

Slow-pitch softball league just keeps on growing

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In only its third year of operation, the Georgetown Men's Slow Pitch Softball League has enjoyed tremendous success with hundreds of local residents participating. It's clear that when the summer months roll around, the Halton Hills ball diamonds are the place to be.

This slow pitch league was founded in the spring of 1990 by Pete Wanner. During the first season there were 16 men's teams with over 200 participating members.

In just two years, the league has almost doubled in size. This season

there are 22 men's teams and six mixed teams for a total of over 400 players.

Wanner has since stepped down as league president and Georgetown resident Andy Courchesne has taken his place.

"I wanted to try something new and get to know the people in this community," says Courchesne, regarding why he became league president, "It's been a lot more work than I could have anticipated."

The majority of the league's teams are made up of local co-workers who put a team together for their business. Teams include an average of 15 players each.



Registration fees for each team are \$1,000 which, along with all the games and use of equipment throughout the season, includes a \$400 umpiring fee and a \$100 fine bond.

More than 75 per cent of the

teams are sponsored by local businesses.

The league is currently playing to capacity and while Courchesne has been able to place a few individuals on various existing teams, there are many groups interested in forming teams but can't because there isn't enough ball diamond time available.

"There is a great need for more ball diamonds in Halton Hills. I hope that the different leagues in this community can work together and voice this concern to the town," says Courchesne.

Besides Courchesne, the league's executive team is made up of vice-president Brian Yendeau and trea-

sure Frank Duyvelshoff. Andy Courchesne's wife Bonnie has been the league's statistician for three years.

More executive members and volunteers is something Courchesne hopes to attract, but for right now he says the league is "just trying to get recognition".

The league is divided into four divisions— competitive, recreational, over-30, and mixed. There are eight teams in both the competitive and recreational divisions and six each in the over-30 and mixed divisions.

The Halton Hills Chiefs lead the

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Indy car racers Scott Goodyear and Paul Tracey will be among the celebrities at the first annual Ontario Head Injury Association/Head Injury Association of Peel-Halton Charity Golf Classic tomorrow (Monday) at Georgetown Golf and Country Club.

Goodyear and Tracey, first and second-place finishers respectively at last weekend's Michigan 500 race, will join



Miss Canada 1992 Nicole Dunsdon and Miss Toronto 1992 Julianne Gillies as the tournament's official starters by

dropping the starting flag. Other celebrities participating in the tournament include sportscaster Ron MacLean and former National Hockey League player Bobby Lalonde of the Boston Bruins.

This tournament marks the first time the Ontario Head Injury Association has brought its fundraising and awareness efforts into the Peel-Halton area. Working with them is the Peel-Halton Head Injury Association and Rehabilitation Services of Canada (RSC).

