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Unselfish Hadfield bows to mates at CHIN race

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The Acton Tanner

Not feeling in top racing form on Saturday, Tim Hadfield let his teammates take charge.

The Acton cyclist tucked himself in a pack of riders in order to slow down the front runners in the annual CHIN International Pro-Am Cycling race at the CHIN International Picnic at Exhibition Place in Toronto.

That bit of strategy pushed his Canadian national team mates, Eric Wohlberg and Colin Davidson, to the forefront for a 1-2 finish, while Hadfield, 23, settled for 15th.

"I didn't do as well as I wanted, but I was working for the team win," says Hadfield, who finished second in last year's CHIN race, his first after breaking the iliac crest in his left hip and six ribs during a race in Japan. "As long as one of us wins, it's good for all of us."

Hadfield says the weekend event — which attracted 120 riders — was comprised mostly of local athletes. He adds it paled in comparison to the high level of competition he faced the last six weeks while racing in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Quebec.

"It was a lower level of racing for us," Hadfield, speaking on behalf of Wohlberg and Davidson, notes. "A lot of the guys were racing for fun, so it's easier for us to be aggressive in our riding."

"When you're in the big races (in the States) you're more on the defensive and work off what the pros are doing."

This weekend, Hadfield will be racing in New York before heading to Allentown, Pennsylvania for "specific training" and racing until the end of this month.

"I think my form is finally coming around. Keeping my

morale up has been challenging," he explains. "It's been a long season not getting any results."

However, that trend could be changing.

Participating in the provincial time trial championships in Hamilton on Sunday, Hadfield narrowly missed a gold medal finish, clipped by two seconds at the line by Jeff Sharp.

The local rider stopped the clock at 54 minutes for the 40-kilometre event.

"It would be nice to be the guy two seconds ahead, because you're so close to first that you can smell it," said a satisfied Hadfield. "I don't feel disappointed because I finished second, but I'm not super happy because I didn't win."

The Hamilton course will be the site of the Canadian national event in late August.

McKeown takes triple

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Men's High Triples: George Williams, 522; Wilmer Davidson, 495; Ross Smart, 465; Frank Thompson, 438.

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Ryan Kinsey, 71.



PROVINCIAL QUALIFIERS!

Acton Aqua Duck swim coach Gerry Ockenden presented Ontario age group championship qualifier plaques to these members at the recent year-end awards ceremony at McKenzie-Smith. From left: Julie Pliotas, Jaime MacDonald and Gareth Lichty (Doug Harrison photo)

In the swim of things!

The Department of Recreation and Parks is encouraging safe swimming this summer and they're offering some bargains as well.

There will be no lifeguards at Fairy Lake this summer. And since the bacteria count might also provide a risk, the Halton Region Health Dept. has opened a 'Beach Hotline,' at 853-0501.

Testing for E-Coli bacteria is done weekly through the summer.

If you want supervised swims, the wading pool at Prospect Park is open daily from 1:30 to 4 pm, July 3 to Aug. 28. New is the nominal fee of \$1 per swimmer.

The Acton Indoor Pool has recreational swimming from 2 to 4 pm daily, at a cost of \$1.30 for youths and seniors, \$2.35 for adults, or \$5.85 for a family.

They also have membership passes available for the summer that will gain entry to any pools in Acton or Georgetown. A one-month pass costs \$20.33 for youths and seniors, \$38.52 for adults, or \$53.98 for families.

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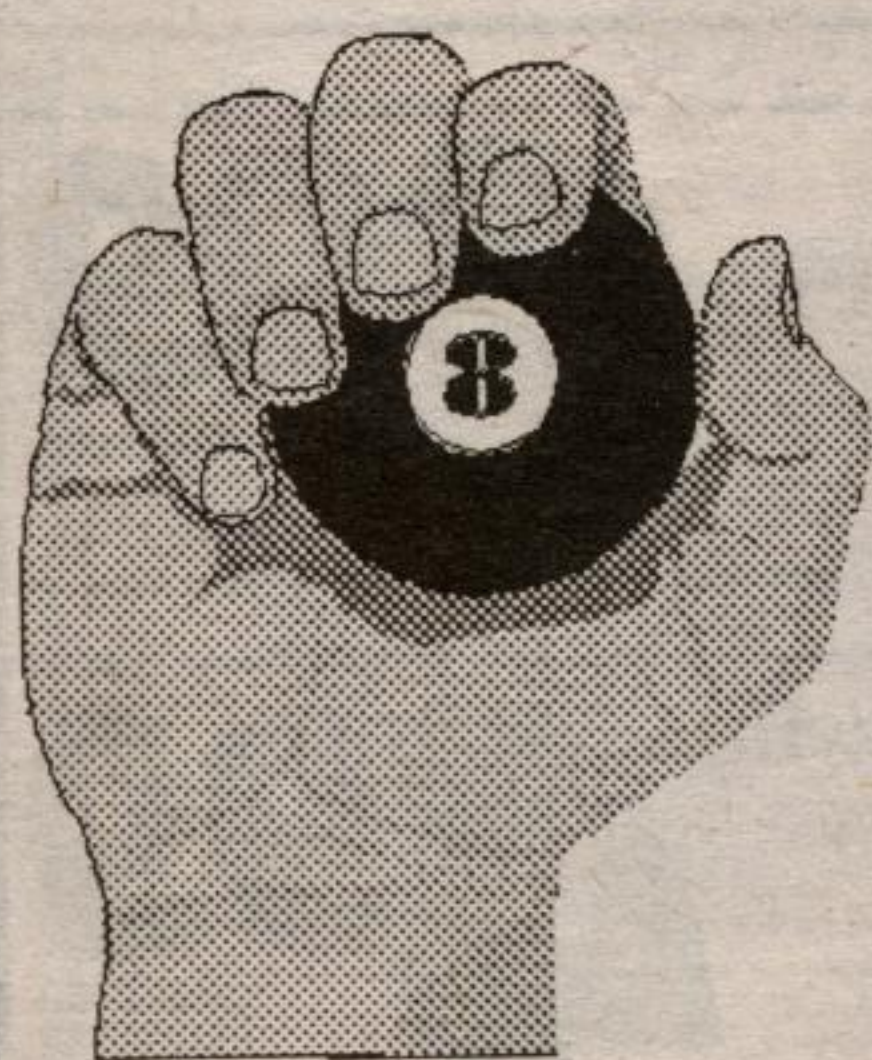
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