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## Jr. A roller hockey comes to town Everyone will be gunning for the Georgetown Wolfpack

There's a new game rolling into town. The Georgetown Wolfpack, a Jr. A roller hockey team, will play out of the Alcott Arena this summer.

The Major Jr. A Roller Hockey team is being brought here by Paul Mintha, who started up the roller hockey house league program in Georgetown two years ago. After playing in Scarborough the past two years, the team is moving to Georgetown after Mintha arranged sponsorships with Charley FitzWhiskey's and Galvcast.

The Wolfpack enter their first season in town as the defending champions after defeating Niagara in the Walter Gretzky Cup final. That means everyone in the 14-team, two-conference league will have their sights set on the Wolfpack this season.

"They can gun for us all they want," said Frank Tullio, a defenceman for the Caledon Canadians in the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League, "they're still not going to beat us."

Mintha is a little more cautious in his optimism. He said the league's profile is growing and teams have added Ontario Hockey League players to make a run at the championship. Among those recruited for the coming season are the Sault Ste. Marie's Adam Nittel (Kitchener), London's Tom Kostopoulos (Mississauga) and Barrie's Michael Henrich (York Region).

Not to be outdone, the Wolfpack have

added Sudbury Wolves' defenceman Kevin Beaumont, whose brother Jason Beaumont also plays on the team.

Defence won't be a big priority in the offence-oriented game, though.

"It's true run and gun hockey," Mintha said.

"We guarantee the fans excitement if they come out and watch," said Mike Farrugia, a 40-goal scorer with the Wolfpack last season.

The team will play an 18-game season with the home opener set for Saturday, May 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena.

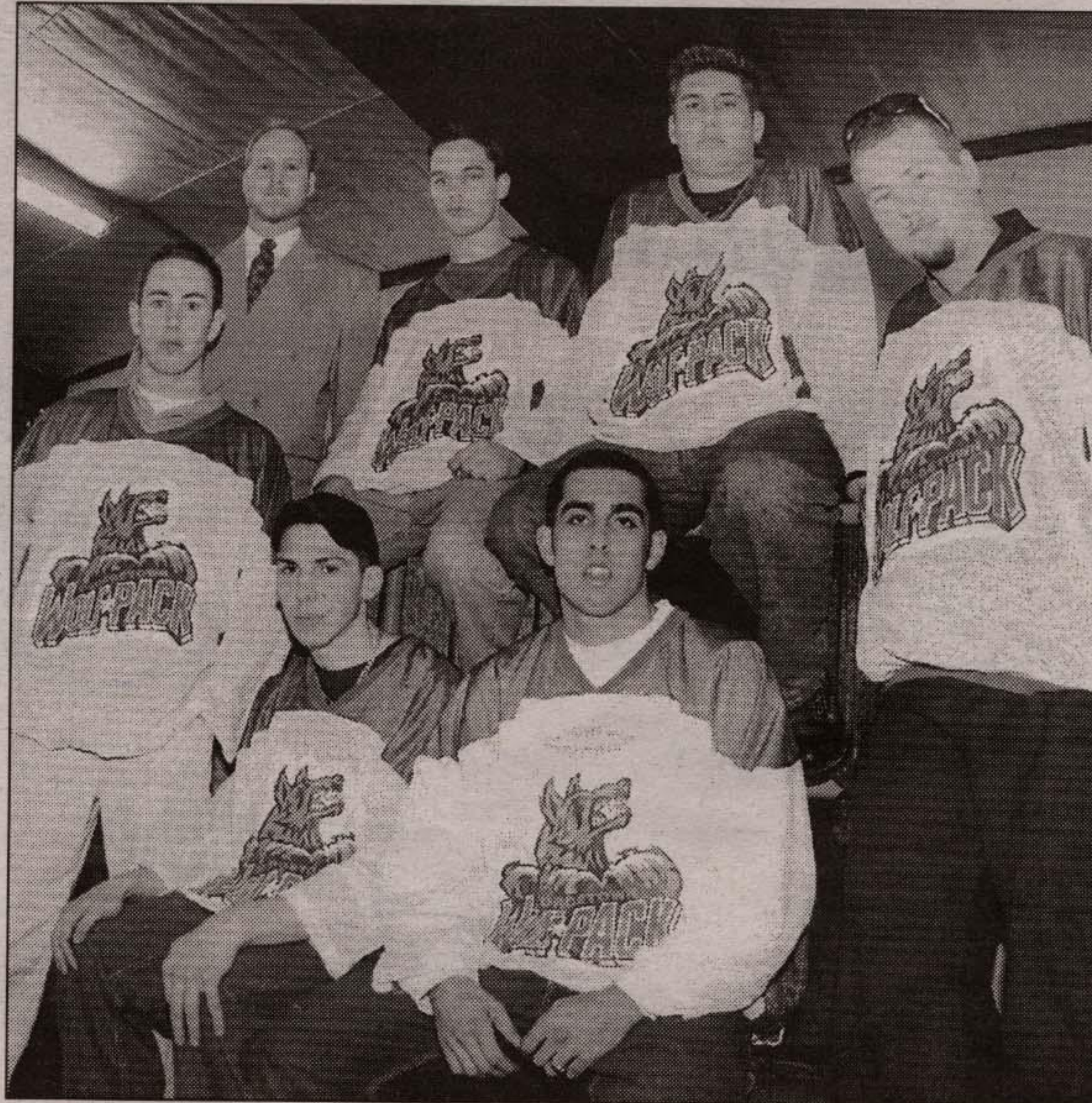
The Wolfpack will be holding open try-outs on Wednesday, Apr. 28 from 9 to 10:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 1 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Memorial Arena. A third try-out will be held Sunday, May 2 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Alcott Arena. The league is open to players 16-21.

