

Acton Rams KO Gators in novice lacrosse championships

The Georgetown "Thurston Machine" Gators knocked off a number of big-city opponents last weekend at the Ontario Novice "C" Lacrosse Championships in Guelph, but in the end were eliminated by their own North Halton neighbors—the Acton Rams.

The Gators started out in a blaze of glory but had little offensive fire-power left for

their fourth round battle with Acton. As a result, they were doubled up 8-4 and knocked out of championship contention.

Matt Velten tallied twice in Georgetown's final game while Dan Sliastas and Travis Bland added singles. Tim Walinga drew a pair of assists and Adam McKnight had a single helper.

Velten collected four goals

and one assist and was only the fourth leading scorer in Georgetown's 26-4 whipping of Hamilton's second entry team in opening round action.

Leading the scoring parade was Sliastas with eight goals and six assists. Close behind was Bland with seven markers and three helpers. Walinga pumped in four goals and assisted on five others while Jason

McClelland turned a hat-trick and also drew three assists. Kirk Green added four assists.

In a much closer second match, Georgetown needed overtime to dispose of Scarborough 6-5. They led by as much as three goals early on but allowed Scarborough to rally in the third.

McKnight, Walinga, Sliastas, McClelland, Reid Hall and Kirk

Green all scored singles while Walinga, Sliastas and McClelland drew helpers.

Their third-round victim were from Peterborough, who went down in an 11-7 final. Sliastas and Walinga anchored the win with four goals each, with singles coming from Green, McClelland and Velten.

Bland counted three assists and Green posted two.

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Lorie Kane of Charlottetown, P.E.I. was all smiles Wednesday afternoon at Blue Springs Golf Course in Acton where she was presented with the CPGA Women's championship title by

CPGA President Jim Connolly. Kane had a two-under-par total over the two-day event, and stopped defending champion Nancy Harvey from three-peat-ing.

Photo by Steve LeBlanc

At CPGA ladies championship

Kane blows away the competition

By STEVE LEBLANC
Special

Lorie Kane of Charlottetown, P.E.I. said she wasn't bothered by the changing wind directions this week at Blue Springs Golf Course in Acton—but, after all, she is an 'islander'.

Windy conditions may just have given her the edge she needed during the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association women's championship held Tuesday and Wednesday. Either

way, she managed a 6-under-par 66 in Wednesday's final round for a 142 total to capture this year's title and stop defending champion Nancy Harvey's three-peat bid.

"The wind was coming from opposite directions each day, but being an islander was probably an advantage to me," said Kane, 31 who was the lone golfer to finish under par.

Kane pulled off a strong second-round comeback, after a four-over-par 76 showing on opening day. She had three birdies on the front nine Wednesday and only one bogey for the entire round.

As a result, she managed to trim her 1995 efforts by four strokes, the same margin she held over this year's runner-up Sharon Smith of Burlington who went 74-72 for a 146 total.

Kane received a cheque for \$5,400 and hardy congratulations from two-time winner Harvey. The Swift Current, Saskatchewan native ended up seven strokes back for fourth spot while Windsor's Joye McAvoy shot a 148 for third place.

Blue Springs' golf pro Shelley Woolner represented Acton. While not in contention for purse money this time around, she did shoot a solid 41 on the front nine Wednesday morning and wound up with a 180 total.

One of the younger participants at the championship this week was 23-year-old Georgetown native Christine Carter, who was one stroke back of Woolner in her first major tournament.

"I'm not really that disappointed with my performance, I basically came in it for the experience," said Carter.

MPP Chudleigh to host golf tourney

The inaugural Ted Chudleigh Charity Golf Tournament will be held Monday, Sept. 16 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Georgetown, Acton and Milton Senior Centres.

Registration is \$125 plus GST for golf and an additional \$35 plus GST for the steak

dinner to follow the tourney. Companies can sponsor a hole for \$100. Registration forms, including golfer or company's name, contact (if company), address, phone and fax numbers, can be mailed to Ted Chudleigh Charity Golf Tournament, 192 Main St. East, Suite 200, Milton L9T 1N8 or fax it to 905-878-5144.

Georgetown driver finds winner's circle

By STEVE LEBLANC
Special

Georgetown's Tim Murdock made his way to victory lane last Friday night at Ransomville Speedway in New York.

The 29-year-old race car driver negotiated the 35-lap course to win the 358 Dirt Modified Division feature race. Driving his Bricknell Racing Products (BRP) vehicle, equipped with a small block Chevy engine, Murdock bested well-known competitors Pete Bricknell, Allan Johnson and Danny Johnson to win his first feature race this season.

"I started in the sixth position spot and made my way to the front of the pack about midway through the race," he recalled. "I'd say I won by about a full car length."

Murdock's recent efforts may gain him some exposure on This Week on Dirt, a long-running TV racing program recently picked up by the FOX network. It airs Sunday nights at 11 p.m.

"Ransomville is one of the places they tape races from," said Murdock, who works as a

mechanic at Armstrong Garage.

