

Hockey squads take to the ice for new season

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Hundreds of young hockey lovers will pack their way into arenas in Georgetown and Acton this weekend for the beginning of the 1993-94 minor rep hockey season, one that promises to be as exciting as ever for Halton Hills players and fans alike.

Between 150 and 170 youths will be playing GMHA rep hockey this season on one of 10 hockey squads: either minor novice, major novice, minor atom, major atom, minor or major peewee, major bantam, minor and major midget or juvenile.

While the number of players in the rep organization has increase slightly over last year, the GMHA's total registration has more than 150 extra names for 1993-94.

"We're absolutely thrilled with

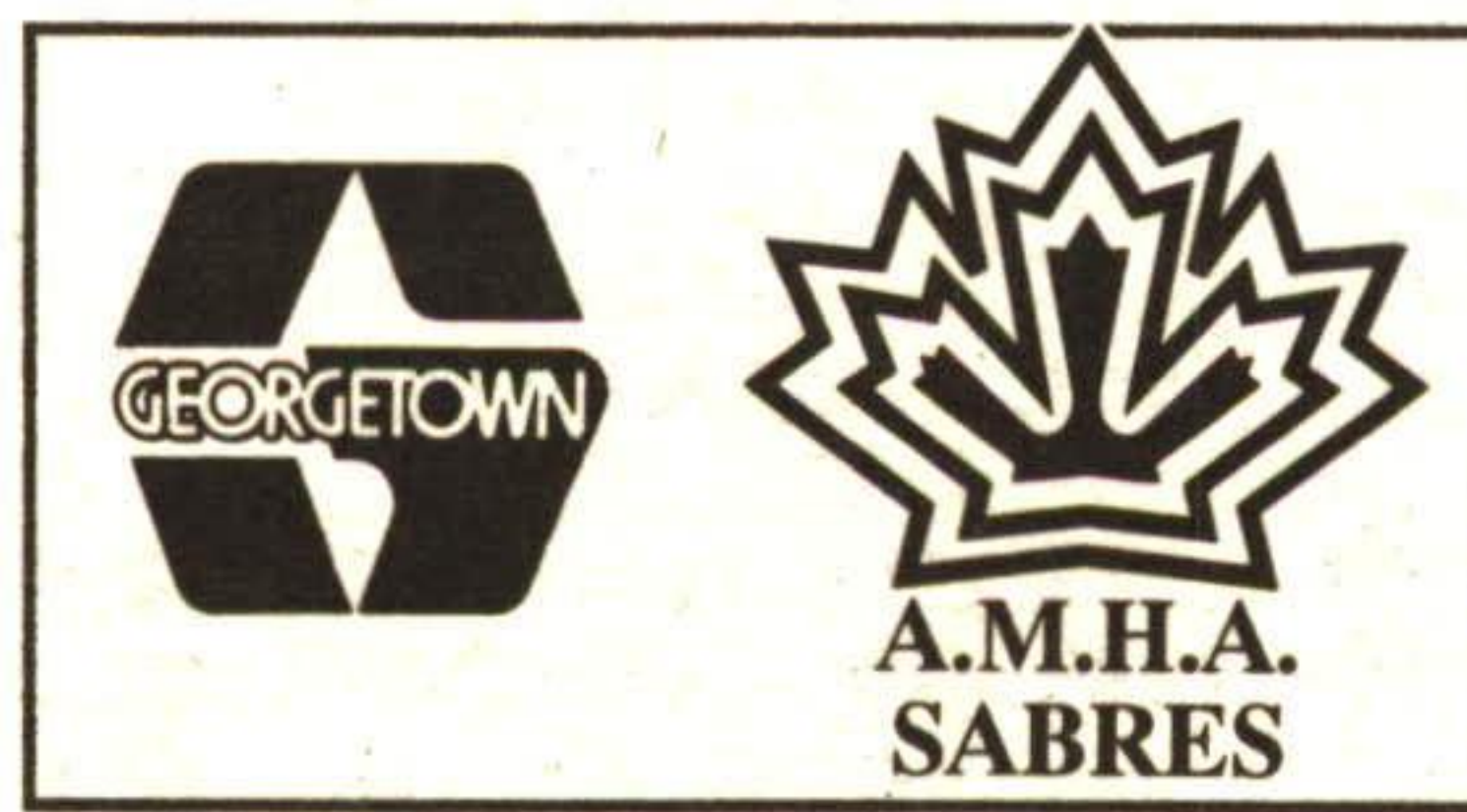
the increase. There seem to be a lot more players wanting to compete this season, particularly at the junior house-league level," said GMHA President Hal Pells.