"Any skilled player in ice hockey is going to shine in roller hockey," Mintha said. "The skills are easily transferrable."

Mintha said he hopes to have local players on the team and has openings for as many as eight new players.

The team is still accepting applications for the head coaching position for the coming season. The team is also looking for an athletic therapist. Anyone interested in the positions should call Mintha at 1-888-6IN-LINE.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



The Georgetown Wolfpack will be taking on the rest of the Major Jr. A Roller Hockey League. The Wolfpack, the league's defending champions, are moving to town from Scarborough. Among those who will be defending the title are Mike Farrugia, Frank Tullio, Jason Beaumont, Mark Falconer, Kyle Prospero, Darryl Tullio and team president (back, far left) Paul Mintha. The Wolfpack will be holding tryouts beginning Apr. 28 for players between the ages of 16 and 21.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

## Peewee Twisters dumped in tournament semifinals

Cape Cod needed a goal in double overtime to eliminate the Halton Hills Peewee Twisters in the semifinals of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association tournament in Brampton.

The first-year team was bidding for a spot in the C Division final of the world's largest women's tournament. Cape Cod took an early 1-0 lead and it remained that way until Chelsey Gruszka set up Melissa Hann to tie the score with 2:40 to play in third. It was Hann's eighth goal in four games and the first Cape Cod had allowed in the tournament.

After the first extra period decided nothing, Cape Cod finally scored at 4:14 of the second overtime for the 2-1 win.

The Twisters opened the tournament with a 2-2 tie against Leaside. Hann scored and set up Carly LeBlanc for the tying goal. Gruszka and Andrea Ovenden also drew assists in the game.

The Twisters then blanked Parry Sound 3-0. Hann had a pair of goals and Gruszka had the other. Devon Reynolds had two assists with singles going to LeBlanc and Meghan Lawrie.

