

Halton Hills Gymnastics Club sets sights on new home

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The Halton Hills Gymnastics Club is now one step closer to obtaining a new facility for operations after last week's approval by the city of Oakville to let the club's parent volunteer group run a regular Oakville Bingo and raise club funds.

Club head coach Paula Geniole and the executive team had decided on this route back at their annual summer meeting in June. Geniole received word that their request had been approved last Friday after returning from holidays.

"I'm really happy, this could be a major turning point for the club," said Geniole, "We weren't very hopeful about our chances because we are an out-of-town organization."

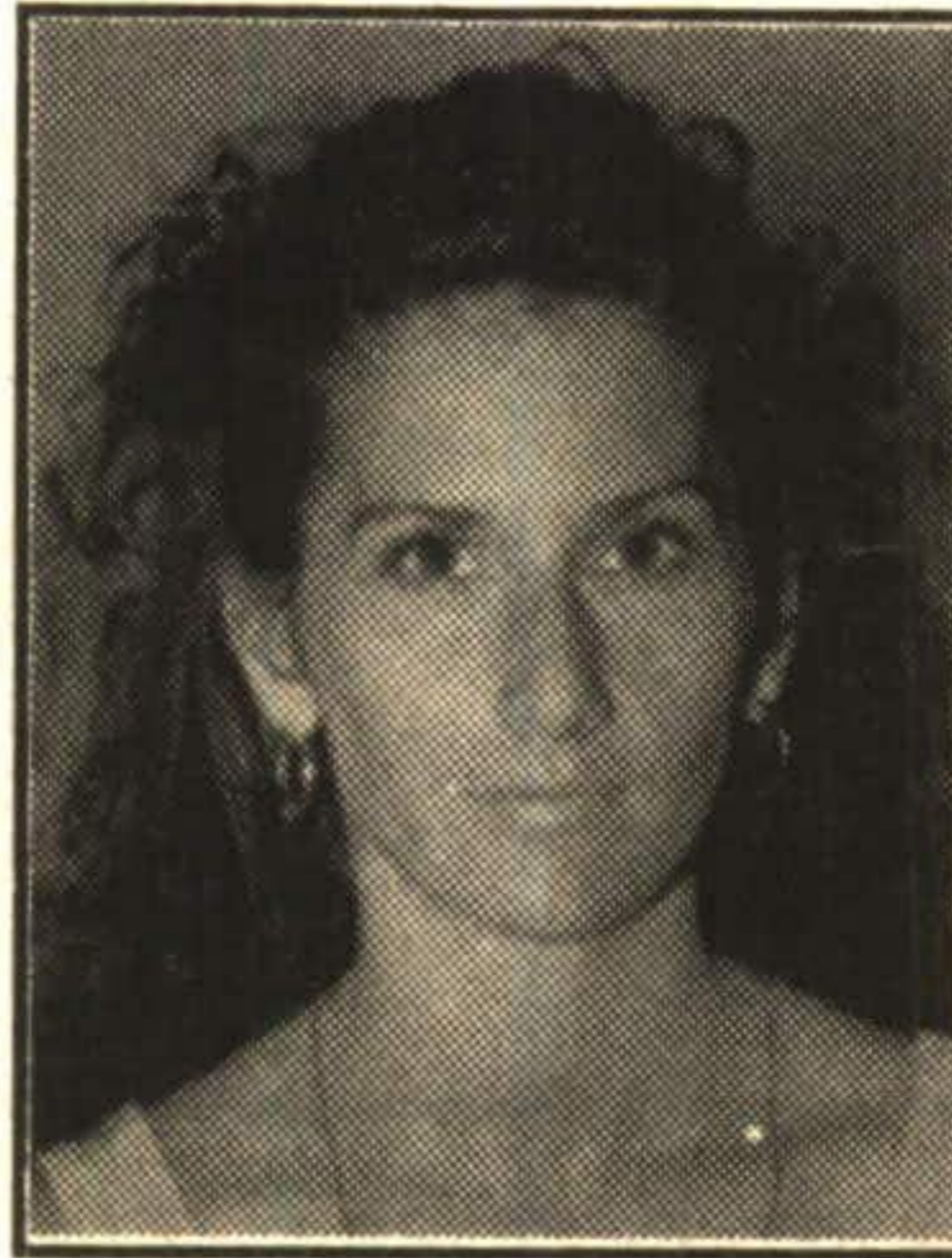
Starting next month, the club's volunteer

team will be running Saturday evening bingos at Oakville's Bingo Country. They will be in charge of a monthly bingo in September and October and bi-weekly bingos starting in November.