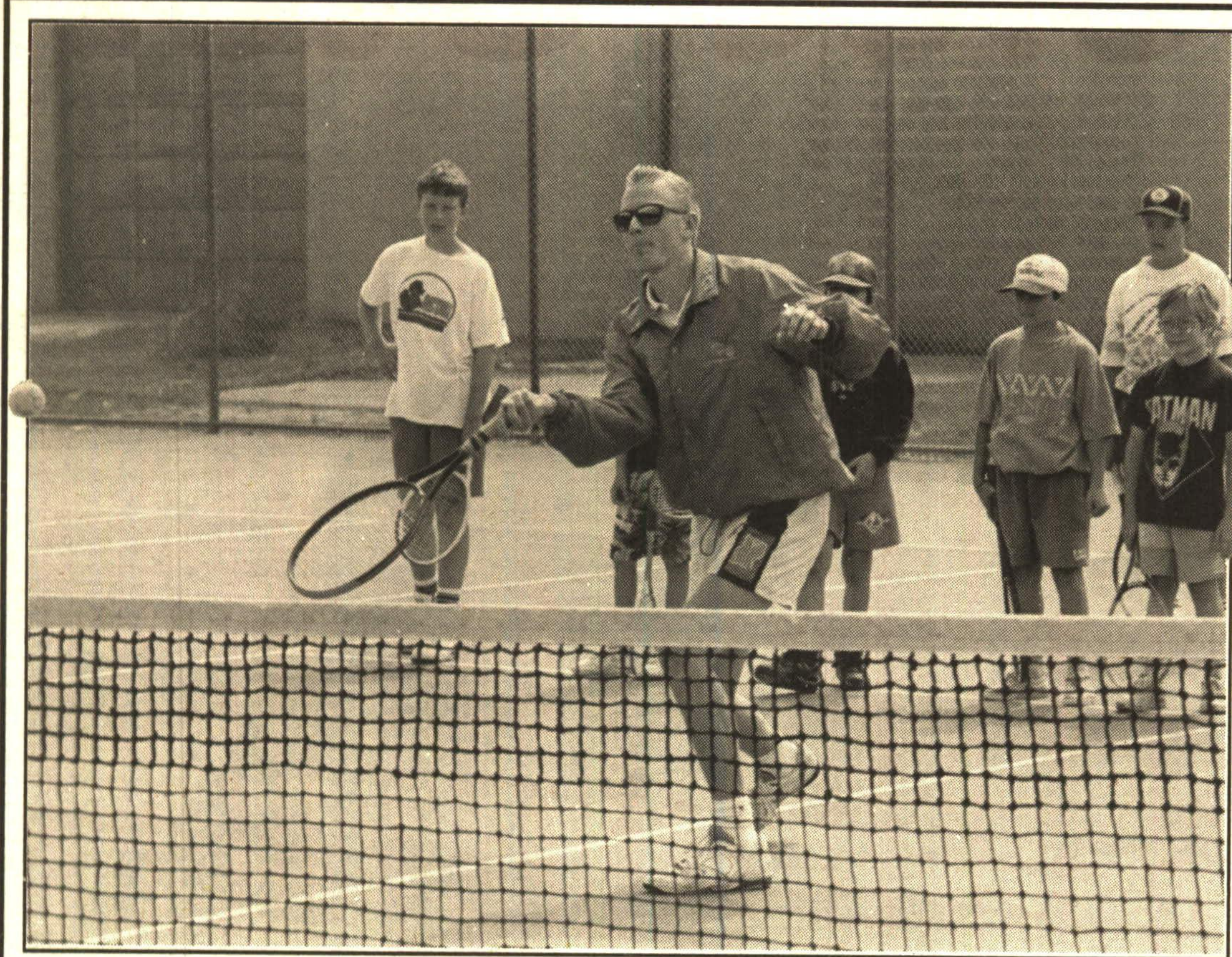
RSC initiated the tournament because "we are two like-minded organizations with the same goals," said RSC spokesman Jim Ritchings.

"OHIA works toward developing awareness of the effects of traumatic brain injury through research, rehabilitation, education and prevention campaigns. RSC helps people who have sustained traumatic injury to the brain regain their health and livelihood. Together we help all those living with the effects of brain injury to reach their full potential."

Registration for the tournament begins at 8 a.m. with the start scheduled for 9:30. Proceeds will help fund the ONIA's education and prevention campaigns.

Crawford Lake hike

Join an eco-hike at the Crawford Lake Conservation Area today (Sunday) at 1 p.m. Crawford Lake includes many natural and cultural resources that are seldom found in a single location. Pre-registration is required, call (416) 854-0234.



TED BROWN Halton Hills Weekend

Tennis camp

Leader Ryan Brain of Halton Hills Recreation Department demonstrates some of the finer points of tennis to members of the summer tennis camp, held recently at the Prospect Park courts in Acton.

Hockey school at Alcott

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It's not too late for all you young hockey lovers out there to get in on the action at the Halton Hills Sports Academy's 1992 Hockey School this summer.

Running August 31 to September 4 at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena in Georgetown, the one-week program is in its fourth year of operation and is geared towards players 6 to 12 years of age.

The program was started by Halton Hills residents Al Hay and Dave Krause after a similar hockey school program, North Halton Sports Camp, was discontinued in 1988.

At that time, Krause found he had nowhere to sign up his son for hockey training prior to the start of the season.

He and Al Hay, teammates on Georgetown Beaver Lumber's Oldtimers hockey team, decided there was a need for such a program and got things rolling.

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Junior tennis club champions crowned

Winners of the Gordon Alcott Tennis Club's junior tournament have been decided. Jenny Lorito won girls singles over Jennifer Koster 6-4, 6-1 and then teamed up with Koster to win the girls doubles. Kriptin McBride and Beth Crocker were the girls doubles consolation winners. Nicky and Donna Koster were runners-up. McBride was the consolation singles winner over Crocker.

Paul Dallison beat Chris Morisawa 4-6, 6-0, 6-1 to win the

boys singles under-14 title. Andrew Elliott topped Jason Sands for the boys singles under-18 championship. Kyle Hancock won the under-14 consolation singles over Chris Wilkes and teamed up with Paul Dallison to win the under-14 doubles.

