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Crowds cluster around Flyers' superstar

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Eric Lindros may not have brought his game face to Greystone Golf Club Sunday, but his star was every bit as bright as it always is among Canadian sports fans.

The Philadelphia Flyers superstar headlined an array of sports and entertainment personalities during the Celebrity-Am portion of the two-day Altamira Charity Challenge. The fourth annual golf extravaganza raised \$700,000 for eight children's charities.

"It's rare that I'm able to be involved in an event of this magnitude, with such a large sum of money going to so many charities," said Lindros, just prior to his shotgun start. "Most of us here today have been fortunate enough to realize our dreams. I hope that the money raised will enable a lot of kids to pursue theirs."

Reflecting back on this spring's Stanley Cup playoffs, he said he was definitely disappointed at how badly his team "faltered" against Detroit after such an impressive run to the finals.

"We did gain a lot of experience however, and hopefully the guys will take that into next season. I know I will. Detroit went through the same thing before they actually won the Cup, and I guess we're in that predicament now."

Lindros shied away from weekend reports claiming former Boston Bruins captain Wayne Cashman would become the Flyers' new head coach. He did admit though that these type of media leaks often prove to be valid.

His popularity with fans, both young and old, more than made up for his mediocre golf game. He posed for countless pictures and signed everything from hats and programs to cardboard cut-out, orange and black coloured 88s.

Joining Lindros Sunday at Greystone were former Blue Jay pitcher John Cerutti, actors Keith Carradine and Peter Jason and Canadian Olympic cyclist Curt Harnett.

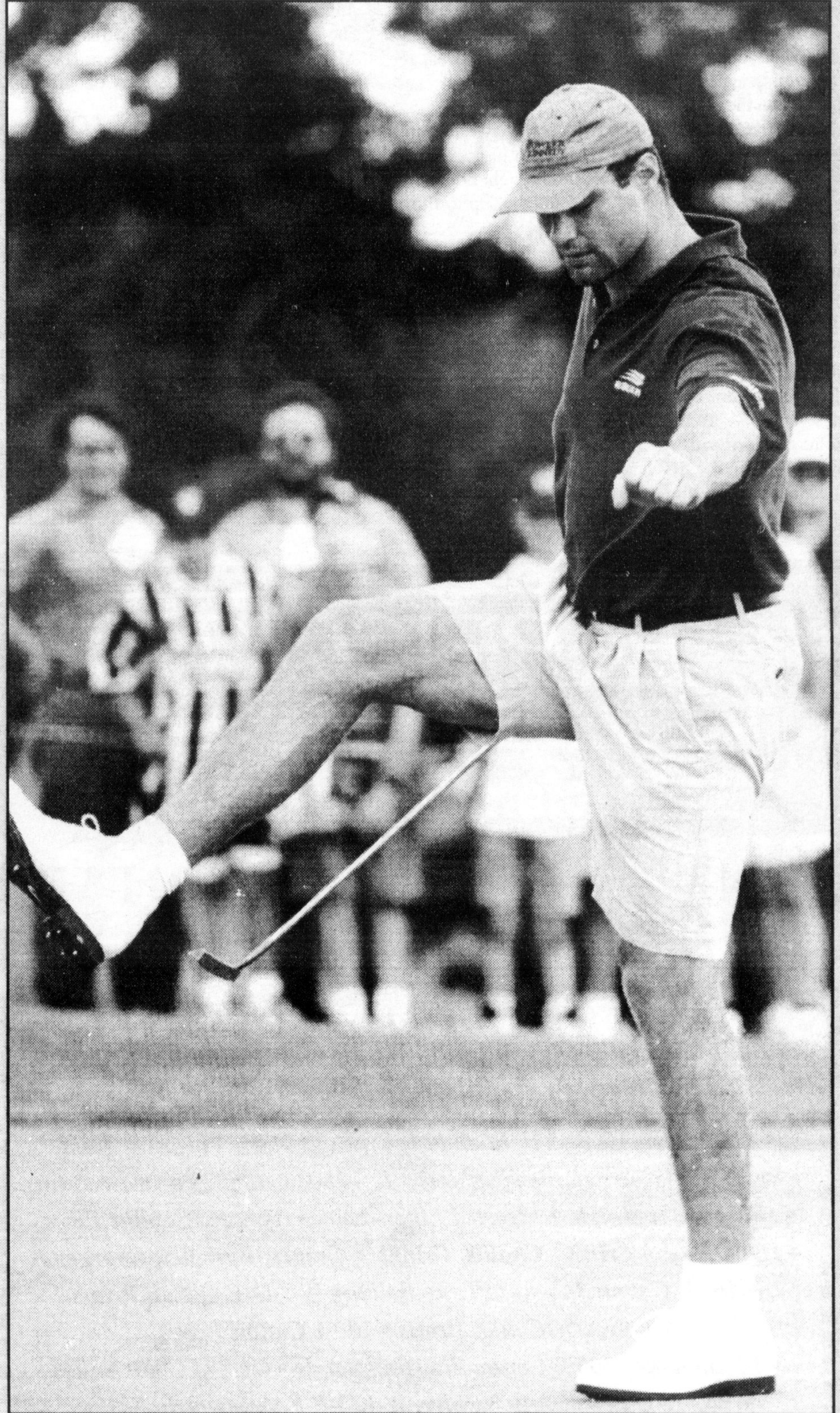
"This year's Charity Challenge raised \$400,000 more than last year when we had (Michael) Jordan in Brampton," explained Altamira public relations director Paula Oreskovich.

