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Shooters add to lead

The Pro Shooters Snipers increased their lead atop the Halton Hills Ball Hockey League to three points last week with a 6-2 win over second place Royal Pizzeria Kings. The Snipers have a record of 6-1-2 compared to the Kings who are 5-3-1. In the week's other game, the Fitzwhiskey Mad Dogs spanked Sun View Sales Agency 6-1. The Mad Dogs are 4-3-2, Sun View is 0-8-1.

Fitness school openings

There are still openings for the 16th annual Georgetown Sports and Fitness School. The school will run in both Georgetown and Acton during the weeks of August 14-18 and 21-25. For registration information, contact either Grant Clatworthy at 846-1460 or Bob McKay at 853-3596.

Golf tourney

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce is holding its Golf Day at Blue Springs Golf Club Monday, August 14. Cost of golf and dinner is \$100, dinner only \$35. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 877-7119 for more information.

Fall tryouts

Georgetown Baseball Association parents and players are reminded that Georgetown Eagles try-outs for the 1996 season begin the week of September 11. The try-outs are open to all players within the GBA. Applications to manage the Eagles must be received by August 28. This year's annual general meeting is scheduled for October 2 at the Cultural Centre.

Outdoor pool open

The Dick Licata outdoor pool in Georgetown is open for the summer until August 27. Public swims from 2 to 4 p.m. daily.

Wading pool

Prospect Park in Acton has a heated wading pool for youngsters? Only two feet deep at the deepest end, the pool is great for young children to cool off on hot summer days and become comfortable in the water. Operating daily, 1:30 to 4 p.m., until August 27. Admission is \$1.

Boat Rentals

Enjoy Fairy Lake in Acton's Prospect Park by renting a canoe or paddleboat. Lifejackets are provided. Saturday and Sunday, July 8 to August 27, 1:30-4 p.m. Call the Recreation and Parks Department at 873-2600, ext. 276 for more information.

Lawn bowling event

A seniors' lawn bowling tournament will be held at the Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club on August 17 at 1:30 p.m. Open to anyone 55 years of age and up. Register in advance as teams of three people. Cost is \$3/person, plus \$1 extra if you are not a member of the Ontario Lawn Bowls. For more information, call Norris Hobbs at 877-1464 or register at the Civic Centre or Lawn Bowling Club.



Too hot to handle...

A Grays Under Pressure batter takes a pitch in a recent Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff League game against Tickle the Ivories at the Georgetown Fairgrounds, but the catcher found the sphere a little slippery. Tickle the Ivories claimed a 13-6 victory on this occasion. A total of 14 teams battle it out each week.

Photo by PAUL FERREIRA

Georgetown ladies win soccer battle by downing aggressive Acton squad

Halton Hills bragging rights were on the line last Monday when Georgetown M&M Pro Sports ladies soccer team hosted an aggressive Acton team.

The women from Leathertown came out strong,

but Georgetown slowly took control and built a 3-0 first-half lead on goals by Fiona Allan (2) and Sandy Rahn.

Georgetown continued its domination in the second half with three more goals, one each by Becky Dobbin, Julie

Ross and Jette Wiborg. The final score was 6-0.

Georgetown assists were credited to Sheri Nairn (2), Allan, Kathy Billard and Dobbin. Barbara Skok and Diana Savage chipped in with fine performances.

Blue Springs set to host Canada's top women golfers

By PAUL FERREIRA

Special to The Independent/Free Press

Some of the best Canadian women golfers will be in Acton this week for the ninth annual Sawmill Creek Wines CPGA Women's Championship.

The tournament, featuring a field of more than 50 professionals from across Canada and the United States including several from the LPGA tour, will be held at the Blue Springs Golf and Country Club Tuesday and Wednesday. The total purse is \$20,000 with the winner receiving \$3,000.

Nancy Harvey, a native of Saskatchewan and LPGA tour player, returns to defend her title. Last year, Harvey captured her first CPGA championship with rounds of 70 and 67 at the Aurora Highlands Golf Club.

Harvey, 33, has been a member of the LPGA since 1988. Last year she took part in 24 LPGA tournaments and earned more than \$35,500. The Arizona resident had two top-15 finishes.

Last year's CPGA runner-up, Chris Greatrex of Vancouver, is also back to take another run at the title. Greatrex, 31, joined the LPGA tour in 1994. Before that, she was a club pro for eight years.

Harvey and Greatrex will be challenged by three other LPGA veterans.

Karin Mundinger of Toronto has been on the LPGA tour for a decade. Prior to joining the tour, the 35-year-old Mundinger won six collegiate titles while attending Ohio State University. She has won close to \$60,000 in her LPGA career.

Judy Sams, 37, is another Ohio State grad. Sams, a native of Toronto who now lives in Florida, has won more than \$125,000 since joining the LPGA tour in 1982. Her best LPGA finish was a second at the 1983 Rail Charity Classic.

Laura Witvoet, 33, turned pro in 1988 and has competed on the LPGA tour since 1993. The Alberta native's low career round was a 69 at last year's Oldsmobile Classic.

Two Acton golfers will take part in the tournament. Shelley Woolner, the club pro at Blue Springs, will be joined by Susan Buckley, a Blue Springs associate pro.

