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Greenwell wins national golf title

Robbie Greenwell made it a clean sweep for Georgetown.

Two weeks after his North Halton club-mate Gavin Aldridge won the Canadian Junior Golf Association's national match play title, Greenwell posted a convincing seven-stroke victory in the CJGA's National Canadian Junior Championship.

Greenwell's four-day total of 289 at the St. Andrews Valley Golf Course in Aurora was highlighted by a four-under-par 68 in the second round. Greenwell burned up the back nine that day with five birdies and four pars on the back nine and capped off the tournament's best round by chipping in for birdie on the 18th hole.

"My long game was really good. There were a lot of shots that were long irons off the tee and I kept those in the fairways," Greenwell said. "I was hitting a lot of greens and I wasn't forcing myself to make a lot of putts."

After a windy and rainy opening round, Greenwell trailed by three shots after shooting a 73. His round of 68 created a six-shot swing as he took the lead by three. After posting another 73 on the third day, Greenwell had pulled away to lead by nine.

With the wind and rain returning for the final round, Greenwell shot a 75 but he was too far ahead to catch.

"All four days I played well enough to shoot under par," Greenwell said. "I hit a couple of bad shots and I didn't make many putts, especially the last day. It poured the whole day and I had trouble with the pace of the greens."

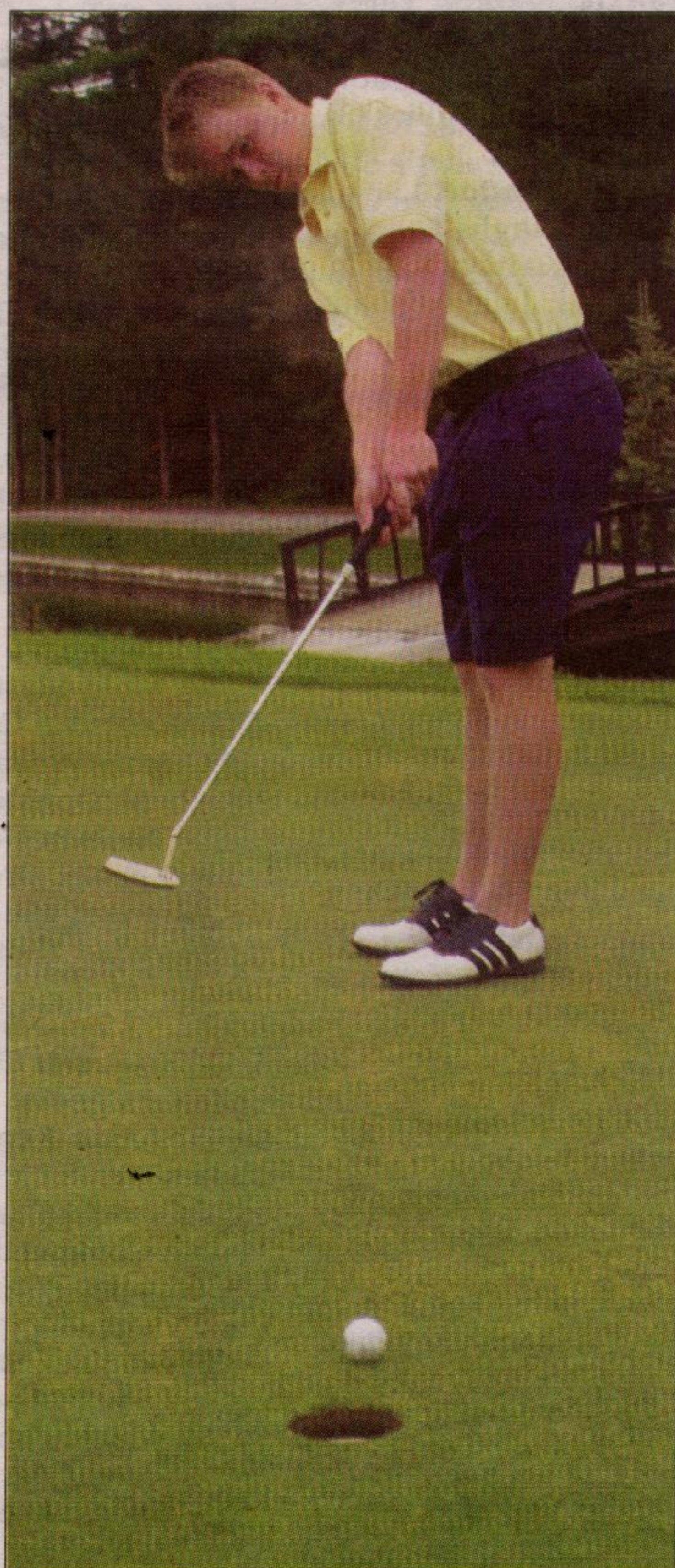
His margin of victory may have been even greater had it not been for a double bogey on the final hole of the tournament.

"Eighteen was a really tough hole," he said. "You had to hit over water and there was a huge bunker. It's one of the scariest holes I've played."

Aldridge takes opening round lead at Abbey

Gavin Aldridge took the opening round lead in the Canadian Junior Golf Association Boston Pizza Glen Abbey Champion of Champions Tournament on Wednesday.

Aldridge shot a 74 to hold a one-stroke advantage over Jonathon Beecroft of Newcastle in the Boys 14-16 division. Two other golfers are two shots back at 76. The three-round tournament wraps up today.



ROBBIE GREENWELL

The 16-year-old won his division (14-16) by nine strokes over Dong Kyu Kim of Mississauga and received the Esquire Excellence Award as the overall winner. Clinton Rayfield, 18, of Coldwater was his closest competitor at 296.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

At Fairgrounds this weekend Minor Peeewe Eagles to host Ontario tournament

The Georgetown Minor Peeewe Eagles will host the Ontario Baseball Association championship this weekend.

