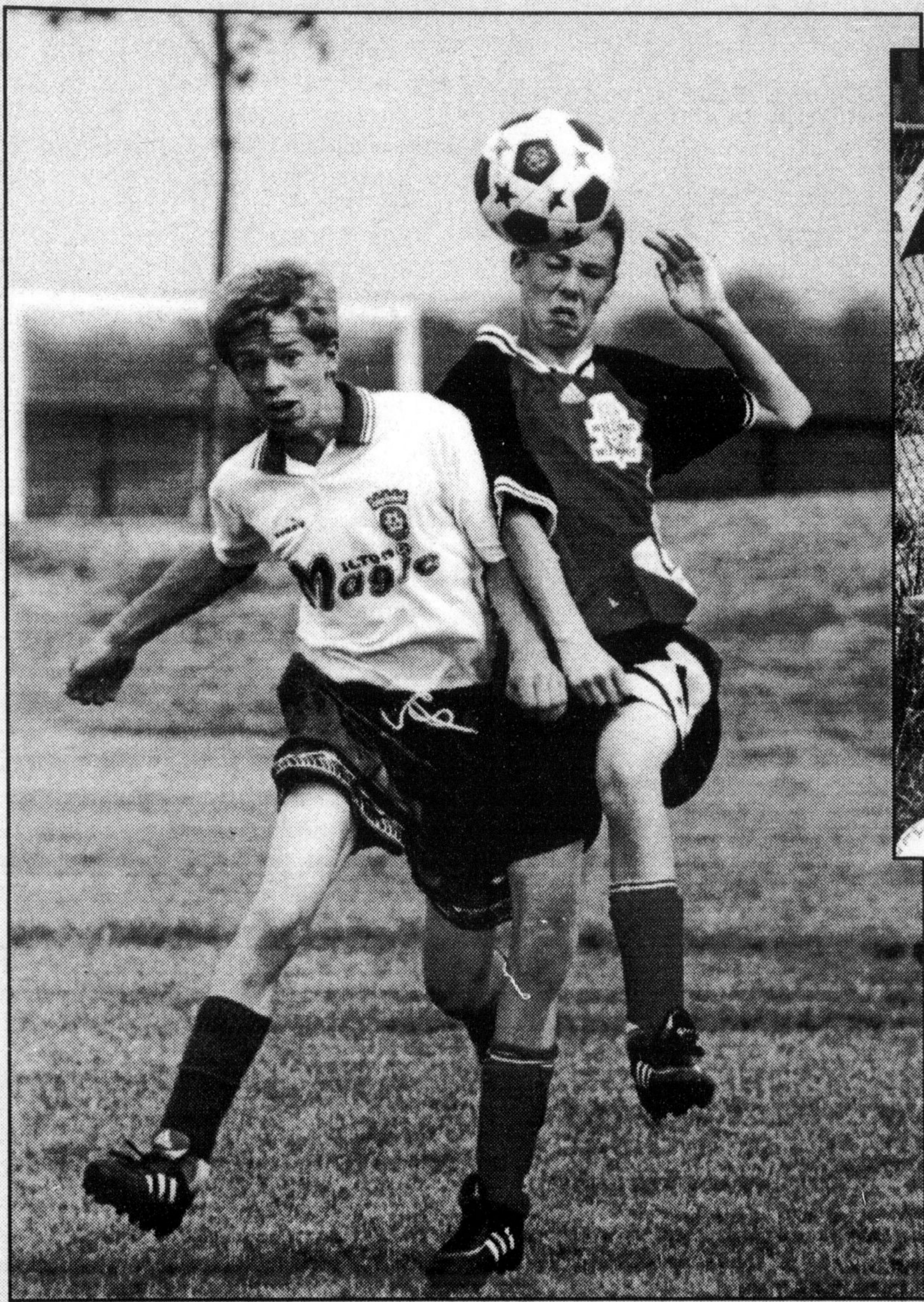


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The Milton Magic under-14 boys team made plenty of headway against Welland at the Friendship Tournament. They beat the Wizards 4-1 but were shut out in three other games. (Inset) With the heat and humidity soaring over the weekend, water and shade were essential.

Photos by GRAHAM PAINE

## Magic boys sweep Friendship tourney

Earning a four-game sweep on the weekend, the Magic under-15 boys soccer team took top honours at the 1997 Milton Friendship Tournament.

