

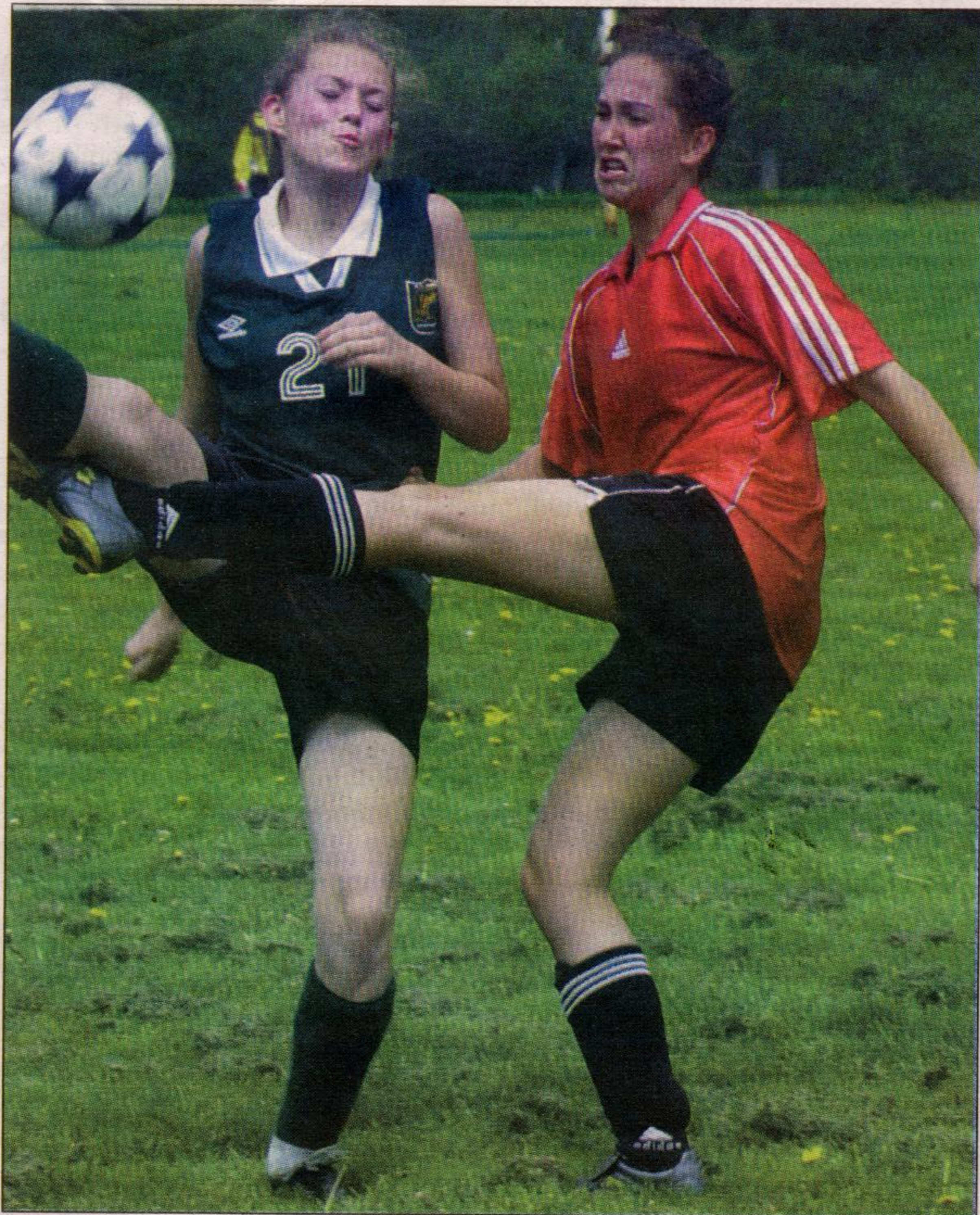
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Laying on a Bigg hurt



Melissa Bigg (right) of the Acton Bearcats and E.C. Drury's Alex McCutcheon get their legs tangled as they attempt to kick a ball in Tuesday's Halton senior girls soccer game. Acton cruised to an easy 7-1 win in the quarterfinal. Amy Boileau scored three times and Bigg added a pair while Kirsten Lowe and Caroline Shaw also scored for the Bearcats. Acton was set to play in the semifinal Thursday (results were not available at press time). A win would earn them a spot in the Halton final, which would be played in Acton Friday at 3:30 p.m. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Former Raider Knoepfli named Cornell's captain

There will be a little extra material on Mike Knoepfli's sweater when he returns to the Cornell Big Red for his final season, but he doesn't think it will weigh him down.

