

Local youngster caddies for celebrities at Classic

By STEVE LeBLANC

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When Acton youth David Schultz first joined the caddy program at Blue Springs Golf Course this spring, he had no idea that the summer job would net him such an exciting and memorable weekend just a few short weeks later.

David, 15, was part of the fun at last month's Chrysler Celebrity Classic at Lionhead Golf Club in Brampton when he caddied for Phoenix Suns guard Dan Majerle.

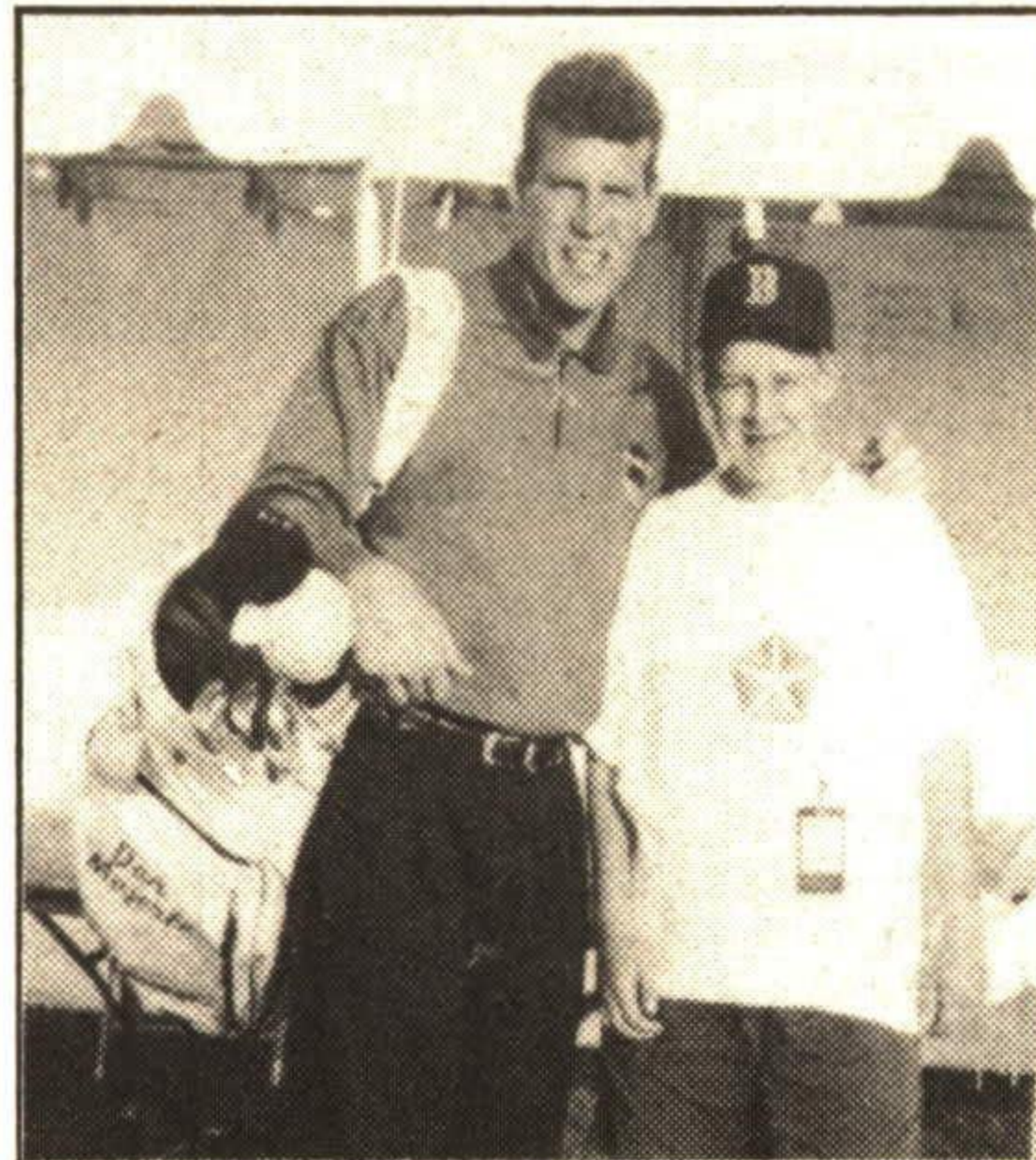
During his first golf tournament experience, held July 2 to 4, David worked the 54-hole three day weekend, standing shoulder to shoulder with one of the NBA's top guns. Fresh off the NBA Championship finals, Majerle didn't perform as well as he is usually capable of on

