

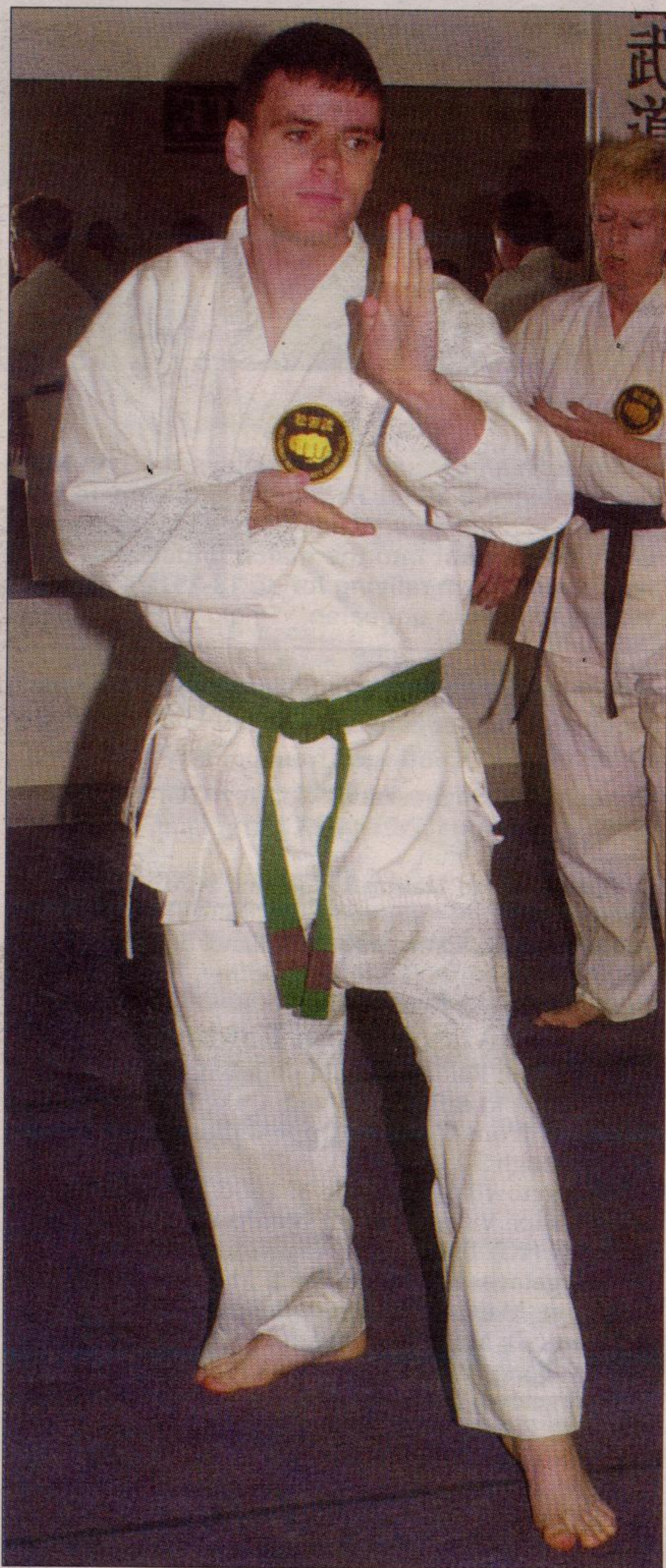
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Karate concentration

James Prudhomme of Whitby takes part in the Shogen-Ryu World Seminar at Boreland's School of Karate. Prudhomme was one of 80 instructors to take part in the seminar, which was led by Grand Master Sensei Kensei Taba, a 10th Dan blackbelt. More than 100 people came out for the demonstration put on by the participating schools and the six Okinawan instructors. Host Chris Boreland was elevated to 5th Dan, making him the third-highest ranked karate instructor in Canada in the discipline.

Photo by Trish England

Lacrosse group honours Artem

While the popularity of lacrosse has grown tremendously in the last five years, it wasn't always that way.

Lacrosse used to be a minor player on the crowded summer sports scene and that often meant being creative to ensure the game survived.

"We used to give kids free sticks," said George Artem, the 2002 recipient of the Halton Hills Lacrosse Heritage Award. "There was a lot more promotion involved. We were always competing against baseball and soccer so you would do anything to get them playing (lacrosse)."

