

Maverick peewees lacrosse champions after four straight wins

The Milton Maverick peewee lacrosse team traded in their runner-up status for that of tournament champions recently in Burlington.

After coming home with second-place honours twice this season, the Traders Customs Brokerage-sponsored crew put together four straight wins including a 6-4 overtime triumph against the

host team in the finals.

Derek Blanchard and Matt Decaire fired extra-session goals, as Milton blanked their hosts 2-0 in the fourth period of the championship match.

Decaire also scored in regulation time, while Adam Rutz tallied twice as well. Jonathan Ram contributed a single. Standout per-

formances came from Kris King, Jason McKee and Jake Madansky.

The Mavericks claimed a 6-4 overtime victory in the semi-finals as well — this time against Brampton. Blanchard played the biggest role in putting them into the finals with a hat-trick. Decaire tagged a pair of goals and Ian Robertson sank the other.



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Rammo wins national title

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Having had her fill of second-place finishes, Katherine Rammo was determined to taste sweet victory last Friday at Credit Valley Tennis Club.

And that's exactly what the 13-year-old Milton native did, with a championship performance at the BDC Under-14 Outdoor Junior Nationals.

Coronation ceremonies began just before noon, when top ranked Katherine disposed of third seed Melanie Marois in a 65-minute finals showdown.

The win — in sizzling morning temperatures — came in front of 200 spectators at the Mississauga-area tennis club.

As with every other challenge thrown her way over the six-day competition, she won the championship match in convincing fashion — humbling her Ste. Foy, Quebec opponent 6-1, 6-4.

Composure and a superior forehand shot were the determining factors in the girls singles' finale. Katherine kept her poise and won the majority of the long rallies in both sets.

She also fought her way back in the last three games of the match, to turn a 4-3 deficit into a 6-4 triumph — and match victory.

"It feels really good to finally win," said Katherine, who had

come home with silver from last year's outdoor nationals and this spring's indoor nationals. "Coach Marc Assaraff and I have been focusing on consistency this year and I think that's really what made the difference.

"In the past I'd be the one to miss because I was smashing at everything. Now, I'm more patient and wait for my opponent to make the mistakes."

Katherine's only anxious moment of the tournament came in the second set Friday, when Melanie won four of six games and looked to force a third set.

Not wanting to tempt fate, Katherine laid down a couple of choice backhands to even things up at four. From that point on, it was just a matter of working the court and forcing Melanie to go long with her forehand.

Despite an ineffective first serve, Katherine was all but unstoppable in the opening set. Initial jitters by her French-speaking counterpart also served in the 6-1 victory.

"Katherine was very calm and composed today (Friday). She did a great job sticking to the game plan. Her first serve could use some work, but we're really talking about a minor adjustment," said coach Assaraff, who instructs