Along with Pells, the Georgetown league will feature an 18-member executive staff this season which will include Carson Minish (Vice-President, Rep hockey), Gary Louth (Vice-President, House-league hockey), Jackie Hotham (Vice-President, Administration), Doug Spence (junior house-league director), Bill Maveal (senior house-league director), Martin Hardcastle (senior rep hockey director), Brian James (junior rep hockey director), Wendy Goodhew (secretary), Joanna Alchin (treasurer), Mary Kennedy (finance) and Wayne Smith (fundraising chairman).

The GMHA will be holding all its usual events this season including the exciting midget and bantam

invitational tournaments during the holidays. The midget tournament will be held January 2 to 9 while the bantam event is set for the March Break.

Unfortunately as it stands, with the OMHA stonewalled by the



CAHA this season, teams from the Metro Toronto Hockey League as well as those from the U.S. will be unable to compete at Georgetown tournaments.

"Things are very complicated right now between the OMHA and the CAHA, but it won't really affect

our league very much. We are going ahead with our own agenda for now," explained Pells.

Over in Acton, the rep teams will be gearing up for action this weekend at the Acton Community Centre. A total of 150 players on nine teams will be gunning for division and league titles this season.

"We won't be having a juvenile team this season, so our numbers are a little down," stated Acton Rep Hockey President Dave McIntyre.

The Acton league will feature two novice squads, two atom teams, two peewee teams, two bantam squads and one midget team.

Helping out McIntyre this season on the executive will be Robin Incoe (1st Vice-President), Steve Prentice (2nd Vice-President), Nicki Barnes (3rd Vice-President), Gord Chapman (treasurer), Donna Metcalfe (secretary), Jim Richman (equipment manager) and Clint

Peacock (referee-in-chief).

Of good news for Acton rep players, while the local Hub League was dismantled this summer because of the OMHA's refused entry into the CAHA, a new and improved Tri-County league has been formed which will mean better competition and shorter travel times for the local clubs.

Acton squads will face many new opponents including, Milton, Erin, Georgetown, Oakville, and Orangeville, along with the regulars from Fergus, Elora and Arthur.

"We may not win any titles this year, but we should be competitive. What's great for us about the move to the Tri-County league is that we fall in the middle of most of our opponents in terms of traveling distance," McIntyre explained.

"Things are looking good. I'm very optimistic about the 1993-94 season," said McIntyre.

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Bridge winners

Members of the Georgetown Bridge Club are well under way. The results for last Monday afternoon found Wynn Lansbell and Earl Ryder to be the top winners, Jack Kaarsemaker and George Sargent came in second and Cara Fairbridge and partner Karl Tobiasz followed in third place. The Monday prior winners were George Sargent and Jack Kaarsemaker in the number one spot, Elsie Whitham and Karl Tobiasz placed second and in the third place position were Cara Fairbridge and Norma Maynard.

Fall fitness programs

It's time to get into shape! Join one of the many Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department's fitness programs. There are programs being offered in both Acton and Georgetown areas, for both men and women. Choose any day of the week, Water Exercises, Countdown to Fitness, Dance to Fitness, Stretch and Swim, High Energy-Low Impact and Gentle Fitness. For more information call 873-2600, ext. 268.

Open house

The Georgetown Racquet Club will be holding an open house on Thursday evening, October 7, from 7 to 10 p.m. at their Armstrong Ave. facilities. Families are welcome to watch the squash exhibitions, and enjoy some refreshments.