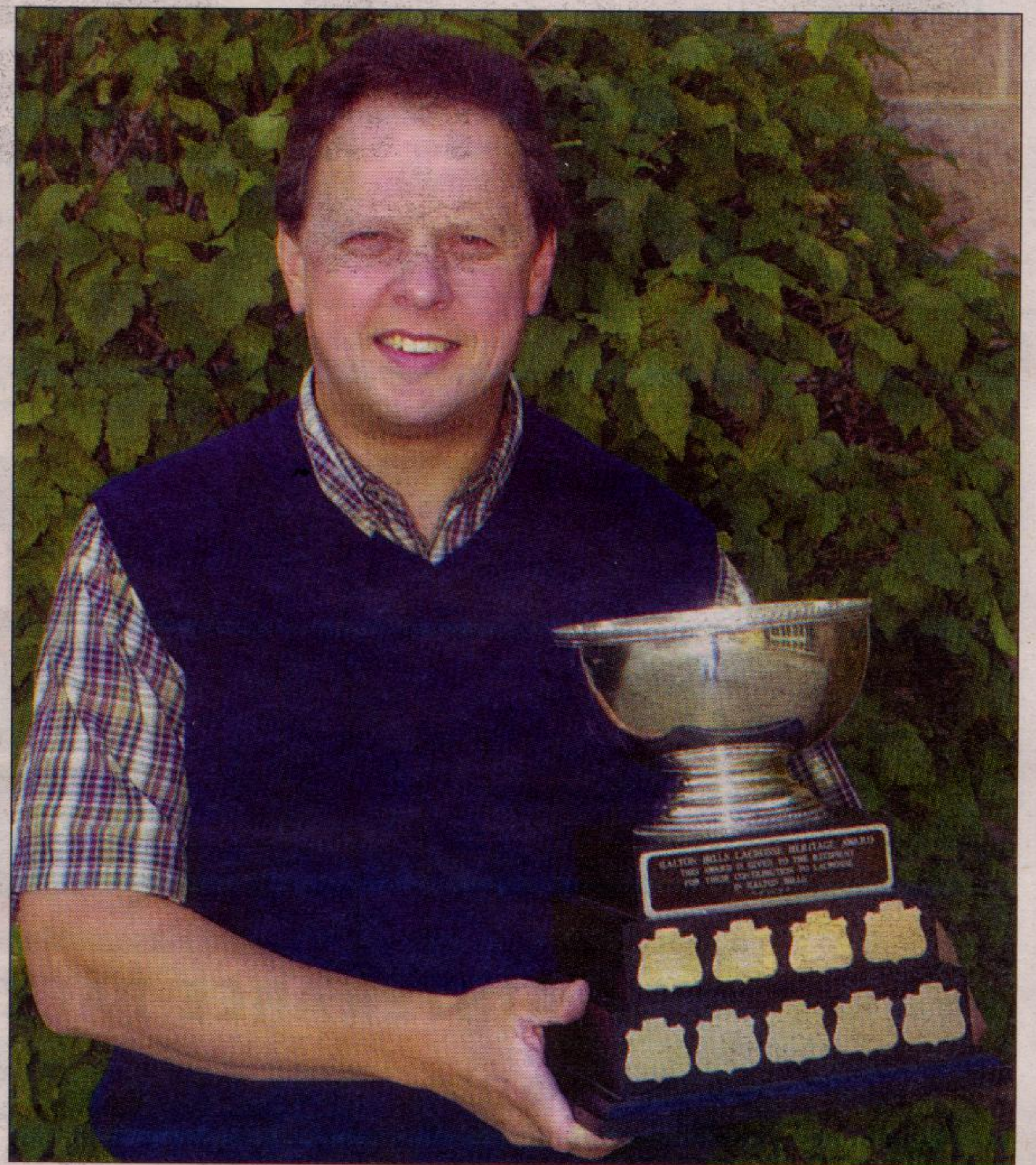
Artem is the third recipient of the award, joining Gerald Veltman and Tom Haines as recipients of the award.

While it's no longer necessary to give away sticks to entice young players to play lacrosse, it was the effort of Artem and others like him that kept the game alive so that it could flourish as it is now.

Just as when they were giving away sticks, Artem knew that anyone who played or watched lacrosse would be hooked. He credits televised games for the recent growth of the game.

"It's an entertaining sport to watch. The TV coverage of the NLL (National Lacrosse League) opened up the game to a lot of people and increased the attention it received and now it's booming."

Artem was the last president of Acton Rams lacrosse before it merged with Georgetown to become Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse. The move pooled the resources of the two towns and has



George Artem of Acton was recently named the winner of the Halton Hills Lacrosse Heritage Award for his dedication to the sport at the local level.

Photo by Ted Brown

strengthened the program. Halton Hills has produced five provincial champions in the last three years.

Artem began playing minor lacrosse in Acton when he was 12. He went on to play for the town's Jr. C team—once scoring nine goals in a playoff game and the Fergus senior team. Since his playing days ended,

he has spent 16 years as a coach, referee and executive member.

With lacrosse gaining a foothold in the minor sports scene, Artem sees the game maintaining its popularity, especially with the opportunities now available, such as scholarships for field lacrosse.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Rep hockey roundup

Raiders overcome five-goal deficit to earn tie

Spencer Garrett scored with 30 seconds to play as the Georgetown Minor Bantam AE Raiders tied Dundas 5-5. Five different players scored as the Raiders rallied to erase a 5-0 deficit.

Georgetown 5, Dundas 5: Brad Williams (1G, 1A); Garrett, Sean Taylor, Thomas Neely, Robbie Tangianu (G); Geoff Bannerman, Jeff Bosgoed, Eric Nogueira (2A); Sean O'Callaghan, Mike De Oliveira, Michael Piperni (A).

Caledon 3, Georgetown 1: Bannerman (G); Taylor, Michael Parker (A).

Novice Hurricanes

Highlight: Brennan de Langley racks up five points in a 9-2 win over Guelph.

Halton 9, Guelph 2: de Langley (3G, 2A); Brandon Clelland (2G, 1A); Michael Nicolucci, Zach Fung,

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