Led by head coach Steve Griffin, the hometown boys outscored their opposition 14-3 and defeated Chinguacousy 3-1 in the championship finals. Onel Martino provided his team with a one-goal cushion early on while Kyle Grant and Ian Robinson sealed the deal with second-half scores.

Backstopping the pack was Craig Oliveira, who was rock solid through the tournament.

"The win this weekend was incredible," said Griffin, whose Knuckles-sponsored crew has won three tournaments so far this season. "This was our fourth tournament in a month and the guys were very tired. It's amazing what they pulled off."

Martino tallied twice to give Milton a 2-1 victory over Guelph in their opening bout. From there, they knocked off Orillia 4-1 and Chinguacousy 5-0. Stefan Linder led against Chinguacousy with a pair of goals while Martino, Robinson and Rufus Williams added singles.

Scoring in the Orillia tilt were Grant, Peter Cannataro, Andrew Gluck and Joel Petkoff. Guelph edged Orillia 2-1 in the under-15 consolation game.

It was feast or famine for the under-14 boys crew, who scored four times against Welland, but were blanked in their other three games including a 2-0 loss to Niagara in the championship match.

Andrew Casa, Scott Murray, Connor Sweeney and Quinn Young found the mark in Milton's only win. Their other round-robin matches included another 2-0 loss to Niagara and a no-score stalemate with Burlington.

Welland pounded Burlington 4-1 for the consolation title. Matthew Casa was the under-10 boys' lone scorer this past weekend, as his team lost four straight matches. They dropped a 2-0 decision to Flamboro in the consolation final.

Milton also suffered defeat at the hands of Brampton (6-0) and Chinguacousy (4-1) as well as to Flamboro (3-0) in their initial confrontation. It was Brampton 4-0 over Chinguacousy in the championship game.

## Winning over the crowd

# Tiger Ali's roar growing

By STEVE LeBLANC  
Special to The Champion

Mickey Hans felt the fever the first time he stepped into a World Wrestling Federation (WWF) ring. He also felt fear.

In fact, it was the second of these two emotions that the 26-year-old Milton native remembers most from his debut — which came two months ago at the annual Kuwait Cup Tournament.

Despite facing the highly unpopular Leif Cassidy in his opening-round match, Hans was the one jeered and booed by fans as he made his way to the squared circle.

"Nobody knew me, so they cheered for Leif. Although he's a rule breaker and very unpopular, the fans knew who he was," recalled Hans, who wrestles

as Tiger Ali Singh. He's currently on hiatus for brother Gary's upcoming wedding and enjoying time with wife Harmeet and son Gurjiven who turned one year old yesterday (Monday).

Even after beating Cassidy, Hans enjoyed little support as he returned to the dressing room to await his next challenge. The experience immediately filled him with self-doubt.

And no wonder. Hans knows as well as anybody that success in the WWF depends as much on winning over the fans as it does in winning one's matches.

"I remember thinking 'What am I doing here?'" Hans said. "I was afraid I was going to let everybody down. Hearing the boos like that can really play with a young guy's mind."

Persevering through his anxiety, he pressed on and

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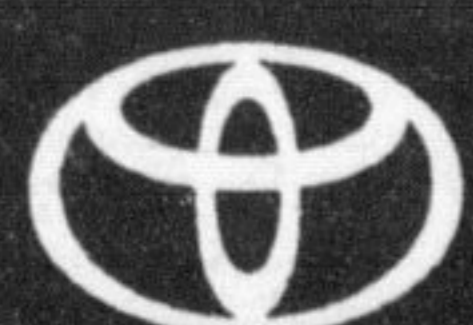
Within three months of joining the World Wrestling Federation, Mickey Hans (aka Tiger Ali Singh) won an international tournament and is showing plenty of promise.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



JO-ANN EMMERSON

JO-ANN EMMERSON is jack of all trades, everything from driving parts truck to the detailing of new & used vehicles. She has been with Toyota for just 8 months but has 11 years experience in parts & service. A true people person Jo-Ann loves her job as it is new and a different challenge everyday. She says that at Toyota the teamwork is amazing and doesn't mind getting her hands dirty! Jo-Ann is a 34 year residence of Georgetown and is on the powderpuff baseball league.



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