Knoepfli will be wearing a big red C after being voted team captain for next season by his teammates.

"I was put in a bit of a leadership role this year and I'm excited to be named captain," Knoepfli said. "It means a lot more to me and the guys (named assistants) that it was voted on by our teammates."

Joining Knoepfli as assistants will be Charlie Cook, Mike Iggulden and Matt Moulson.

Knoepfli, who has played 98 games over

his first three seasons, said there is a void to fill with captain Ryan Vesce leaving.

"Now that I'm a senior, there will be people looking up to myself. I'll have to be more vocal in the dressing room but I've always tried to do that."

Coach Mike Schaefer, himself a former assistant captain at Cornell, said the captaincy should not be a dramatic change for Knoepfli.

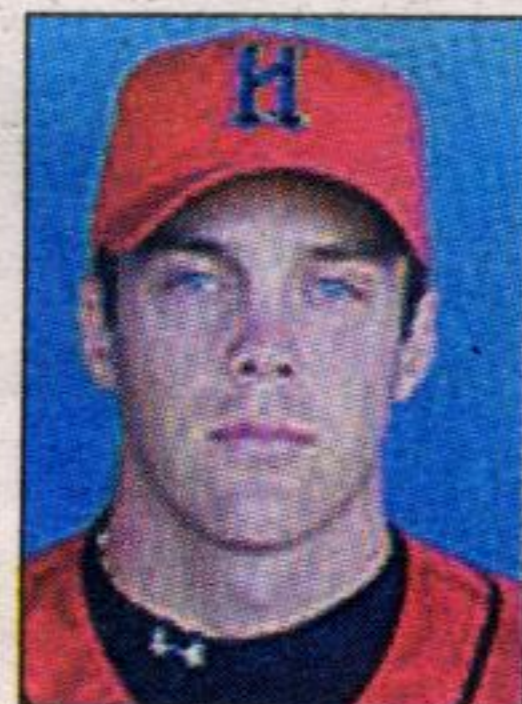
"There's always an adjustment period and sometimes you maybe you think you have to do it all," Schaefer said. "What you need to do is all the things you were doing before that got you the votes."

Knoepfli had eight goals and 24 points in

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Hill named top Eastern loop pitcher

Georgetown's Shawn Hill was named the Eastern League's pitcher of the week. Hill, playing for the Harrisburg Senators, the Montreal Expos' AA affiliate, won both his starts to square his record at 3-3 while allowing just one earned run over 15 innings. That lowered his ERA to a league-leading 1.72.



SHAWN HILL

one unearned run in eight innings against Reading to help the Senators snap a four-game losing streak. The 23-year-old then beat Norwich 5-1 by giving up only one run and five hits in seven innings. Hill also helped himself out with a solo homer, a double and two runs scored.

For the week, Hill had a 0.60 ERA, striking out eight and walking three over 15

Hill allowed only five hits and innings.



Raiders honour season's best

There was plenty of hardware to be handed out at the Georgetown Raiders year-end banquet. Earning awards were: (front row, from left) Aaron Barton, rookie of the year; Rob Sgarbossa, sportsmanlike player; Ryan Delmonte, MVP, player of the year; Nick Stiliadis, outstanding contribution to the team by non-executive; (second row, from left) Jason Vieira, scholastic achievement; David Brooks, booster club award; Matt Harpwood, veteran player; Frank De Angeles, best defenceman; (back row, from left) Vince Laise, captain's award, most improved; John Wheaton, playoff MVP; Phil Sbrocchi, perseverance and dedication; Ross Smith, defensive player.

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