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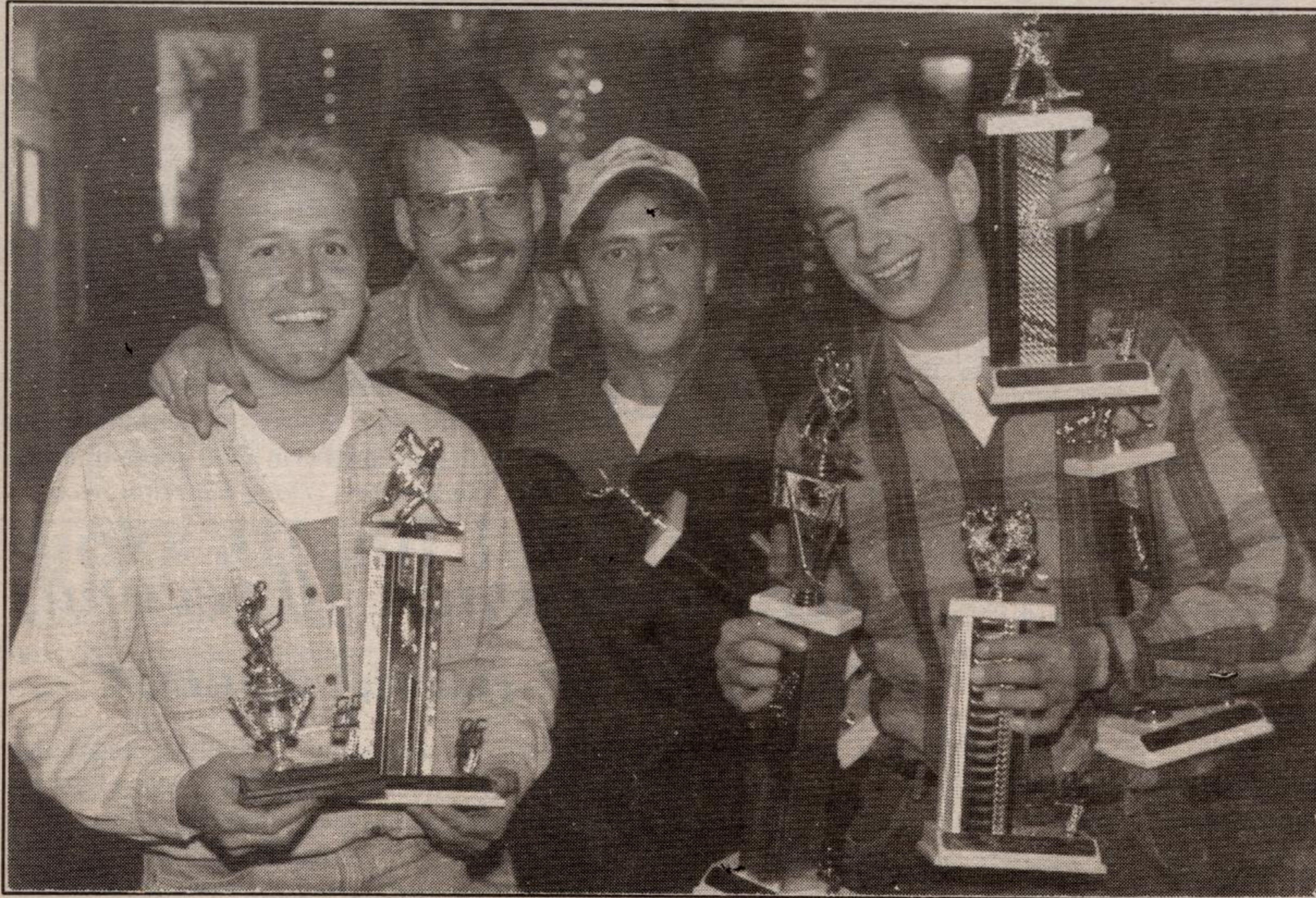
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**INDUSTRIAL INDIVIDUAL WINNERS:** The Acton Men's Industrial Hockey League handed out its 1994-95 hardware on Saturday evening during an awards ceremony at Four Seasons Restaurant. Copping individual awards were, from left, John Beattie (rookie of the year), Colin Brace, wearing cap (recipient of John McCutcheon Memorial trophy for best defenceman) and Jeff "Soupbone" Koprowski (most points). (Tony Rouse photo)

## Redmen keeper says Seniors have to be more aggressive

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Acton Tanner

Last Wednesday was a learning experience for rookie Redmen keeper Desiree Barrett, who played her first game of soccer against Appleby College.