The club is expected to take in an estimated \$700 to \$800 a month for these bingos. The club has three groups of seven volunteers to run the bingos and are looking for a fourth group.

"Right now each group will be in charge of one bingo every six weeks," Geniole explained, "This is still a real sacrifice for the parents, having to drive to Oakville and work hard on a Saturday night."

The volunteers will be responsible for every facet of the bingo evening, from read-



PAULA GENIOLE

ing out numbers and selling bingo cards to serving refreshments.

A number of other options for increasing funds for the club were brought up at the annual meeting including raising registration fees.

However, the bingo route seemed like the only way to raise the amount of money needed to move the gymnasts into a new facility. The executive team voted 23 to 4 in favor of running a regular bingo in Oakville.

The club has also been trying, for over a year, to gain approval from the town of Milton to run a monthly bingo but have met with little co-operation.

Geniole states that the club has a special facility committee currently looking into dif-

ferent areas for the club. They are interested in a couple of units in Georgetown's industrial area, but haven't made any definite decisions yet.

Geniole said the club requires a facility of between 7,000 and 10,000 square feet. The current location (above the Georgetown Memorial Arena) houses only 3,000 square feet.

With a proper facility, the Halton Hills Gymnastics Club would be able to expand current programs as well as offer new programs including trampoline and boy's gymnastics.

The club's executive members hope to obtain a long-term lease on a new facility and move the gymnasts sometime between January and September of next year. However, there's still a lot of work to be done and decisions to be made before this happens.

HALTON HILLS WEEKEND

SPORTS

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Argo here today

Carl Braisley, defensive back for the Argos, will be a guest of the Team Up With Jesus summer camp program today (Sunday) at 10 a.m. Argo fans of all ages are invited!

This summer program is open to children of all ages and includes a time of singing, a visit with Carl Braisley, who will speak about his life as a professional football player and as a Christian, a Bible story time, snacks, and games.

At the conclusion of program Carl will sign autographs and visit with the children.

Georgetown Alliance Church is located on Main Street South, just south of Cedarvale Park.

Ski Patrol

Founded in 1941, the Canadian Ski Patrol's mandate is to promote fun and safe skiing while providing first aid services to the skiing public.

Registration will be held September 1, 2 and 3 at the CSPS Central Zone Office from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., located at 750 Oakdale Road, Unit 50 (one block east of Finch and Highway 400, south on Oakdale past Westview Secondary School). The goal is to sign 300 new recruits to the existing base of 850 patrollers.

First aid and CPR courses begin in Toronto, Tuesday, September 8 or Thursday, September 10; Barrie, Tuesday, September 8; Collingwood, Wednesday, September 9 and continue for 13 weeks, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

To volunteer, you must be of intermediate ski ability (alpine or nordic), 18 years of age (16 years in Metro Toronto) and have a desire to serve the skiing public.

Call 745-7511 for details.

Canadian Open

Lanny Wadkins, winner of this year's Greater Hartford Open and 1977 PGA champion, will return to the \$1.2-million Canadian Open Golf Championship following a 13-year absence.

The 83rd Canadian Open presented by du Maurier Ltd. is being played at Glen Abbey Golf Club September 7 to 13, with the winner taking home \$215,000 and the du Maurier Ltd. Trophy.

