

The MORTGAGE Centre
 We bring Canada's leading lenders to you.
 LET ME HELP YOU TO:
 • Pay Your Mortgage off Faster!
 • Build A Solid Portfolio!
 • Create Tax Deductions!
 ALL ON YOUR CURRENT BUDGET!
 www.mortgagecentre.com/davepapadopoulos

CALL ME TODAY!
 416-827-6612

David Papadopoulos,
 Mortgage Specialist

Sports & Leisure

Friday, October 28, 2005

Late start can't stop Shawna Aron from racing to front of the pack

At an age where most people are looking to reduce the risks in their life, Shawna Aron hopped aboard a motorcycle, started racing around a track at break-neck speeds, leaning into corners that left her just inches from the ground and one wrong move from hitting the asphalt that whizzed by underneath her.

And she loved it.

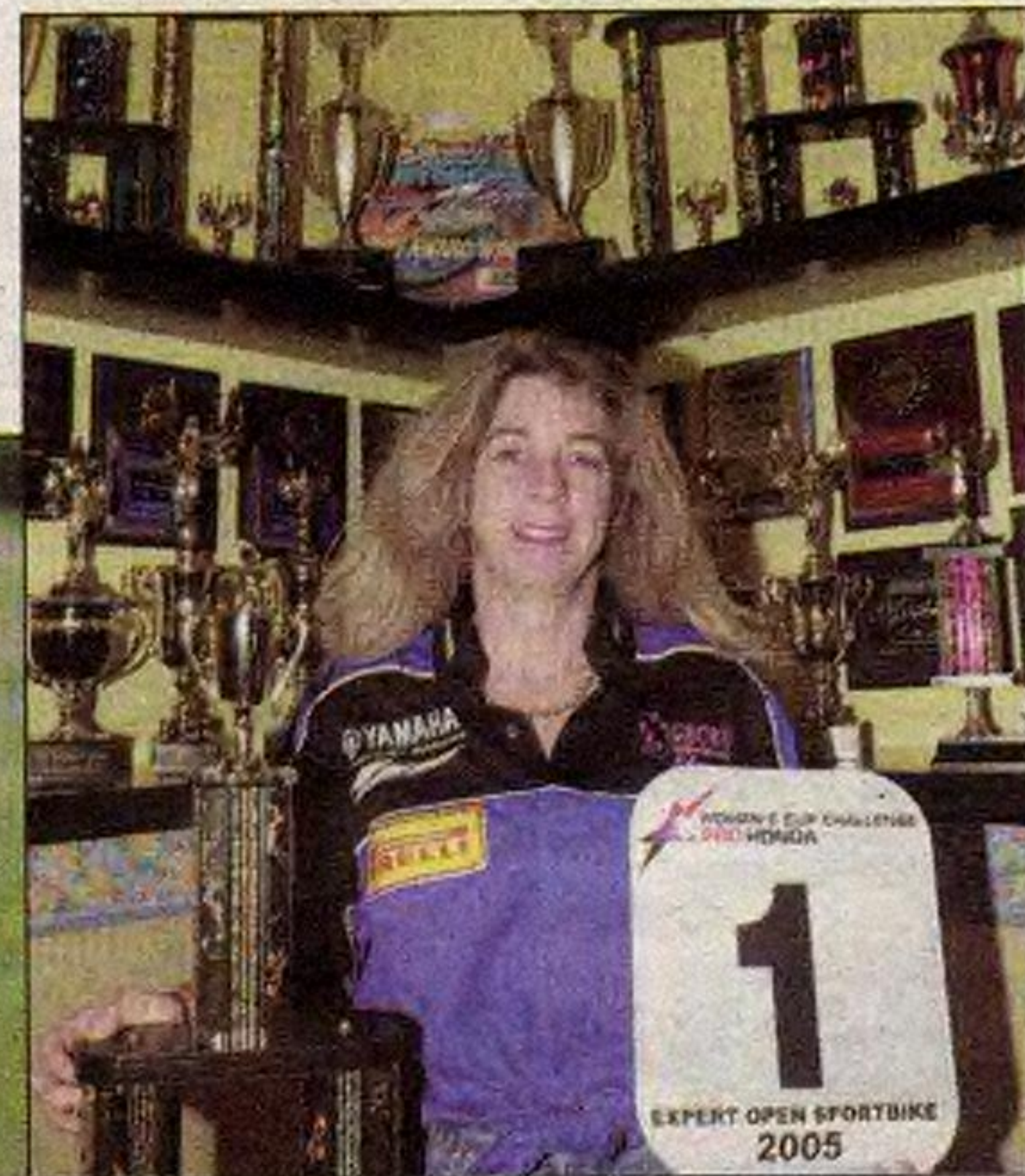
Aron had been riding motorcycles for 28 years but most of that time was spent on a Harley. Racing wasn't even a consideration until a friend invited her to a race five years ago and on a dare, she took a spin around the track.