The Pro-Am half of the annual fundraiser was held yesterday (Monday). Fred Couples, David Frost and Jeff Sluman were among the big names scheduled to compete. Details were unavailable at press time.



Photos by Graham Paine

Eric Lindros (right) celebrates his sinking putt on the third green as fans with their number 88 signs watch the star hockey player at Greystone Golf Club. Olympic cyclist Curt Harnett (top), who also attended the fundraiser, showed his frustration on the putting green. Above, Marianna Rosato (left) and Patrizia Ventura (right), both 14, watch the star hockey player from behind the lines.



Leworthy won't mask playoff disappointment

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A championship by another name won't be nearly as sweet, according to Jim Leworthy.

The Jr. B Mavericks skipper didn't mask his disappointment after his team failed to qualify for tier I post-season play. Placed in a must-win situation Friday by Guelph — who beat Spartan 11-6 in St. Catharines the previous night — Milton fell 13-12 to Scarborough at Tonelli Arena.

Despite a 13-8 triumph over Brantford Sunday, the Mavericks finished one point back of Guelph for the fourth and final Founder's Cup playoff spot in the West Division.

They'll now go after the Blair Trophy (tier II championship), with their first challenge coming against Brantford in a best-of-five showdown. The series opener is Friday in Milton at 8 p.m.

"It's disappointing not to be going after the Founder's Cup after the great run we had," said Leworthy, whose team was 10-5-1 at the end of May but ended up 11-10-1. "It's (Blair Trophy) a Junior C championship and not nearly as important. Basically I'm going to use the playoffs as a testing period for the younger players. Andrew (Hartholt) and Jimmy (Leworthy Jr.) aren't going to be challenged in these playoffs."

Milton surrendered an 11-9 lead in the third period Friday, despite a near full lineup and disciplined efforts by Leworthy Jr.

and Mark Biesel. They scored just once in the final frame and allowed Scarborough the game-winning goal in the last three minutes of play.

Hartholt lit the lamp five times and Leworthy Jr. assisted on every one — plus those by Biesel and Jeff Currie. Also scoring were Graham Darling, Cory Leigh and Brad Moyer — who along with brother Brent made a rare appearance.

Along with Currie and Adam Cunningham, the two have been fulfilling work commitments over the past few weeks while missing games and practices.

Another five-goal output Sunday in Brantford secured

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