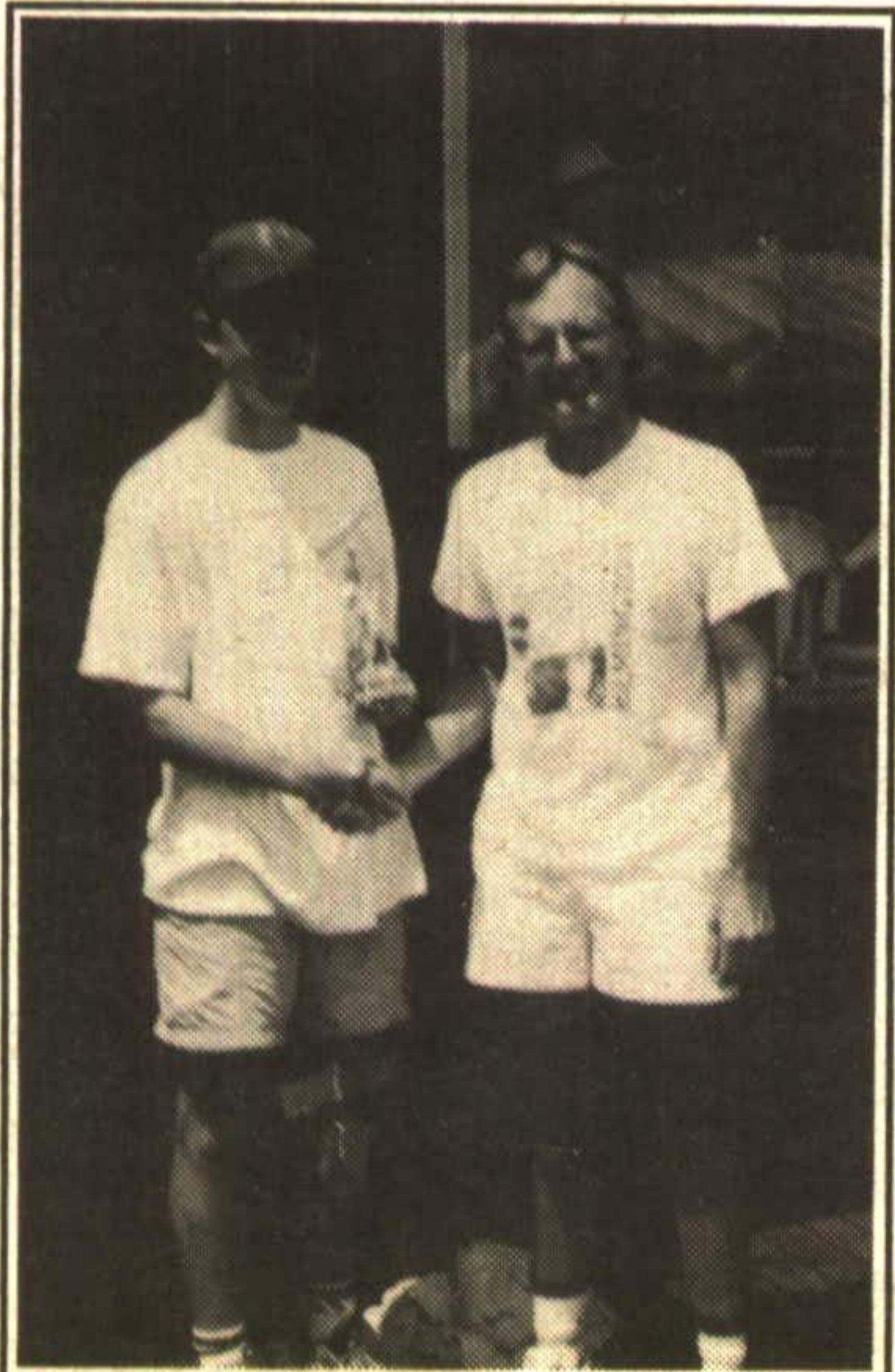
The Ladies B team took three points from Credit Valley as Kay King and Chris Steen won 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. Carol Beeny and Stacey Hurley won 6-1, 6-0 and Audrey Jans and Sandy Lewis won 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Audrey Houston and Ann Kennedy lost in three sets 3-6, 6-3, 1-6.