She learned how to lose, learned that she must be more aggressive in coming out of her net to challenge shooters and learned that she might face lots of shots, courtesy of a mediocre defence.

"(Sweeper) Shondra Stroud did a really good job. It was like having a second goalie," Barrett, 17, praised of her teammate after allowing two goals in her first-half appearance. "But the other side is pretty weak. Most of the team sits back more than it should."

Barrett, though, appeared satisfied with her play in the Senior Redmen's 5-0 season-opening home loss, despite yielding a soft second goal from outside the 18-metre box.

"The ball slipped through my hands and I fumbled it. And I was screened on the first goal," said Barrett, a Grade 12 student who decided to take up soccer after watching her friend, Paula Hardy, play last summer. "I didn't play the second goal as tough as I should."

Partly because she didn't get down quick enough to handle the wet ball.

"It was fun," Barrett said of the game, played in gusty winds and intermittent rain under threatening skies. "It's just that I don't like

playing in the wind. I can never tell where the ball is going. I find I do a lot better at practice."

"She fought the ball in the first half," added Redmen coach Gary Crocker. "Her instincts tell her not to use her hands, but to kick the ball away. And not getting down comes with experience."

"She kicked the ball better today than against Georgetown (exhibition loss two weeks ago). I'm going to keep giving her lots of work."

The home side was unable to grab control of the ball for most of the game, entering the Appleby zone for only 30-second to one minute intervals a handful of times.

And while they came out hustling to start the second half, the Redmen were unable to mount any sort of respectable attack, thanks to poor ball control and futile passing.

"It's the same problem," sighed

Crocker, whose Redmen have scored a single goal in five games, including four exhibition matches. "There was always someone hustling for the ball, but when we got it, we gave it back to them. It's hard to score when you're chasing the ball all the time."

After Barrett exited, Sheila Bapooji misjudged the height of the ball on a bounce and didn't connect. The ball quickly found its way onto the foot of an opponent who buried it on the ground to the left side past relief goalie Natalie Tuitman to make it 3-0.

Crocker was also impressed with the play of Jen Goy and Jackie Jahn. However, Goy didn't receive enough passes from her teammates to make an impact. Of his rookie Jahn, Crocker says her ball skills are improving each time she steps on the field.

The Redmen host E.C. Drury today (Wednesday) at 3:30 pm.

### Spring training for kids!

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department is presenting a one-day spring training camp for budding Blue Jays.

This one day event — at Acton High on May 6 — provides players with a great pre-summer warm up on the basics.

Hitting, throwing, catching, running and game strategies will

be covered during the four-and-a-half hour session with an emphasis on good sportsmanship.

Experienced coaches and players lead this program.

Call the Recreation hotline at 873-2600, ext. 275 for more information.

The \$15 camp is for 7 to 12-year-olds and runs from 9:30 am to 2 pm.

## Long jumper Edwards rejected by Tulane U.

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Even his Canadian Junior long jump champion standing and Student Aptitude Test (SAT) score that surpassed most U.S. university admission requirements didn't make Tulane University officials jump at the chance to snatch Acton's Brent Edwards.

The Louisiana school even went as far as offering the 20-year-old a four-year track scholarship worth \$104,000US.

But in the end, the Tulane admission committee looked more seriously at his performance in the classroom. They overlooked his five years of high school attendance compared to the four-year U.S. requirement when stacked up against a couple of grades below 60 per cent or a failure on the U.S. grade-point system.

"I know my marks were scraping the borderline level, but I thought I would get in," says Edward. "I'm a little disappointed, but maybe it's for the best."

Tulane's recruiting coach Andrew Alden, who took a liking to Edwards' ability during a phone call in November, told the latter he's still interested in having him at the school. Edwards was told to send him clips and video of any meets he competes in and to stay in touch via phone.

Edwards adds he's still confi-

dent he'll end up at Tulane — which boasts a State champion and seven athletes in the top-10 in their class — in the future.

However, he'll likely end up at one of U of T, Western or McMaster University to study phys-ed and mathematics as a double major in the meantime.

