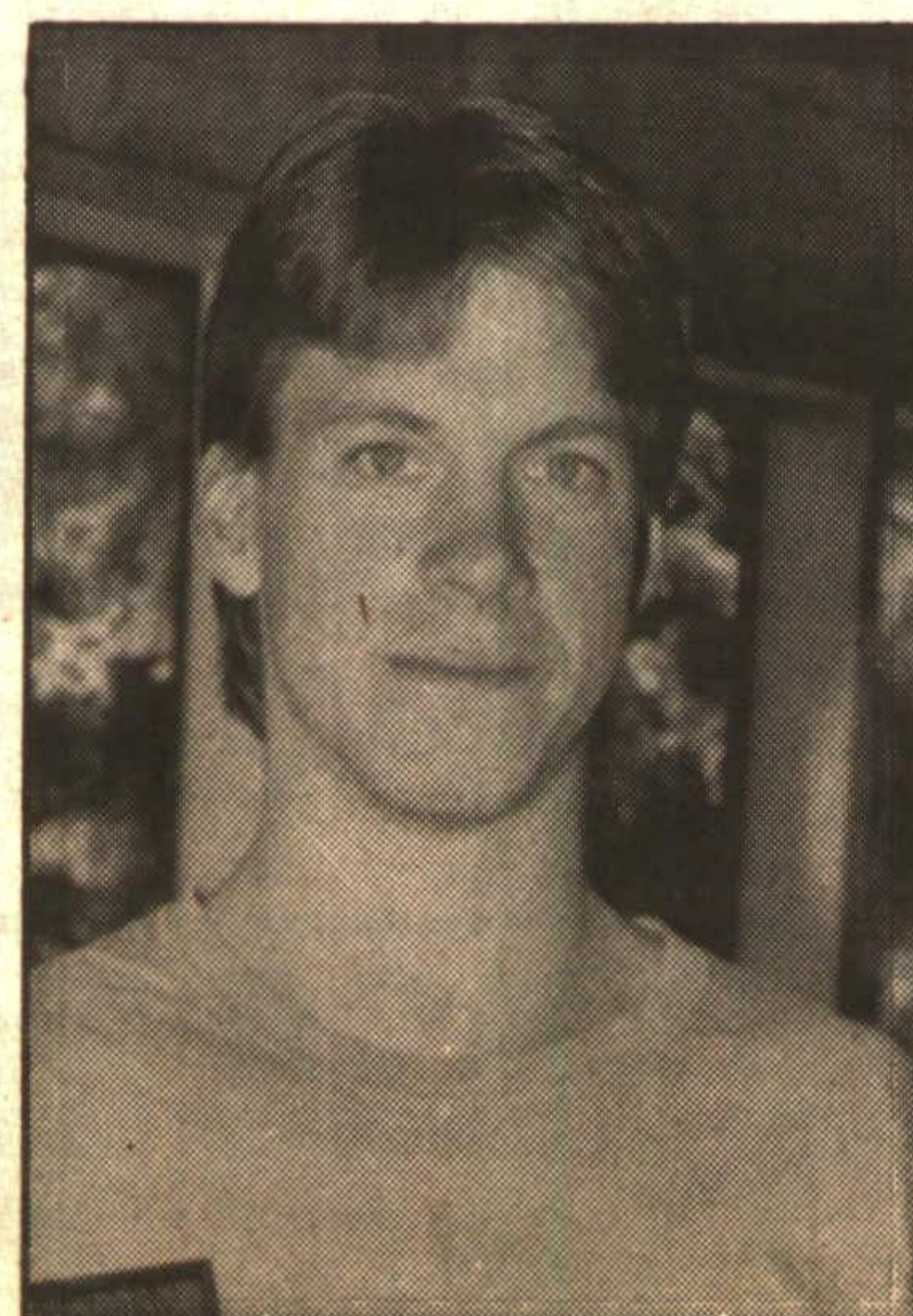
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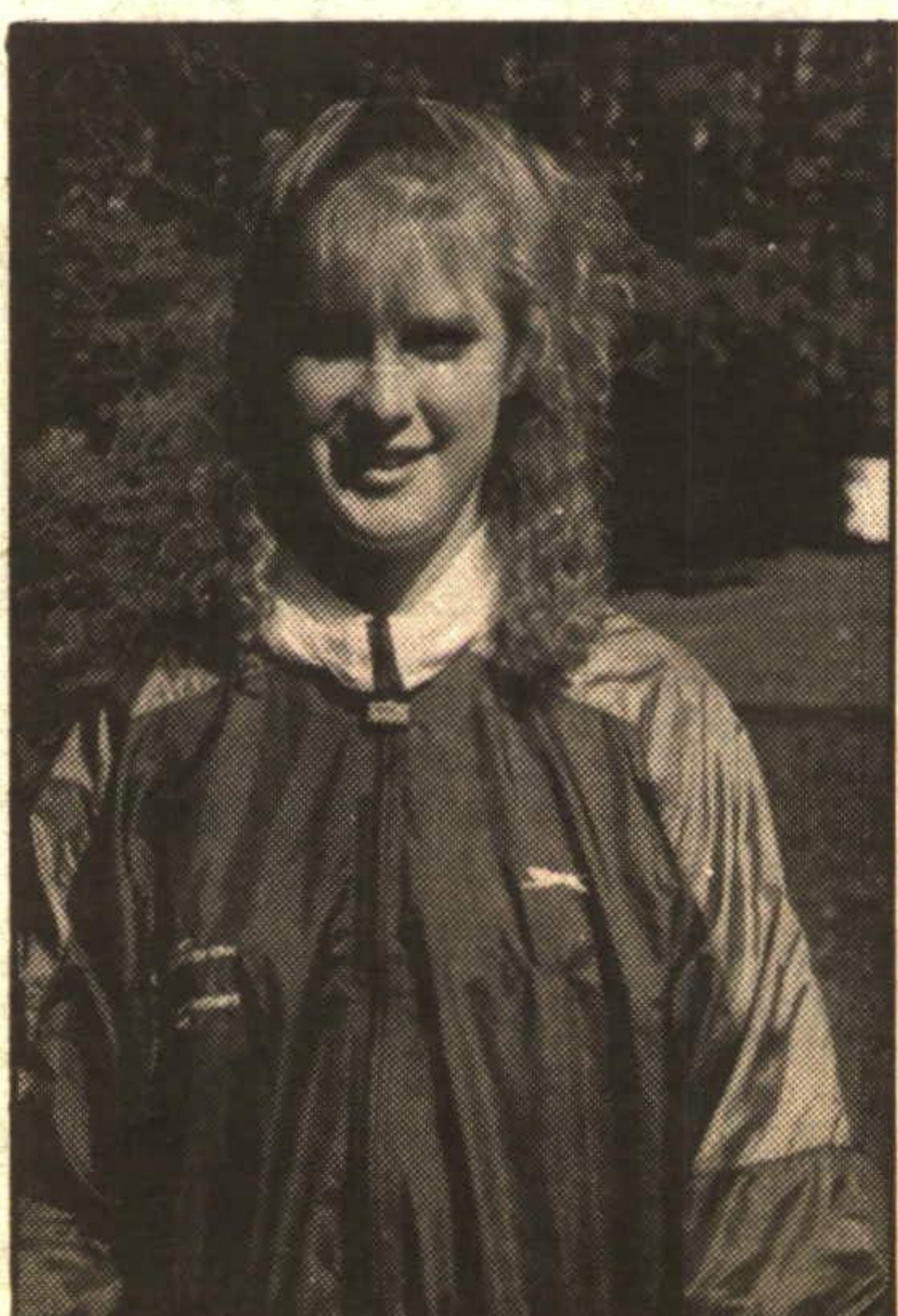
Acton AquaDucks added a familiar face to their ranks. The Acton swim club added former national team member Alex Bauman as an honorary member.