Bowlers wanted

Evening and afternoon leagues are still accepting bowlers for the coming season. No experience is necessary. Call Georgetown Bowl at 877-9922 for more details.

Polar Chili Golf

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) Halton Peel District is seeking a volunteer chair for its Polar Chili Golf Tournament to be held in February 1994.

The Polar Chili event was developed in Akron, Ohio by Joe Spoonster in 1977. The event then raised \$1,000 to now where it raises over \$40,000. The tournament is 9 holes and a whole lot of fun. Anyone can play it. For more information on this and other exciting volunteer opportunities, please contact Josie Quinn at 416-275-5332.

Hawks edge football Rebels

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Late in the fourth quarter, deep in their opponents end - the Georgetown Rebels junior football squad were less than three minutes away from winning their season opener at Nielson Park when they ran into two overpowering forces, namely Loyola Hawks' tail-back Vince Sylvester and kicker Joe Knez.

Despite some solid defense, home field advantage and an exciting offensive surge in the third quarter, the Rebels just couldn't hold things together Wednesday afternoon and fell 10-8 to Loyola, whose senior squad also squeezed out a big 11-10 victory over the senior Rebels last Friday in Oakville.

However, a number of the junior Rebels showed a lot of promise in the season opener and the team should be tough to beat this year.

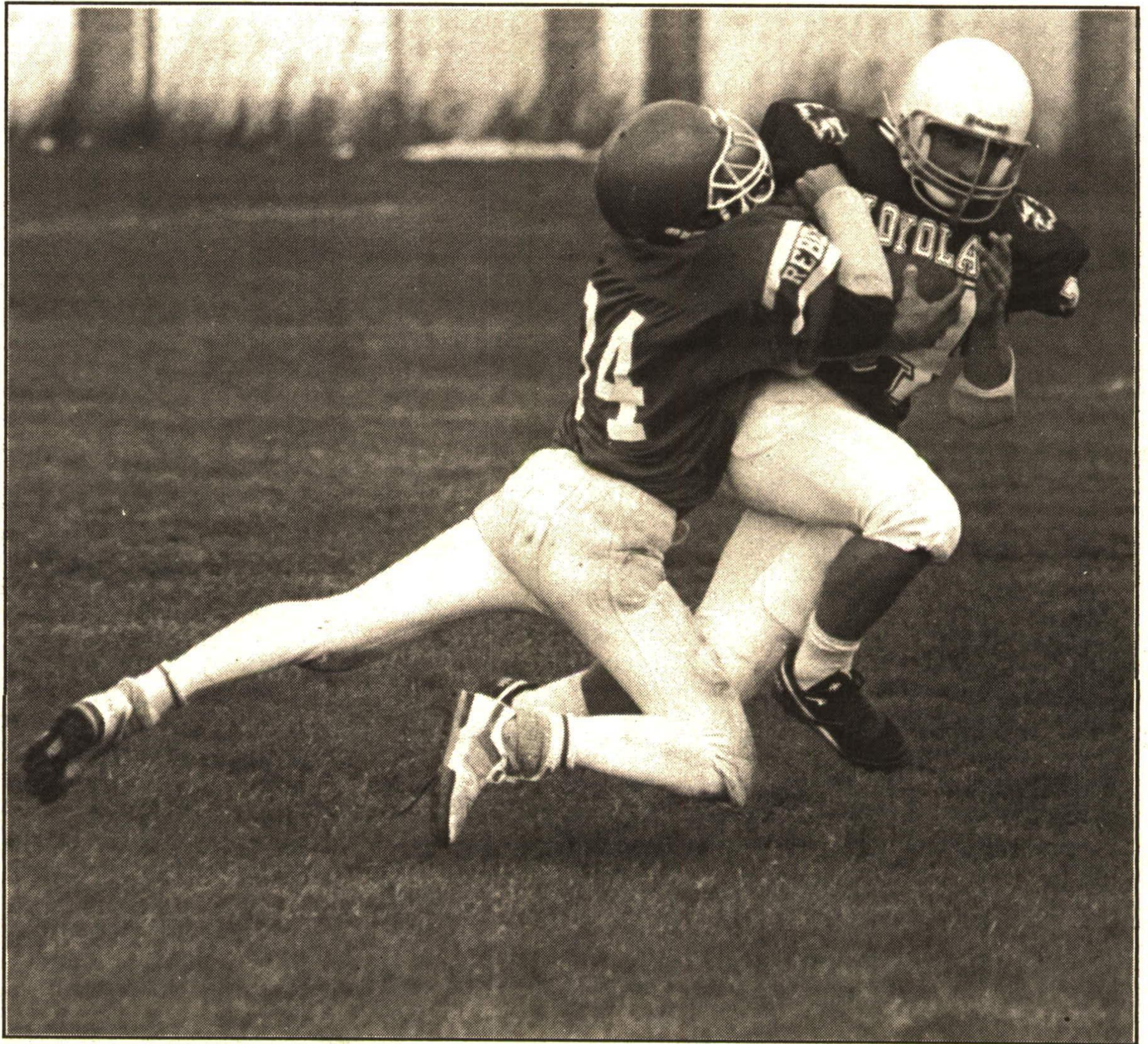
"It was a good game, we just got some bad breaks near the end," said Rebels head coach Fred Kotani, "Overall, our defense was very solid this week."