While this is his first feature triumph of 1996, winning is nothing new for Murdock—who has been a solid competitor at Ransomville for six years.

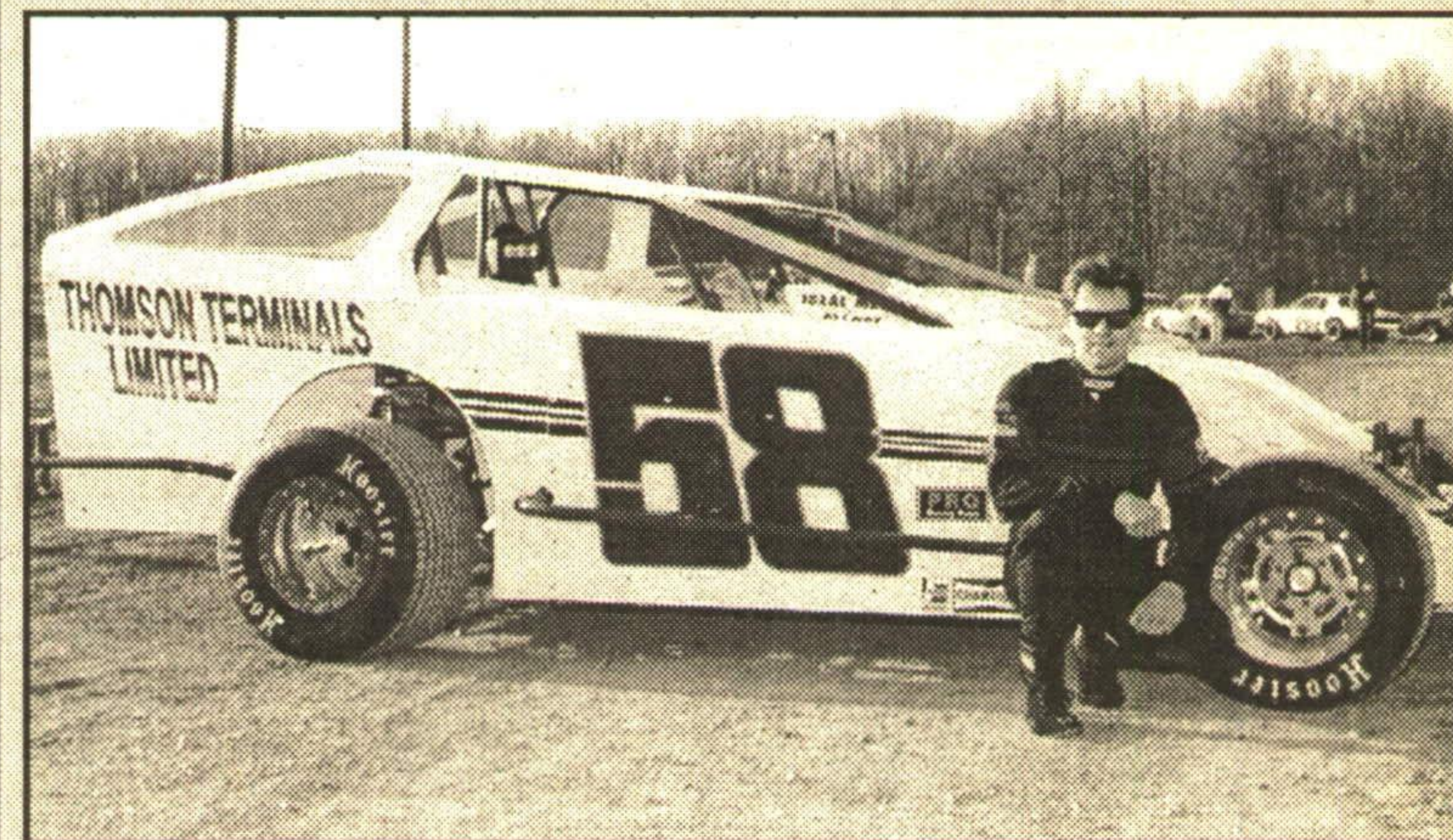
He won a total of 10 features in the Sportsmen's Division three years ago and went on to take rookie of the year honors in the modified division in 1994. In addition to last weekend's victory, he has scored third and fifth-place finishes this season.

He credits an expert crew, comprised of Dave Armstrong, Craig Jay and Art Bull, with helping him gain success over the years.

"Car preparation is a big part of racing and I've got a great crew," he added.

He is sponsored by Armstrong Garage, Thomson Terminal Ltd. and Speyside Carstar Collision while his vehicle was lettered by Transform Silkscreen.

Murdock said his main goal this year was to win at least one feature race. With an eighth-place standing in the point total race and just a few weekends left in the season, he will likely meet his other goal of finishing in the top 10.



Tim Murdock has been showcasing his race car driving talents south of the border for six years now, at Ransomville Speedway in New York. Last Friday the 29-year-old Georgetown native won the feature race in his 358 Dirt Modified Division.