They will face a par-72, 6,155-yard Blue Springs course that should provide a stiff challenge with its numerous elevation changes and quick greens. It is the first time that Blue Springs has hosted the tournament.

The first round starts at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday. The final round begins at the same time Wednesday.

Matt Brain crowned Ontario champion

By PAUL FERREIRA

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Ten different events over two days. Throw in some unfavorable weather conditions and you have the perfect recipe for a gruelling decathlon.

Matt Brain overcame those hurdles recently to claim first in the decathlon at the Ontario junior track and field championships.

"It was really sweltering and humid. Because of the heat, it was exhausting," says the 18-year-old Georgetown resident, adding that the conditions forced competitors to abandon any hope of achieving high scores and instead focus on just placing well.

As it turned out, Brain was the best at following that strategy, but it wasn't without some rough moments.

In the opening event, the 100 metres, he got off to a poor start and found himself trailing badly in the point totals. It brought back memories from last year, when Brain had to pull out of the competition due to a hip injury suffered in the 100 metres.

However, this time he was determined to rebound. "I slowly crept my way back," he says. "I finally pulled into first after the ninth event."

From there, he hung on for the win and guaranteed himself a trip to British Columbia for the Canadian junior track championships later this month.

It could also lead to another, more exotic voyage. The top two in B.C. will advance to the junior Pan-American championships in Chile in early September.

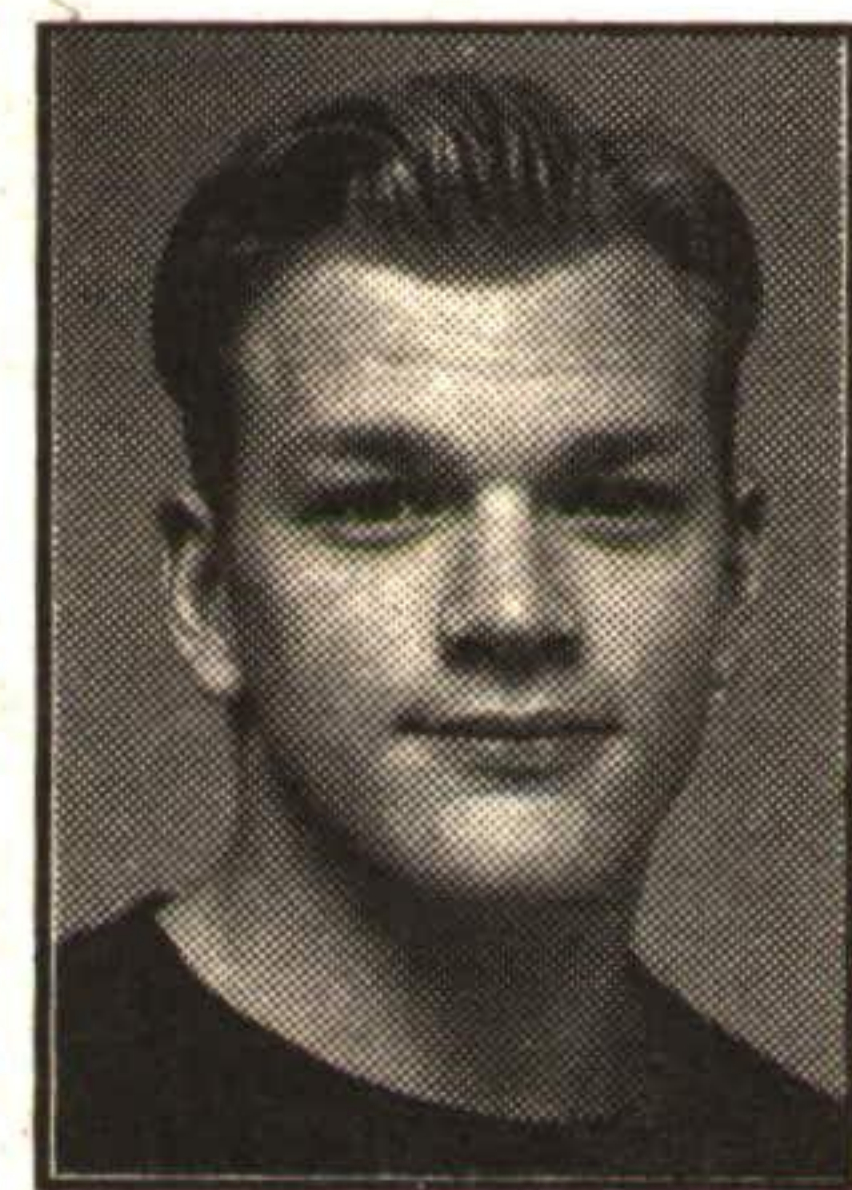
"The fact that Brian has made it this far is quite an accomplishment and a testament to his athletic ability."

In Georgetown, training facilities for a decathlete are not ideal. But, the Guelph track club member makes the best of it.

"I just try and keep my strength and fundamentals up," he says, explaining the he runs each day and lifts weights three times a week.

A week before important meets, he heads to York University to work on specific events, such as the pole vault. Even at York, he works with little or no coaching supervision.

It is that type of work ethic that helped land Brain an athletic scholarship at Sam Houston State University in Texas. With the coaching and facilities available at the school, he can see himself "getting a jump on my point totals" and improving in the track events, an admitted weakness.



MATT BRAIN