Eight teams will compete for the provincial title, including the host Eagles. The tournament will follow a double-knockout format.

"The team has really improved throughout the season," said Eagles manager Dave Thompson. "The kids have a couple of wins under their belt now so they feel like world beaters."

The Eagles will begin the tournament at 5 p.m. Friday against Welland on C Diamond at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. Lindsay and Welland will play on B Diamond.

Those games will be followed

at 7:30 p.m. by London and Ajax on B Diamond and Stratford and Thornhill on C Diamond.

If the Eagles lose their opening game they will play at 9 a.m. Saturday and if they win they will play at noon on Saturday.

Thompson said the provincial tourney should help put the team on equal footing with other teams.

"A lot of the towns don't have minor peeewe teams so you end up playing against mixed major and minor teams. This is a little more even and comparable to us."

The Eagles will be holding a silent auction during the weekend. The final game will be played at either 2 p.m. Sunday or 5 p.m. Sunday depending on the outcome of the prior games.

Rep soccer roundup Mustangs dumped in shootout

Claudia Paonessa recorded three consecutive shutouts but Cumberland put an end to the Georgetown Girls Under-12 Mustangs run in the Gloucester Invitational Soccer Tournament with a shootout victory.

Katie Banks' goal sent the Mustangs into overtime tied 1-1 against Cumberland in the semifinal. After two scoreless overtime periods, Cumberland prevailed in a shootout.

Banks and Krista Reist scored as the Mustangs began the tournament with a 2-0 victory over Osgoode. The Mustangs followed that up with a 3-0 win over the hosts. Kim Mousseau, Reist and Krysta Landry scored for the Mustangs.

Paonessa ran her shutout string to three games with a 3-0 victory over Nepean. Leah Burke, Reist and

Mousseau each had a goal for Georgetown.

Girls Under-15 Mustangs

The Georgetown Girls Under-15 Mustangs won three straight games before being edged 1-0 by Gatineau in the semifinals.

The Mustangs opened the tournament with a 3-0 win over Aylmer. Holly De Vaal, Jenna Burke and Leah Emmerton scored for Georgetown. The Mustangs then cruised to an easy 7-0 victory. Emmerton and Amy Boileau each had a pair of goals while De Vaal, Burke and Gillian White added singles. Emily Henson recorded her second shutout of the tournament.

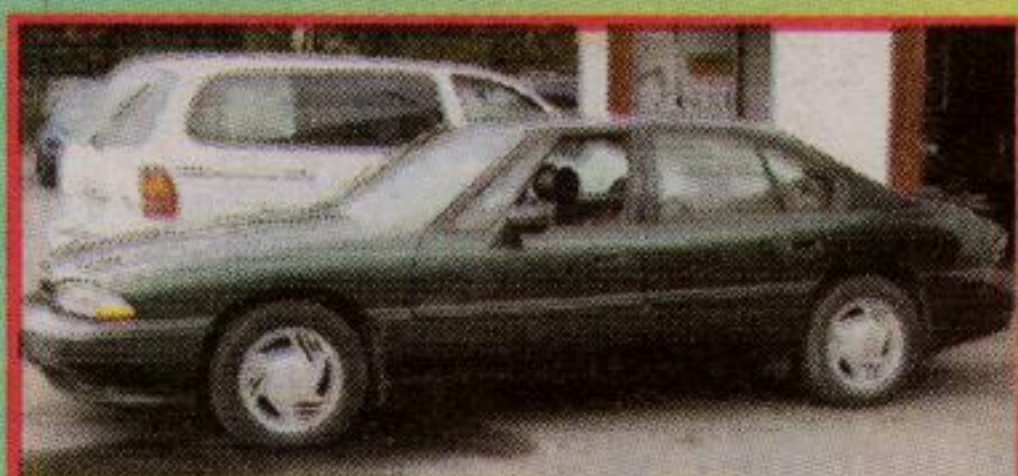
The Mustangs remained undefeated with a 2-1 victory over Pincourt. Melissa Bigg and Emmerton scored the Mustang goals.

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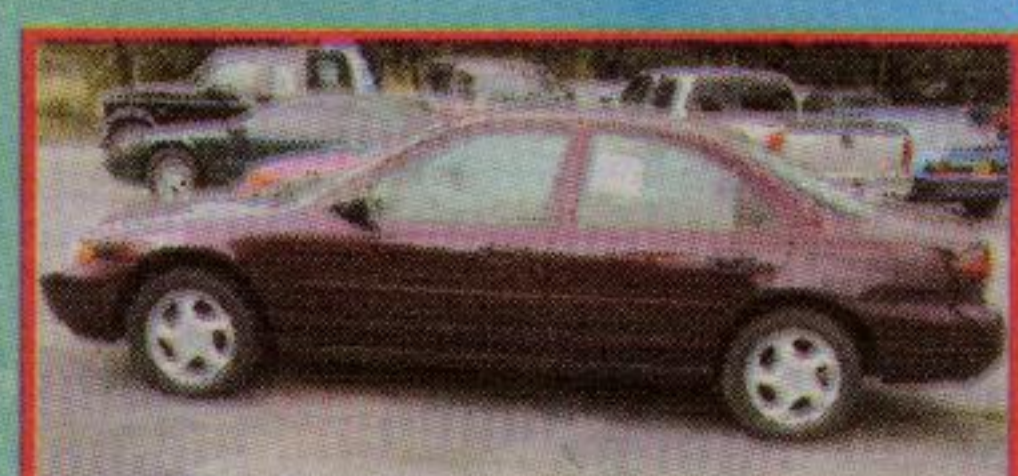
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