the links and came away with 102, 93 and 88 scores over the three day tournament.

The tournament featured top athletes, of past and present, from the NBA, NHL, NFL and Major League Baseball as well as many other famous athletes and top stars from the music world.

"It was a lot of fun, especially to be so close to all those big name athletes," said David, who will be entering Grade 11 at Acton High School this fall, "My favorite part of the weekend was playing in a two-some with Charles Barkley and then having lunch with Dan after the tournament ended."

Along the way, David saw some of the most popular athletes try their luck on the greens including Grant Fuhr, Jim McMahon, Todd Brooker and NBA champion



Phoenix Suns star Dan Majerle and caddy David Schultz

Michael Jordan. The tournament in Brampton was the early stop on the Chrysler Celebrity Classic North

American Tour. Funds raised from the weekend went to Ronald McDonald's Children's Charities.

David was the only caddy from Acton who worked the tournament. He earned the right to attend the event by winning a draw at Blue Springs Golf Course that paired him up with Majerle, who gave David his autograph, had his picture taken with the local youth and treated him to lunch on the Sunday.

"I like being a caddy, I think it's something I would like to continue doing for a while," said David.

The caddy program at Blue Springs began this spring and now includes about two dozen local youths who work for many of the club's members. David works between 12 and 16 hours a week.

"I think this new program is a good idea. Most regular golfers use

to go with the carts but now many are getting back into walking the course but need someone to carry their clubs. It's also a good job opportunity for many local youngsters," said David's father Michael, who golfs at Blue Springs.

David's father was almost as excited as his son for the opportunity to be part of the celebrity golf tournament. He also attended the event and was able to snap pictures of many super stars.

Along with work, David enjoys golfing once or twice a week during the summer and plays the trombone in the band at school, which gave him the opportunity to travel to Boston with the jazz band this year.

A big sports fan, David says he thoroughly enjoyed the Chrysler Celebrity Classic and looks forward to future tournament opportunities.

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Carnival

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Strong showing

Acton Auto Tech made a strong showing in the Rookie Hard Ball Division last week hosting Limehouse. A slow start by Acton left the score at 7-0 til the third, when Adam Brouillard got a base hit and was able to steal all the way home after a couple of overthrows by Limehouse. Michael Borg belted a strong one to centre field for two RBI's for Acton and that started Auto Techs to swinging and one more RBI brought the score to 9-3. Acton picked up three more runs in the fourth and fifth. Steady pitching by Cory Killingbeck, Shaen Prentice, and Patrick Sherren kept Limehouse to four more runs to end the game 13-6 for Limehouse.

In 'Pursuit' of gold

Hadfield claims cycling crown

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Many Halton Hills residents probably saw a young man riding his bicycle through the busy streets of Acton and Georgetown at some time last week. Few may know him as Acton resident Tim Hadfield — and fewer still may know that he is a Canadian cycling champion and one of the best in his sport in North America.

Twenty-one-year-old Tim Hadfield returned home last week with two gold medals he captured at the Canadian National Cycling Championships.

His 10-day rise to the top began Friday, July 9 in Victoria, British Columbia, where he and the Ontario Team Pursuit squad, comprised of Scott Hastie, Jeff Sharp and Brian Harrison, took out Quebec in the qualifying rounds of the track championships and finished the 4000m (4km) race on Sunday, July 11 in 4.42 minutes, 0.07 seconds faster than the silver medal British Columbia crew.