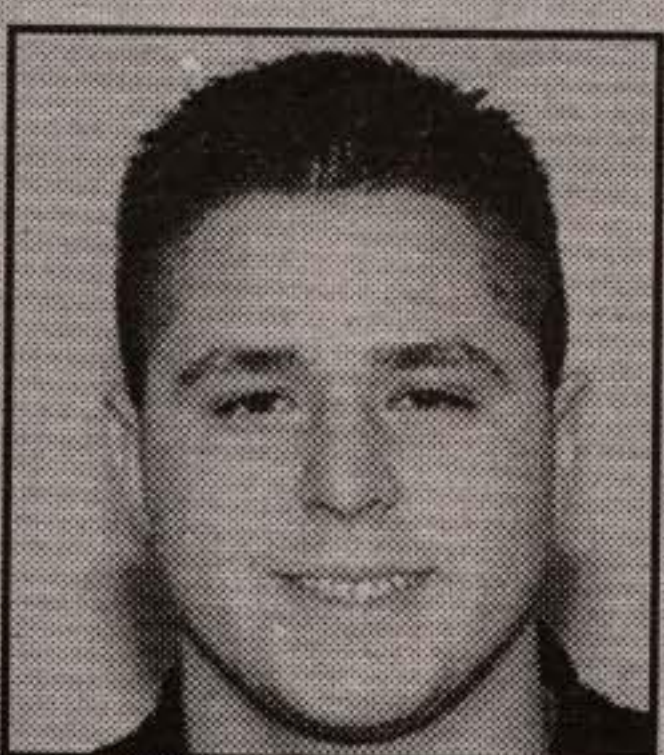
Hann scored four times, including a natural-hat trick, in a 7-0 win over Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Candace Nogueira scored twice and Cheryl Rylett had the other Halton Hills goal. Earning assists were Kathryn Chandler, Cristy Nurse, Devon Reynolds, Fiona Campbell and Carly LeBlanc.

## Athletes of the Week



LINDSAY VELTMAN



DAN CIBIC



JILLIAN JAHN



FRASER HEWITT

The Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Dan Cibic and Lindsay Veltman.

Cibic and Veltman won a mixed doubles Halton quali-

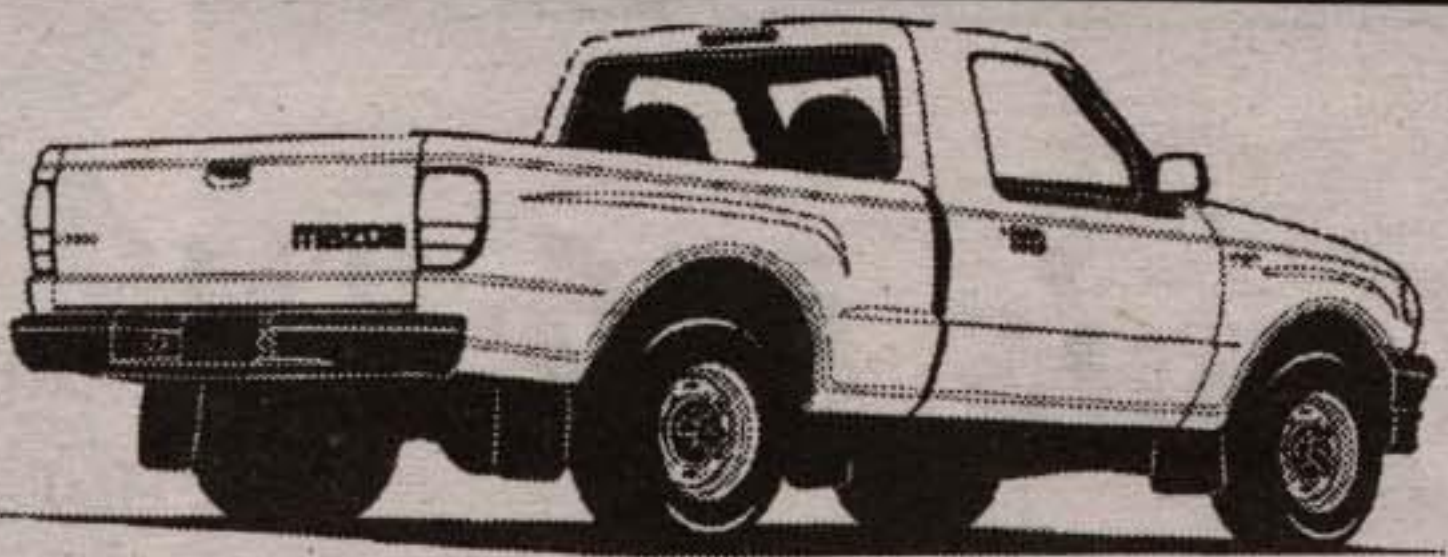
fying tournament at Notre Dame and finished sixth at Haltons.

Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Jillian Jahn and Fraser

Hewitt.

They were chosen for finishing seventh in the badminton mixed doubles at the Haltons at Notre Dame High School.

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