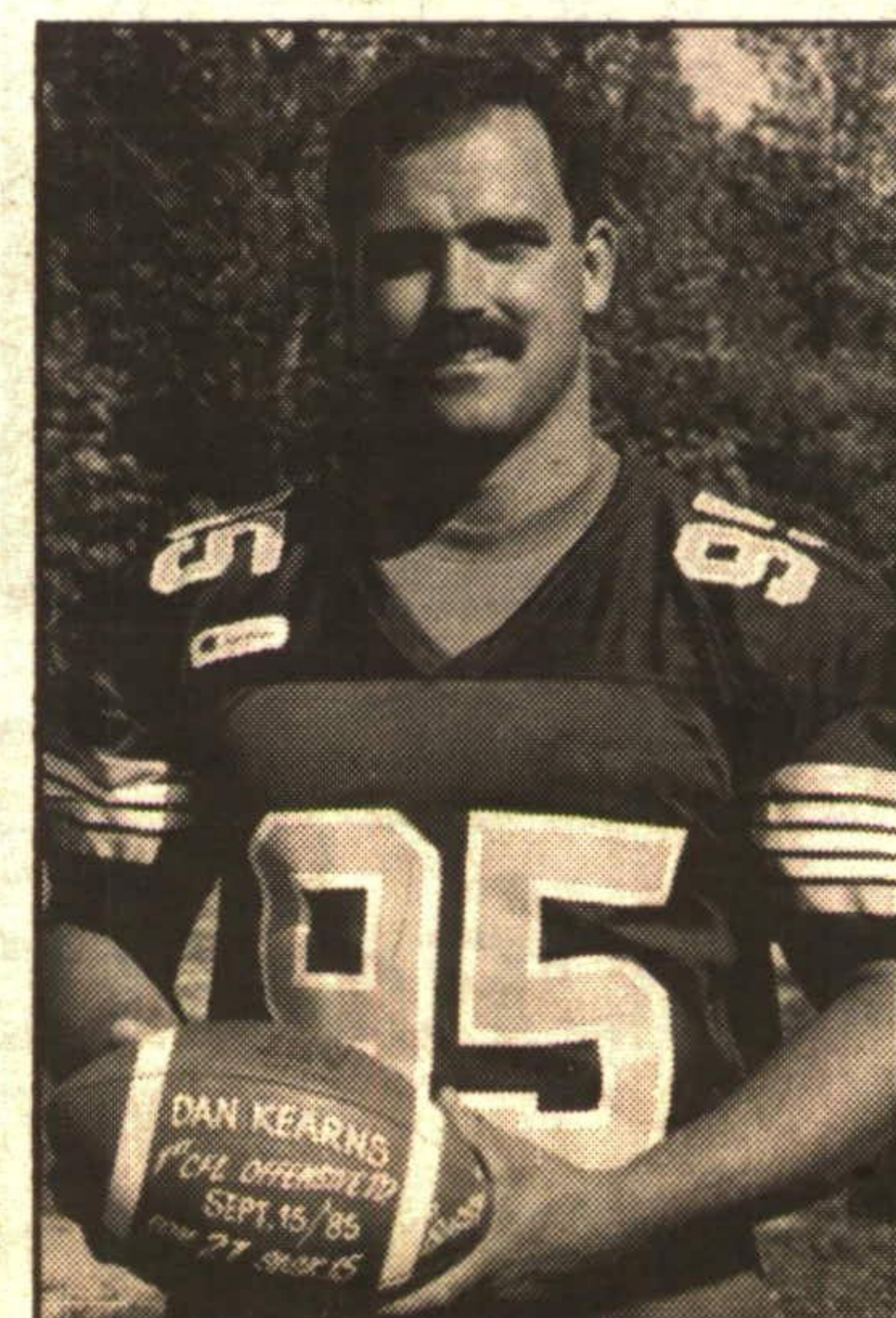
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