Just hours after the team's gold medal performance, Hadfield found himself on a plane heading to Brandon, Manitoba for the Canadian National Road Cycling Championships — a race he wasn't even suppose to compete in.

However, a change in coaching opened up a space on the four member team, made up of Eric Wholberg, Darko Ficko and Adam Walker, for Hadfield and saw the Ontario team win the time trials and then take the gold in the finals last Sunday, completing the grueling 101K course in two hours, nine minutes and seven seconds.

Along with his two gold medals, Hadfield took home bronze medals from the track championships in both the 4000m Individual Pursuit and Points Race and turned in an impressive fifth place showing in the 182 K Individual Road Race.

"I feel really great about winning (the gold medals), especially since I wasn't even suppose to be at the Road Championships in Manitoba. My focus however has been on track competition," said Hadfield.

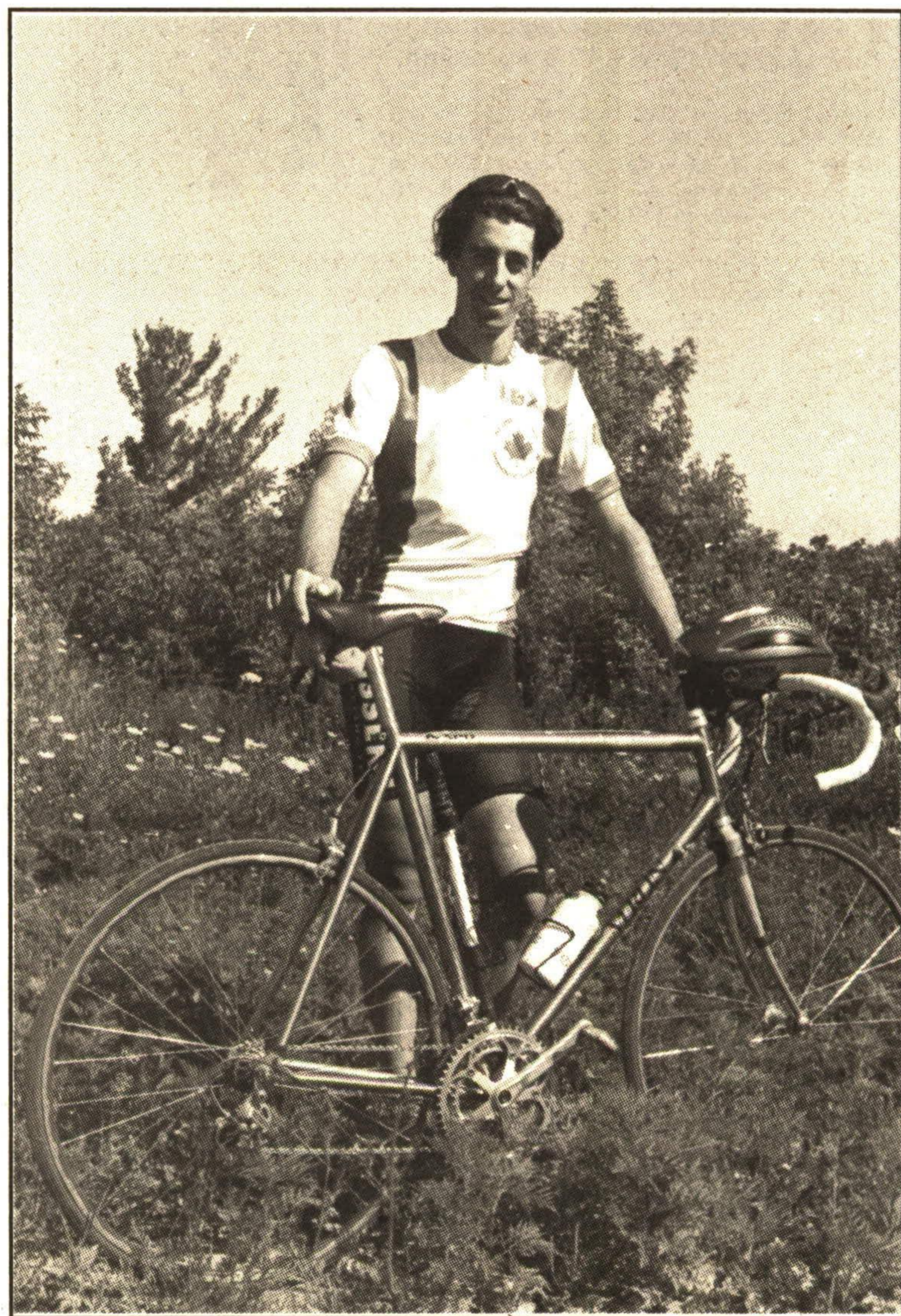
What makes these performances all the more remarkable is that Hadfield had suffered a leg injury early this spring that kept him from training until the end of April, which put him at a serious disadvantage over other competitive cyclists.