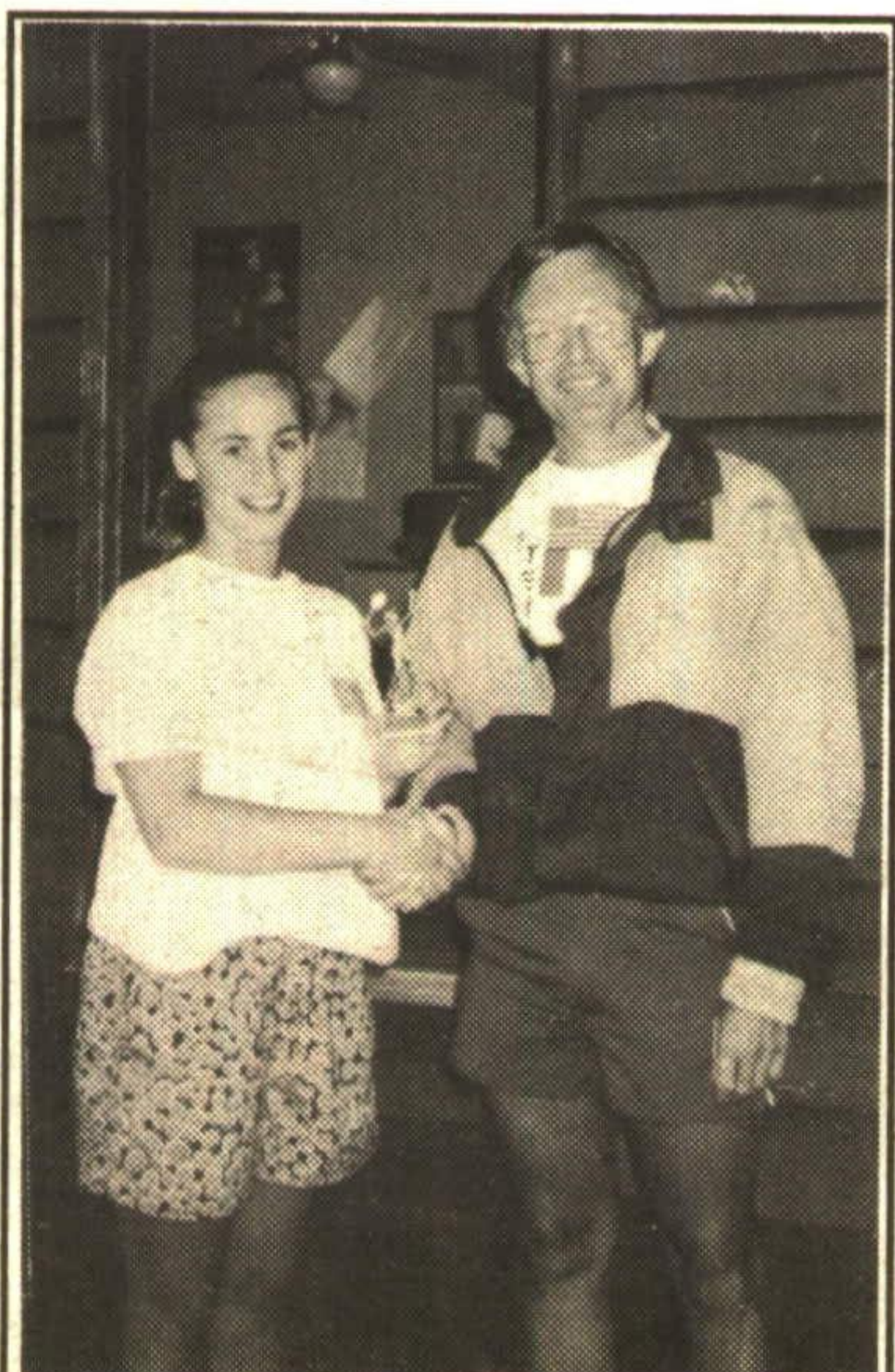
The Ladies C team did not fare well against Bronte, losing all matches. Gloria Sargent and Millie Pletsch lost 0-6, 3-6. Muriel Fraser and Mary Hughes lost 0-6, 7-5, 6-3. Marg Macenko and Norma Maynard lost in three sets 6-7 (7-5), 6-4, 0-6. Maureen Burgoyne and Trudy Roy lost 3-6, 4-6. The B Mixed took four points from York Weston, with men's doubles all winning and one mixed. The C Mixed took four

points from Malton. Murray Jans and Tim Gibbons lost 2-6, 0-6. Gary Lewis and Jim Morwick won 6-2, 2-6, 6-2. Bill Kent and Andrew Elliott lost in three sets 6-4, 4-6, 6-7 (7-5). Andy Humenny and Sandy Lewis won 6-3, 6-0. John Dallison and Jennifer Koster won 6-4, 6-3. Audrey Jans and Deb Koster won 6-2, 6-0.