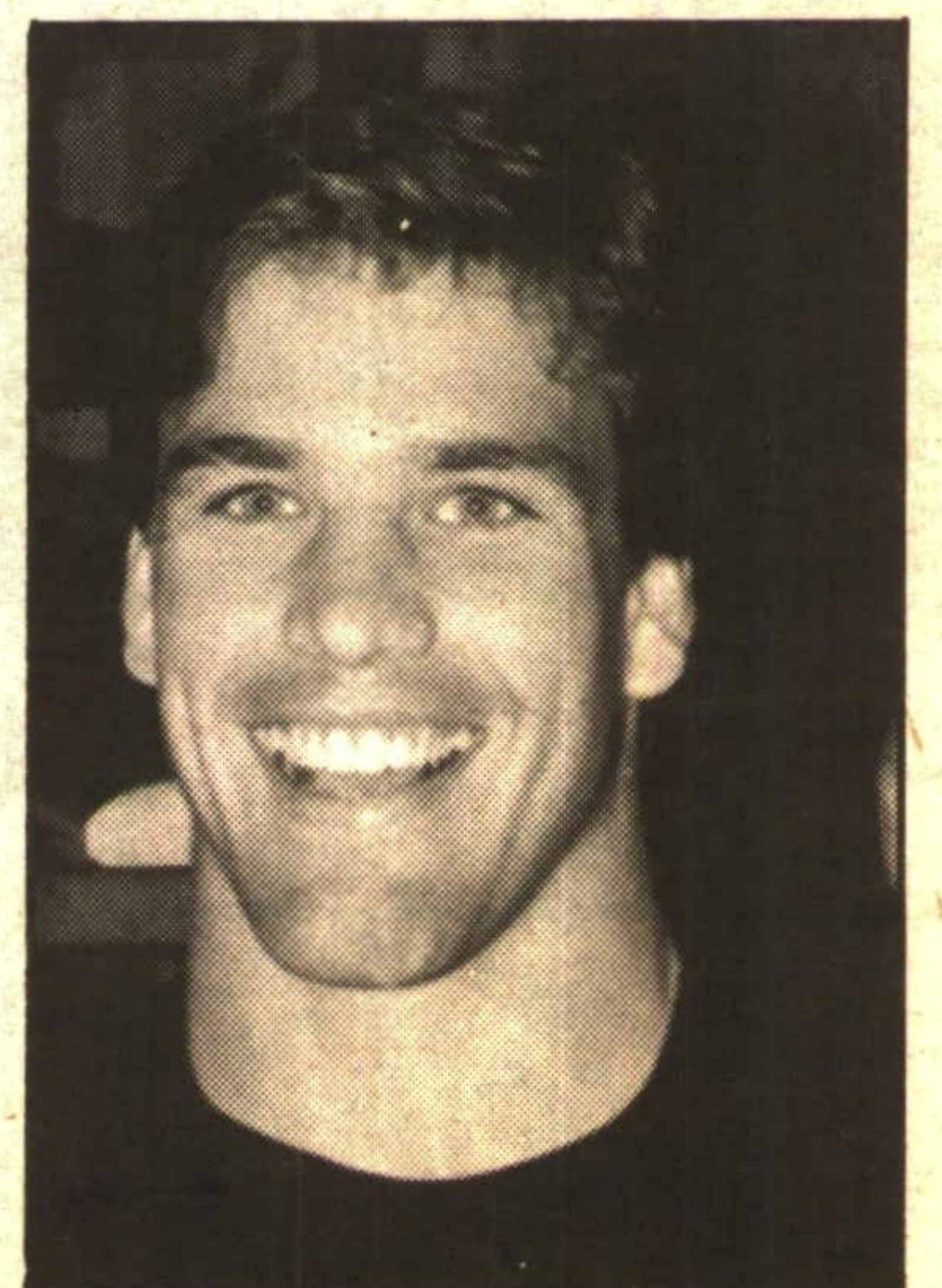
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