Once he recovered, he spent May and June in the United States with the Ontario Provincial Team training at Trexlertown in Allentown, Pennsylvania, competing against the best cyclist from North America and Europe every Friday night. Among those competing were several Olympic cyclists.

"Competing in the States is what made the difference in these recent events in Canada. Going up against the best in the world has helped me to improve."

Racing for the Kissena Cycling Club of New York City, Hadfield has turned in many outstanding showings on the U.S. circuit this season including a first place performance in 108 degree weather at the Farmers Trust Bank Classic in Lebanon, P.A. early last month.

Hadfield's love for cycling comes from his father



Acton cyclist Tim Hadfield has overcome the disappointment of missing the 1992 Olympic team. He captured a pair of gold medals at the Canadian Cycling Championships recently and is optimistic about his future.

Richard, who was a provincial cycling champion himself. Tim began the sport in 1985 on the local circuit and quickly progressed up to the provincial and national level just a few short years later.

"I use to go riding with my dad and his friends and I slowly started gaining more and more interest in the sport."

Hadfield had a championship season last year as well including first place showings at the Firecracker Criterium in Middletown, CT. and the Windsor Star Classic Invitational Sprint, two gold medal provincial titles in the 4000m Team Pursuit and the 25 km Madison and a silver medal in the 4000m Team Pursuit and a bronze in the Individual Pursuit at the National Championships.

"I think part of my success is that I started at a young age and that I've always had a good attitude and real desire to win."

On a disappointing note however, Hadfield placed third on the Olympic Trials Points Race in Germany last June and missed qualifying for the 1992 Olympic Summer Games in Barcelona, Spain by only two seconds.

"After the disappointment last year, I'm not focusing all my attention on the 1996 Olympic Summer Games or any one competition because there are so many big meets to improve your skills at throughout the year," explained Hadfield, a graduate of Oakville Trafalgar High School in Oakville and a resident of Acton since 1991.

Hadfield has competed in Holland, Belgium, and England as well.

He explains that while there is some money to be won on the U.S. circuit, his winnings usually just cover his equipment and travel expenses. He works as a mechanic

at Cycle Path in Oakville and enjoys sponsorship from various cycle shops in Halton and Peel Region.

"Right now I'm still an amateur but there are some athletes who can make a living out of this. You have to pay your dues to reach that level and I'd like to think that's what I am doing now."

He had planned on attending McMaster in the fall but may have to defer his plans for a year as his gold medal performances at the Nationals have now earned him a spot on the Canadian National Track Team which will be working towards the 1996 Olympic Summer Games in Atlanta. Hadfield left for training camp in Regina, Saskatchewan Wednesday morning.

In the not so distant future, Hadfield has also been selected to represent Canada at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, British Columbia, next summer, an event he is very much looking forward to.

His rise to the top has not come without incredible sacrifice though. Hadfield averages 80 to 100 kilometres every day and spends weeks and months at a time thousands of miles from his home, family and friends.

So why would a young man put so much effort into the sport.

"Winning races, for me it's the best feeling. There are so many competitors out there that you respect and it's great when they congratulate you for being the best."

