

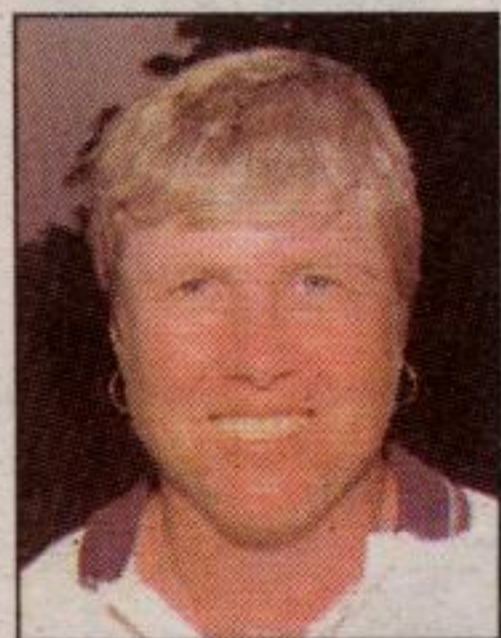
## Lapointe captures mid-amateur title ...by 20 strokes!

The last thing Mary Ann Lapointe's opponents want to hear is that she wasn't at her best.

Despite "throwing away a few strokes each day," Lapointe won her eighth Ontario Mid-Amateur Championship on Friday by a whopping 20 shots over three days.

"I don't know if we were playing the same course. Maybe I missed a couple of holes," Lapointe wondered after shooting rounds of 73, 72 and 75 at the Whitevale Golf Club.

Everyone else must have been thinking the same thing when Lapointe turned in a three-day total of 220 with her nearest opponent, Stephanie Lam, shooting a 240. Apart from Lapointe's three rounds, the lowest total was a 76 turned in by Angela Colm of the host club in the opening round.



MARY ANN LAPOINTE

"I don't know why the scores were so high," Lapointe said. "They were tricky greens and they were hard to read but I thought it played easier on the second day and yet the scores were higher."

Although a couple of potential challengers—Judith Allan-Krynys and Terrill Samuel—missed the tournament, Lapointe certainly wasn't expecting to have a 12-shot lead after two days. That left little to play for except for the course record of 70. But her closest challenge to that mark was a one-under par 72 on day two, a round that included five birdies, 11 pars, one bogey and one double bogey. The double bogey included one of the shots she wanted back.

"I shanked an iron into the water," she said. "If I eliminate those mistakes I could have been three or four under par."

While the inaugural tournament (previously the mid-amateur championship had been awarded at the Ontario Ladies Amateur championship) closed the Canadian season, Lapointe isn't through yet. She's qualified for the United States mid-amateur in St. Louis Oct. 6-11.

Lapointe earned the fourth and final berth at a qualifier in Cleveland.

Lapointe played in the U.S. mid-amateur once before in 1998. She led after the two days of stroke play but lost her second match when it switched to match play. It was a valuable lesson.

"You have to pace yourself, don't burn yourself out," she said. "If you play both practice rounds it could be nine rounds in seven days so just make sure you qualify, rather than being the medalist and having everyone shooting for you."

The mid-amateur will be played at the Fox Run Golf Club, the same course where Canadian Lori Kane won her first LPGA event.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



Graham McCulloch of the Georgetown Raiders gets a faceful of glove from Milton's Sean Mole as they jostle for position in front of the Milton goalie Trevor Battaglia in Friday's Provincial Jr. A

Hockey League exhibition game. The Raiders rallied for a 4-3 win and followed it up with a 2-2 tie against Milton at home Saturday.

Photo by Graham Paine

## Raiders hope chemistry is right

It's a season of change for the Georgetown Raiders but for their two longest serving players, the focus has not changed one bit.

"I expect to be top three," said Scott MacDonald, who with 146 games under his belt has played more games than any other current Raider. "We don't have the same firepower but we have a lot of hard workers."

"The goal I'm setting is winning the Western Conference," added defenceman Billy Fetherston, who was named the team's new captain. "We've got a good group of guys and we can only get better."

In order to achieve those goals the Raiders will need last year's crop of rookies to build on their freshman season. They will also need the team's veterans to provide leadership.

Fetherston and MacDonald delivered on the weekend as the team wrapped up the preseason with a pair of exhibition games against the Milton Merchants. Fetherston netted the winning goal in Friday's 4-3 victory and MacDonald set up the first goal and then scored a power-play marker to earn the Raiders a 2-2 draw.

"Chemistry's important and we've got good chemistry right now," said coach John French. "If we find somebody later, somebody who will make us better, great."

The final mix in that chemistry came earlier in the week when the Raiders got four players from the

Brampton Battalion's training camp. Defencemen Lucas Prohaska and Ryan Taube, who had two assists Friday, filled the final two blueline spots while winger Nik Bibic adds some size and toughness up front.

Although the weekend games were only exhibitions, the results were encouraging considering with the regular season only days away, final rosters are all but set. And playing against their biggest rival always means a little more.

"There are bragging rights and we wanted to set the tone for the season," Fetherston said.

The Raiders got solid performances in net. After surrendering two goals in the first two minutes Friday, rookie Zak Brown settled in, allowing only one more the rest of the way and allowing his teammates to get back in the game. Saturday, Kyle Rogers stopped 21 of 23 shots. Performances like that could go a long way in helping the Raiders compensate for what they've lost offensively.

The Raiders open the regular season Thursday in Brampton and play their first home game Saturday at Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m.

**RAIDER RAP:** Ryan Ellis, Graham McCulloch, Ryan Busby and Fetherston scored Friday....Busby and MacDonald had the Raider goals Saturday....The Raiders begin the season with seven games in 10 days, beginning Thursday in Brampton.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

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