"It was addictive," the 44-year-old racer said. "It was such an adrenaline rush."

Aron has been racing ever since and making up for lost time. This past season she raced in three series, highlighted by a series victory in the Women's Cup Challenge open expert division. She clinched the title with a victory at her home track, Shannonville Motorsport Park. It was her second victory on the seven-race circuit and her sixth consecutive podium finish.

"I expected to slow down but I seem to be getting better," said Aron, who earlier this year received the MAX Award for excellence in women's road racing in Canada. "I have a hard time believing what I've accomplished, not just with the women but with the guys as well."

That's right, Aron's not content just to test her skills against her female counterparts. She squares off against the guys, some of them half her age. Last year she was the recipient of the Brad Beaudoin Memorial Award as the most improved Superbike racer. This year she posted several top-10 finishes to finish



Despite a late start to her motorcycle racing career, Georgetown's Shawna Aron has accumulated more than her share of hardware. This season she captured the Women's Challenge Cup and earned a top-10 finish racing against her male counterparts.

Photo courtesy Flair Photo, (inset) by Herb Garbutt

sixth overall in the AM600 series.

And Aron did all this after enduring one of her most serious racing accidents in June. On the final lap of a Superbike race at Shannonville, Aron skidded on a hairpin turn. Jumping up quickly to retrieve her bike and get back in the race she was hit by another bike. She came away from the scary accident relatively unscathed—two cracked ribs and soft tissue damage.

Aron takes the physical injuries of an accident in stride.

"I've been knocked unconscious four times, run over three times, a couple of

road rashes and bruises but nothing serious."

However, she said the mental part is the hardest part of an accident. She said after crashing it's difficult to not think about that part of the track the next time she races there. And although she's been fortunate to escape injury, she knows what can happen. That point was driven home when a fellow racer was killed this year.

"At any given time, through no fault of your own or anyone else, anything can happen. I'm not paid to race. I do it for fun."

Keeping that in mind, Aron is considering retiring from racing. Having won championships, she has to weigh the enjoyment of racing with the financial and time commitments it requires.

"I miss riding the Harley and I miss riding with my friends," Aron said. "Right now, my mind's set—I'm retired—but I won't make my final decision until March."

That's when she'll have to decide whether the need for speed is enough to draw her back to the track for another season.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Raiders rediscover scoring touch to power past Mississauga

The Georgetown Raiders have been struggling to score and after one period of Wednesday's game in which they fired 13 shots at the Mississauga net and came away empty handed, it didn't look like much had changed.

But the Raiders, still stinging from a loss to the Buffalo Jr. Sabres two days earlier, exploded for six goals in the second period of an 8-4 win over the Mississauga Chargers.

"It definitely feels good. We've been trying to get into a groove with players missing

and new guys coming in," said Rob Sgarbossa, who scored twice. "Tonight, the power play worked like a charm."

One of those new players working into the Raider plans is defenceman Ryan Lee, who played for the Chargers two years ago before spending a

year in the OHL. Lee set up four of the six Raider power play goals on the night.

"We have six games in eight nights so hopefully we're coming together," the Caledon resident said. "The coaches here are knowledgeable so if we follow their systems, I believe we

can catch Milton."

The Raiders definitely have a blueline capable of moving the puck and leading the transition game. Captain Frank DeAngelis matched Lee's four assists Wednesday and veteran Matt Sitko set up three goals.

See RAIDERS, pg. 2

COOLANT SYSTEM FLUSH

\$69.99* + taxes
*Environmental charge extra

FOR TROUBLE FREE WINTER DRIVING YOUR VEHICLE'S COOLANT SHOULD BE REPLACED EVERY TWO YEARS OR 48,000 KM

FALL MAINTENANCE PACKAGE

\$29.99* + taxes
*Environmental charge extra

- Standard oil change (up to 5.0l of 5w30 motor oil & regular filter)
- Chassis lubrication • Lube all door hinges & locks
- Top-up all fluids • Inspect air filter • Inspect wiper blades & locks
- Inspect all lights • Radiator coolant test
- Computerized battery test with printout
- Visual brake inspection • Check parking brake operation
- Rotate tires & adjust tire pressures

199 Guelph Street (at Mountainview) 905-877-4065