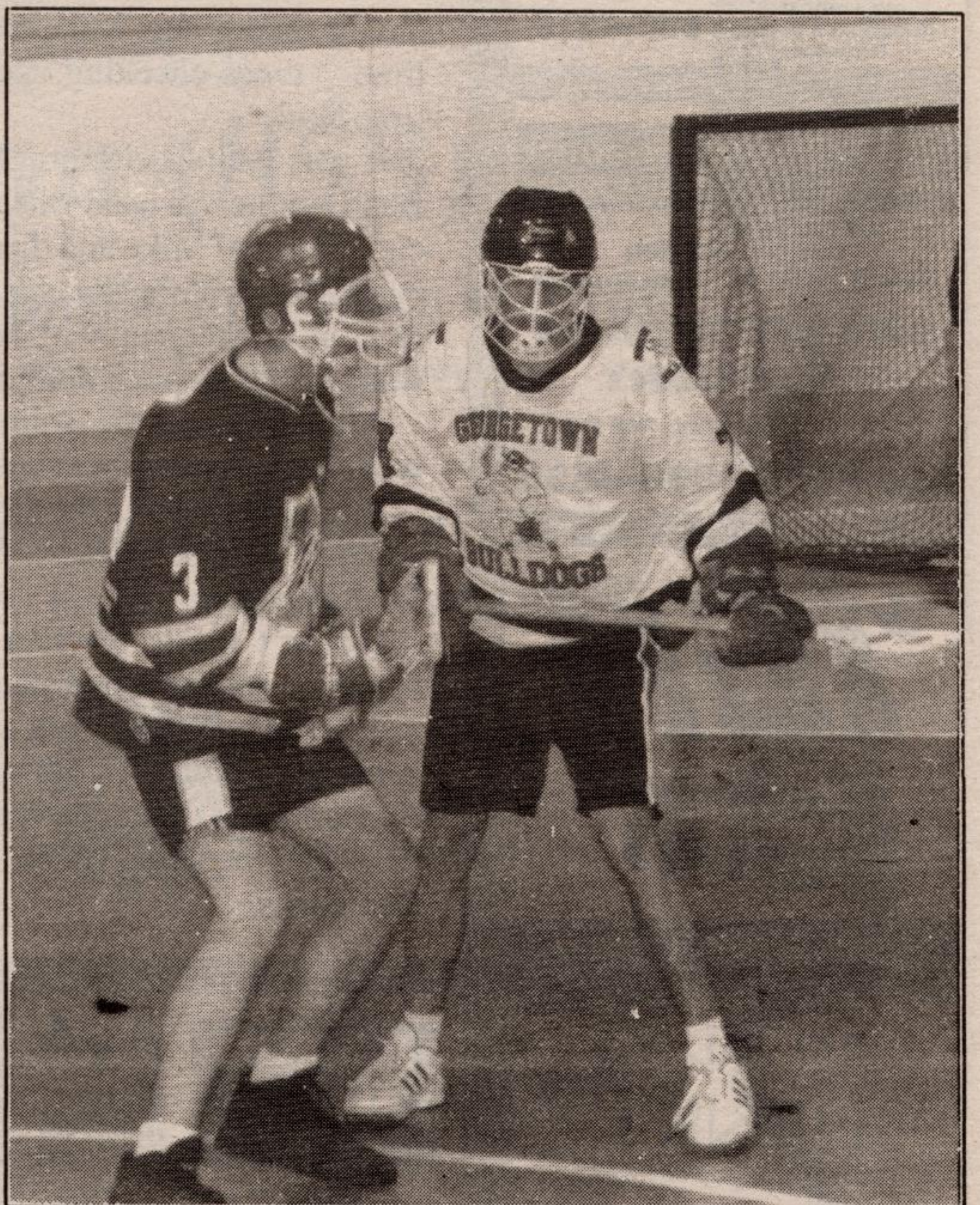
Edwards has already turned down offers from about eight American schools, including Northern Arizona, University of New Orleans, Syracuse University, Southwestern Louisiana and Mississippi, because of their low-standing academically or their geographical location.

Although he's holding down a full-time job, the 6-foot, 176-pound athlete has been training twice a week for the last couple of months and will step it up to three times starting this week.

His goal? To participate in the World Student Games in Japan in late June. As long as Edwards is pre-registered at a school by the meet, he can go.

"My coach, Carl Georgevski wants me at U of T, my brother Brian is at Western and my cousin goes to Mac," Edwards, Ontario's junior high jump champ, explains.

"I'm not ready to give up and try anywhere. I've promised others and myself that I'm going to have a big year ... believe me, I'll be back."



**BLANKET COVERAGE:** Acton's Steve Turkosz keeps an eye on a Mimico Mountaineer opponent during the Georgetown Bulldogs lacrosse squad's exhibition match last Wednesday at the Acton arena. Acton dropped the Jr. B game 11-5. (Eve Martin photo)