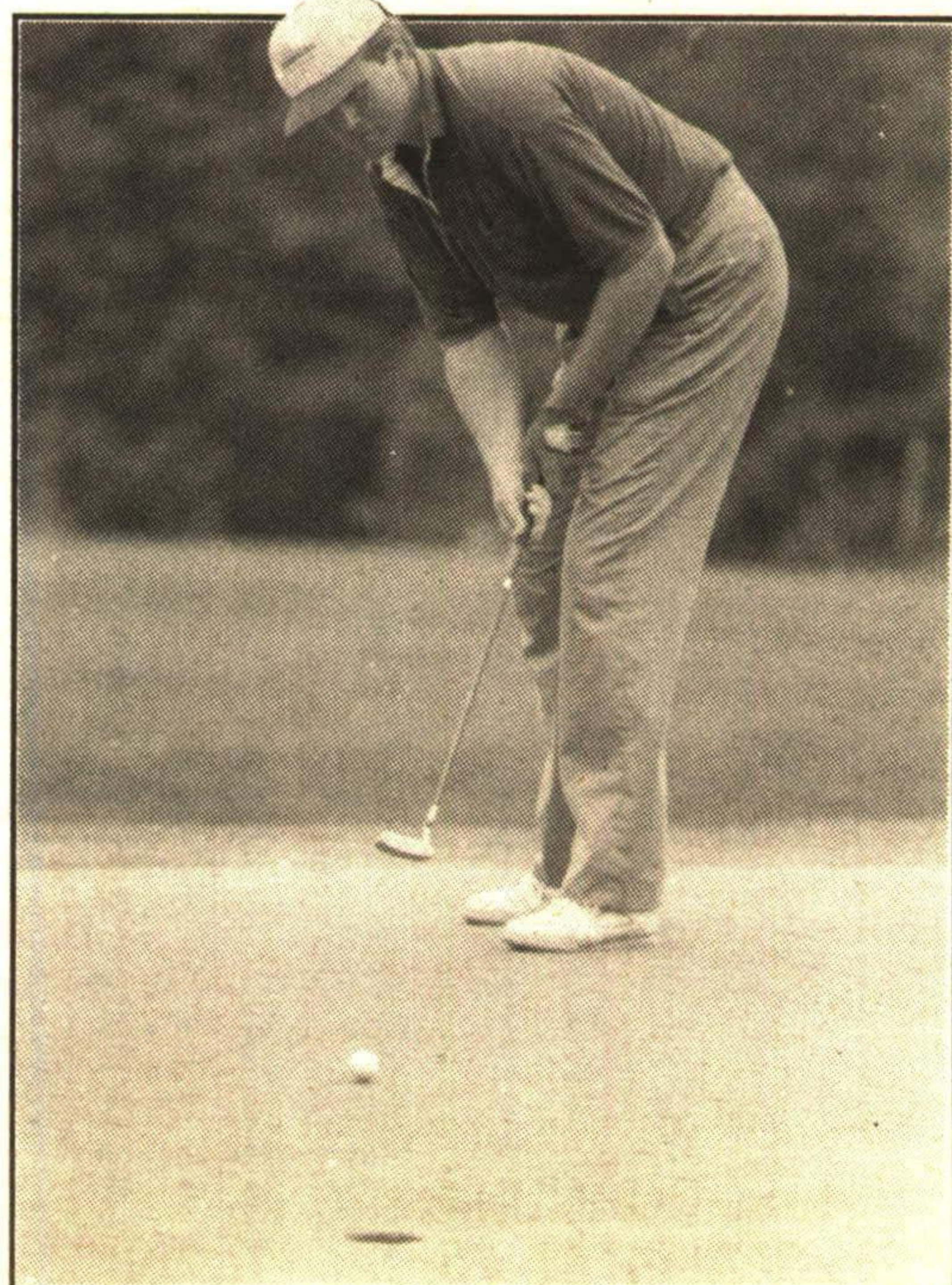
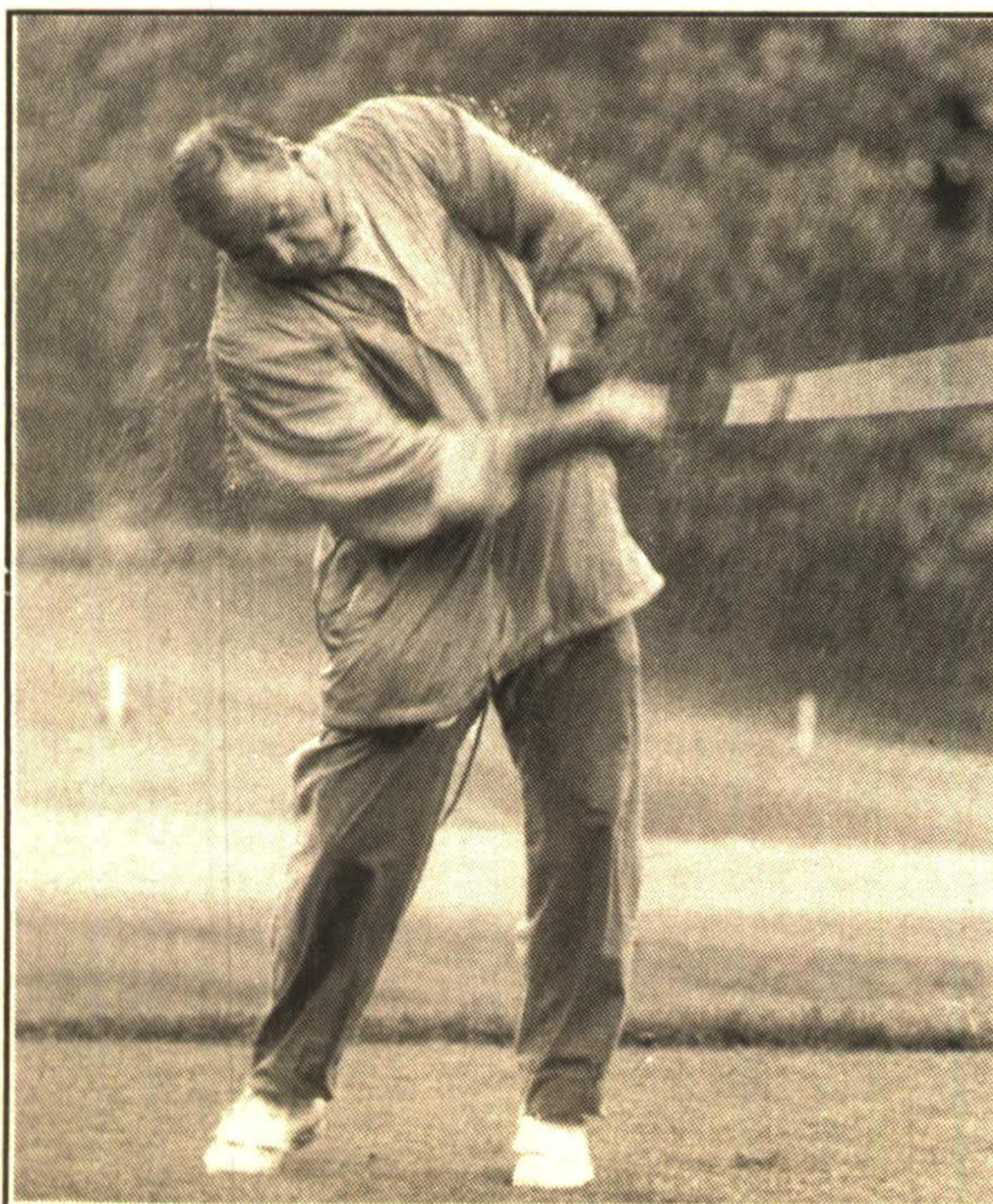
Dan Forseman, winner of the 1992 Buick Open, Mark O'Meara, 1992 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am champion, Jim Gallagher Jr., who tied for second at the PGA Championship and Peter Jacobsen would be joining the entry list.