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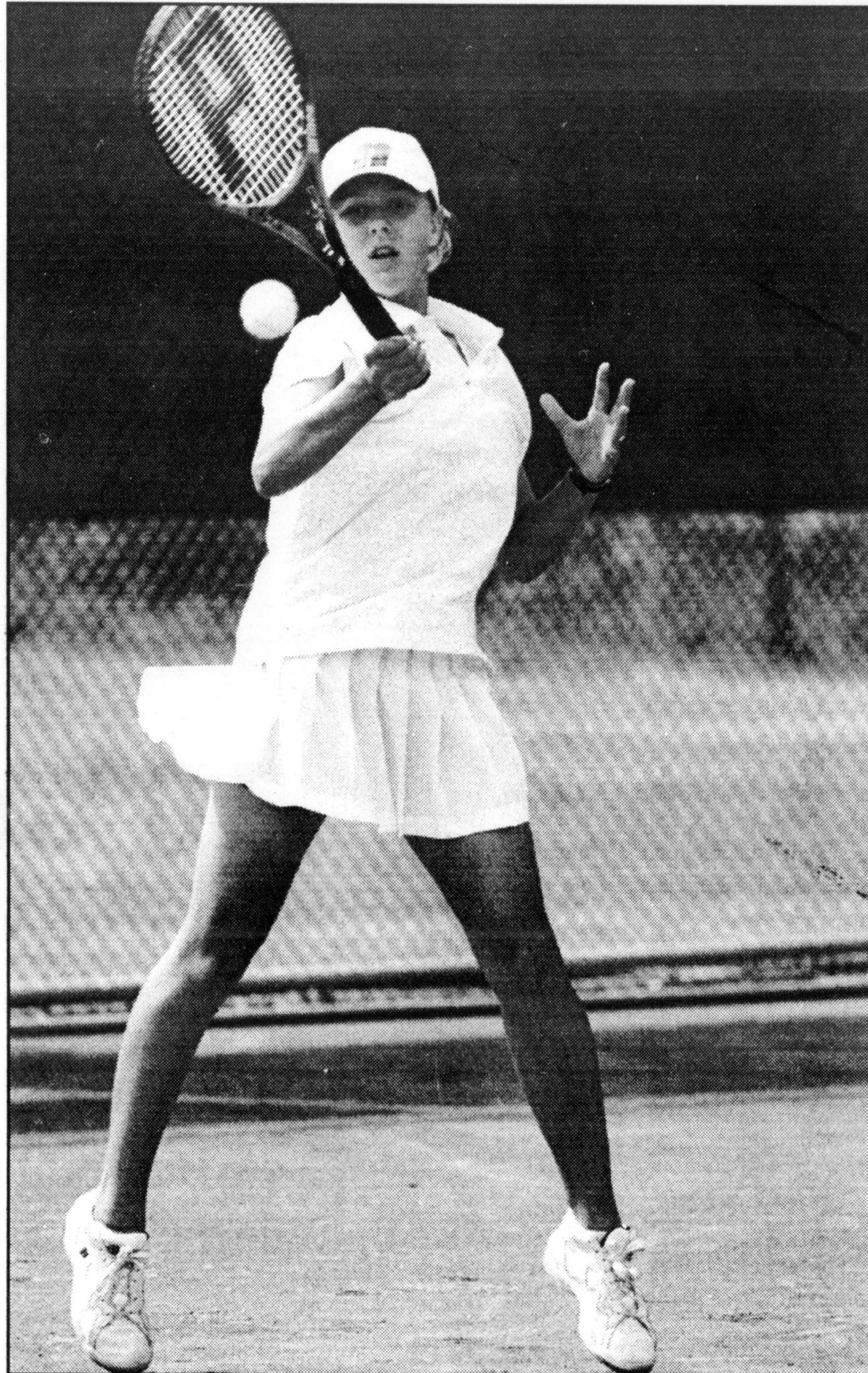


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Milton's Katherine Rammo placed number one in the 1997 BDC Under-14 Junior National Championships last week in Mississauga.

Caylanne sets track records

Surpassing her personal best javelin throw by almost four metres Saturday, Milton's Caylanne Lyall launched her way into the provincial track and field record book at the Ontario Championships in Sudbury.

A favourite to win the event in the bantam girls class after a 20.32m effort last month in Bramalea, Caylanne, 12, left her competitors in the dust with a 24.22m hurl in the sixth round.

This followed 22.12m and 23.30m showings in her first two attempts and placed her second on the all-time javelin throw list for her age.

Earlier in the day, Caylanne cleared 16.90m with the discus for her first gold medal.

Older brother Garrett, 13, turned in some remarkable throwing efforts himself Saturday. Usually more at home in the water, the bantam-age competitor took part in the midget boys hammer toss.

Despite his age disadvantage, he narrowly missed medaling with a 24.10m throw for fourth-place honors. This effort should go down in the books as a provincial record for 14-year-olds — since nobody under 15 has ever attempted the event in organized competition.

Dawn and Michael Brunschwiler formed a powerful brother-and-sister team of their own last Friday in Milton — where they dominated the Summertime Track and Field Camp's weekly mini-meet.

Eleven-year-old Dawn went five-for-five in the atom girls class, winning the 100m, 60m hurdles, long jump, shot put and javelin throw. She set personal records in each event.

Michael had a perfect day as well and was victorious in the same events. The nine year old also set five new individual standards.

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