August 19 will be a round-robin for Ladies B and C teams to be followed by a pot luck luncheon and a swim.



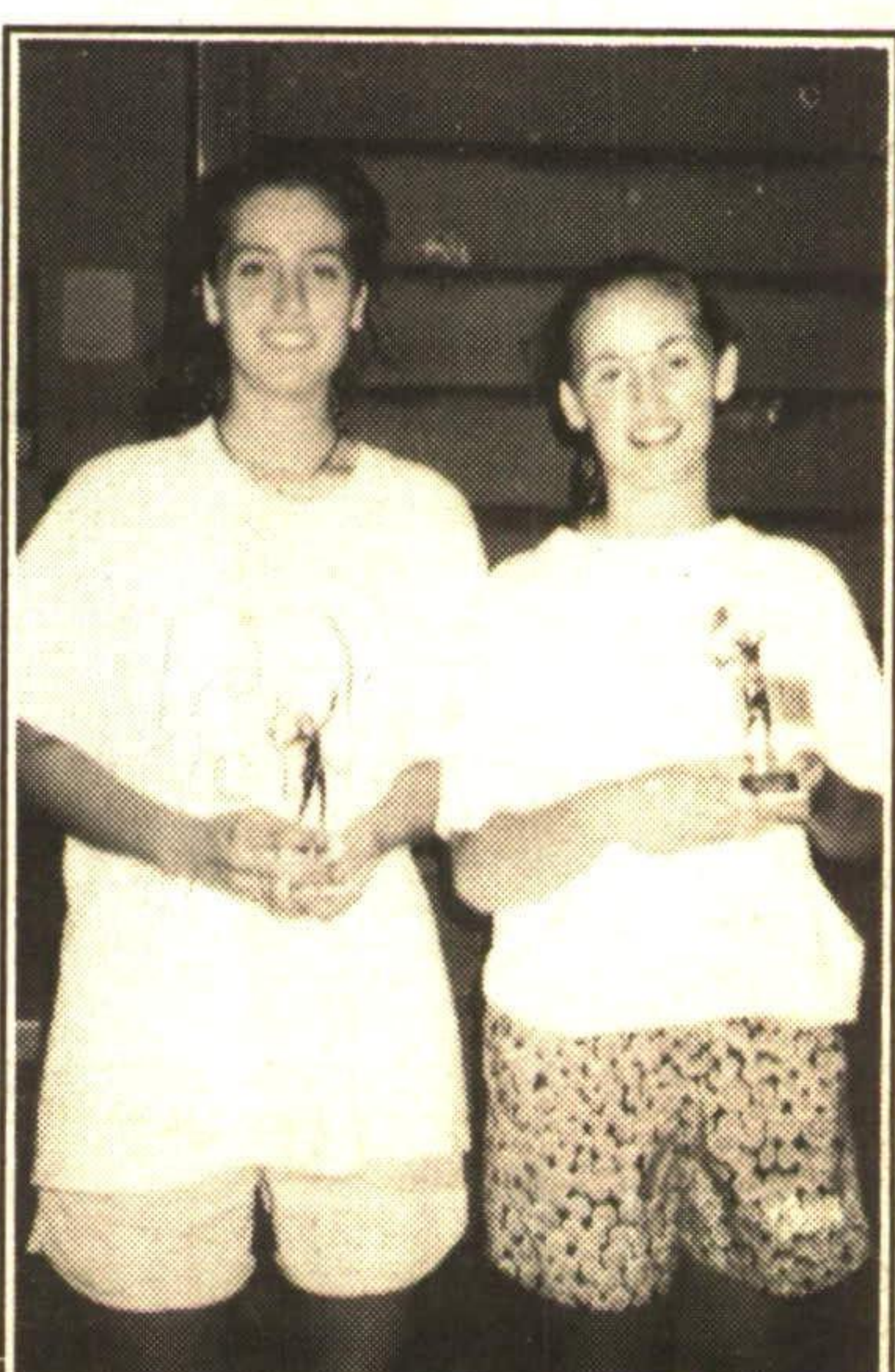
Junior Boys Under-18 singles winner Andrew Elliott is congratulated by convenor John Dallison.



Jenny Lorito won the Junior Girls singles title. Lorito defeated Jennifer Koster for the crown.



Paul Dallison is congratulated by convenor John Dallison after winning the Boys Under-14 title.



Jennifer Koster and Jenny Lorito were Junior Girls doubles winners.