Busy week for golfers

The local links have been busy over the past week with several tournaments and charity events taking place. Above, Brampton's Bob Breen lines up a putt at the Canadian Seniors' championship at Blue Springs before the rain on Thursday. The CPGA Senior also ran Friday and Saturday. Right, Roy Brown, Gordie Tapp and Halton Region Chairman Peter Pomeroy ham it up at Pomeroy's charity event at Blue Springs last week. Below right, Bryan Day of Union Gas eyes his ball into the hole at the Chamber of Commerce annual on Monday. Below left, the weatherman didn't cooperate with the local realtors as they held their annual tourney at Georgetown Golf Club on Thursday. Independent/Free Press publisher Ken Nugent didn't let a little rain hamper his game.

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Field hockey gold medal for Eccles

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Georgetown teen Jenn Eccles and the Under 19 Ontario West Girls Field Hockey Team were crowned gold medal winners Monday (August 24) at the Ontario Senior Games in Scarborough.

Seventeen-year-old Jenn was part of the 13 player squad who defeated the Ottawa team 1-0 in the final match-up to win the gold.

"It was excellent," said Eccles, who will be entering Grade 13 at Georgetown District High School this year, "We all pulled together and gave 110 per cent. We just wanted to win so much more than they (Ottawa) did."

Jenn had qualified to compete with the team back in June after an impressive performance at a one-day tryout camp at Shell Park in Oakville. She was selected to compete as a centre-forward by team head coach Gail Redshaw.

Six teams from various regions across Ontario took part in this year's field hockey competition, which ran from August 20-24.

The Ontario West squad went into the final game as the underdogs because they had previously lost their second game of the competition to Ottawa 1-0. However, according to Jenn, the players never lost their confidence, fought hard the entire game, and came away the victors.

The team posted a three wins, one loss, and one tie record in the qualifying round. While losing to Ottawa, they pulled off wins against Waterloo (2-0), Toronto (2-0), and Perry Sound (3-0) and tied Peterborough 0-0.

Waterloo won the bronze medal.

Jenn was very pleased with her personal performance during the four-day competition, particularly in the final match against Ottawa.

"I was extremely pleased (with my performance). The last game of the tournament was the best field hockey I've played in my whole life."

Jenn has been playing field hockey since Grade 9 when she joined the GDHS school field hockey team. Last season, she helped the senior squad to the Halton semi-finals where they were taken down by Nelson.

She plans to attend university after finishing high school and hopes to perhaps gain an athletic scholarship and pursue her sport further.

For the moment however, she is content with just taking in the sweet taste of victory and says the entire competition was very enjoyable.

"It was really fun. Everyone was there to win, but also to make good friends. We all worked extremely hard and we won."