Wednesday's match-up between GDHS and Loyola held two full hours of excitement that included outstanding comebacks from both teams.

Down 7-0 after the first half, the Rebels' defensive unit played tight football and kept Loyola from moving the ball down field in second half action. Georgetown took possession in Loyola's end in the final seconds of the third quarter and put together a successful 25-yard drive which was capped off by quarter-back Geoff Wilson's hand-off to tail-back Scott Teeter, who made a five-yard touchdown run at the 11:51 mark to put his team on the scoreboard.

In a surprise move, Georgetown went for the two-point conversion and made the best of their opportunity when Wilson went wide to Paul Ruttimann, who rushed his way into the end-zone and put the Rebels up 8-7 with one quarter left to play.

Unfortunately for Georgetown, Loyola wasn't quite finished with their scoring and got themselves



Loyola's Vince Sylvester was just too fast for Georgetown District High School's junior Rebels as he scored the lone touchdown for Loyola in the first quarter of Wednesday's

game at Nielson field. The Rebels couldn't get that touchdown back in the final three quarters, dropping a 10-8 decision to the Hawks. TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

into field goal range in the dying minutes of play with over 60 yards of fantastic rushing by Vince Sylvester on three exciting plays. With five seconds to go, Hawks kicker Joe Knez launched a 25-yard field goal that stayed just two inches inside the right goal post for a Loyola victory.

Loyola's lone touchdown came in the first quarter when quarter-back Rob Majic threw a 15-yard TD pass

to Sylvester. Knez kicked the extra point for the Hawks.

Rebels quarter-back Geoff Wilson had a strong performance Wednesday with over half a dozen big completions in the second half and many other good passes that slipped out of his receivers' hands in the first half.

Also turning in solid outings for Georgetown were Paul Ruttimann, Dave Welburn, Jeff Pringle, Matt

Hamp, Jamie Bottomley and linebacker Paul Sandifer - who was the Rebels' defensive star of the game with some great tackles as well as an outstanding 70-yard interception run in the fourth quarter.

The junior Rebels' next game is Thursday against St. Thomas Aquinas in Oakville. The team's next home stand is Wednesday, October 13 at 3:30 p.m. at the GDHS field against T.A. Blakelock Tigers.

Grace competes in triathlon events

Triathlon competitor John Grace said he competed in the last triathlon of the year last month in Gravenhurst.

He came fifth in his age category (40 to 44 years) and 63rd out of 700.

