

Hill eager to represent Canada

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Hill said it felt no different than any other game until the first time they played the Cubans. Prior to the game, the Canadian anthem was played for the first time. As it was being played there was a strong wind, but only the Canadian flag was blowing.

"All of sudden you realize you're not there for any old game. It means something. You're playing hard to represent your country."

With the Americans, the defending Olympic gold medallists, being upset by Mexico in the semifinals at the qualifying tournament, Canada's medal hopes improved dra-

matically. Taiwan, Japan and Cuba will head into the tournament as the favourites but Canada will be the biggest threat to knock one of them off the podium. And Hill knows anything can happen.

"You look at 1999 when (Canada) killed everybody and came away with nothing," Hill said of the Pan Am Games when Canada posted the best record in the round-robin, only to be eliminated in the playoffs. "All you need is for a pitcher to have a good game like Mexico did against the U.S."

Hill certainly wouldn't mind being that pitcher.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Halton RIDE campaign to begin Monday

Halton Regional Police Service's Holiday RIDE program starts Monday, and will be in operation every night throughout December.

The official launch took place Thursday in Toronto when Halton police joined other policing partners in the Greater Toronto Area with the launch of the 16th year of Passport to RIDE, a coupon booklet handed out at RIDE spot checks. The joint forces program that has contributed to the positive attitude and increased awareness of drinking and driving.

"Initiatives such as the RIDE program assist police in working to eradicate drunk driving, and our partnership with the MADD Red Ribbon campaign highlights the personal impact of this type of crime," said Superintendent Mike Kingston. "The message that we bring to you is very clear—if you drink, don't drive."

Halton Police will continue its partnership with MADD Halton again this year.

Their members will be out with police at RIDE spot checks to help pass on the message against drinking and driving. Halton Police will also partner with OPP and CN police to conduct RIDE spot checks.

New this year is a partnership with Canadian Blood Services, with promotional handouts encouraging drivers not to drink and drive. The handouts will also remind residents of the need for blood donations during the holiday season.

Golf cart stolen

Halton Police are investigating the theft of a golf cart, valued at \$2,000, from the basement of the club house under construction at Glen Cairn Golf Club on Regional Rd. 25 sometime between Friday and Monday.

The golf cart, which was not working, was pushed onto a vehicle.

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