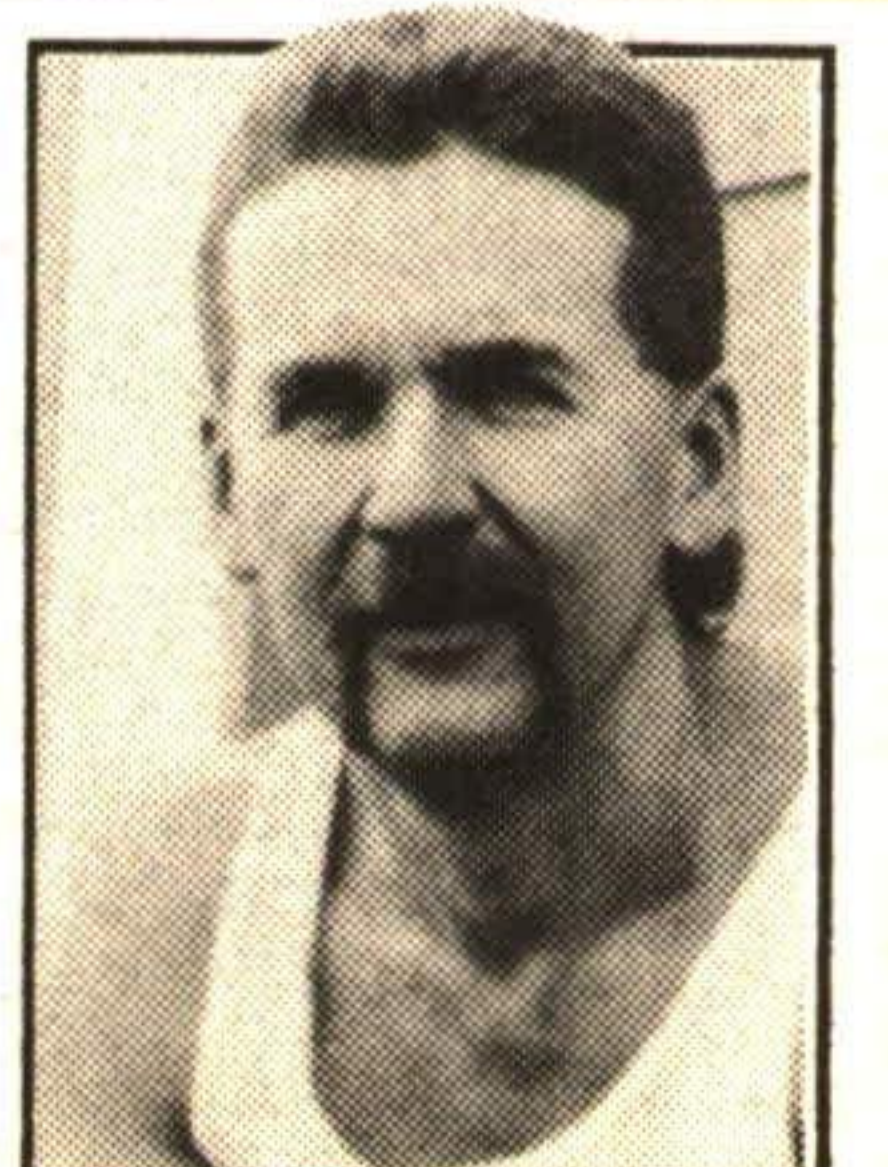
In the world competitor in England on August 22, Grace said he was fifth among the Canadian competitors and 43rd in his age group of 140. He swam

1.5 kms, cycled 43 kms and ran 10 kms in this race in two hours 20 minutes and 38 seconds. His best time so far is two hours, six minutes, but the weather conditions were poor in England.

Grace is already gearing up for next year, and will be competing in a couple of duathelons, which are running, cycling and then running again, and will

also be cross-country running this year.

Grace said he would like to thank sponsors NSK Bearing, Georgetown Chrysler, Fitness Technique, the Georgetown Runners, Milton Master Swim Club and Bolle Glasses, who all chipped in some money, equipment or assistance to help him in his competitions this year.



JOHN GRACE