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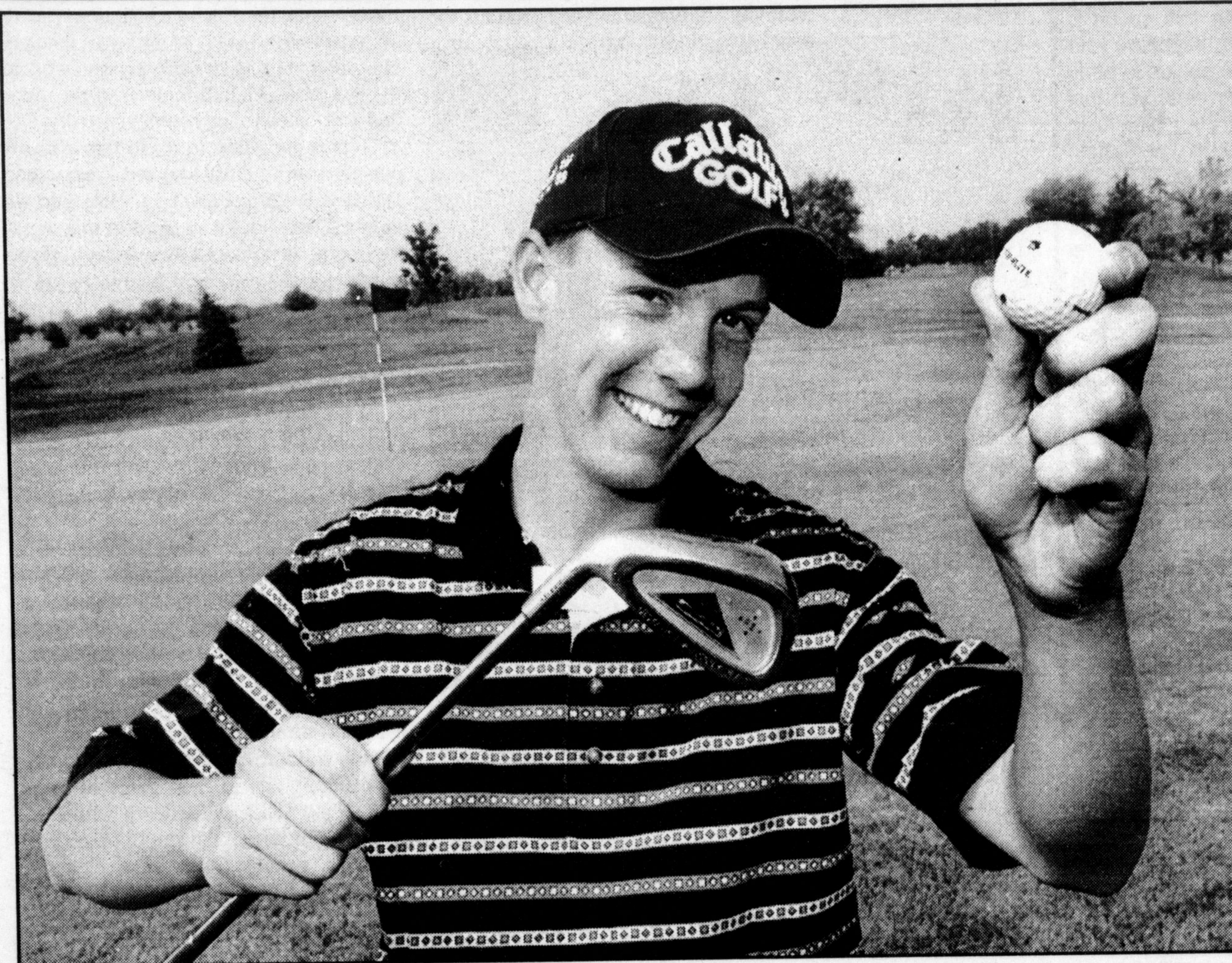


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Ace in the hole

Milton's Steve Mulholland, 15, proudly displays the ball and seven iron he used to make a hole in one Monday at Oakville Executive Golf Course. His feat came while taking part in the junior camp run by Clarke's Golf. The Milton based program has had three hole in one golfers in as many years now.

Sweep is marred by a skirmish

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

So far, so good — and so long Wallaceburg.

The Jr. B Mavericks delivered some of their finest lacrosse in franchise history over a five-day period to sweep the highly aggressive Red Devils 3-0 in opening round playoff action.

But their inspired performance was just half of the story in this best-of-five series — which was marred by a game two altercation in Wallaceburg Sunday between Milton players and a few hometown spectators.

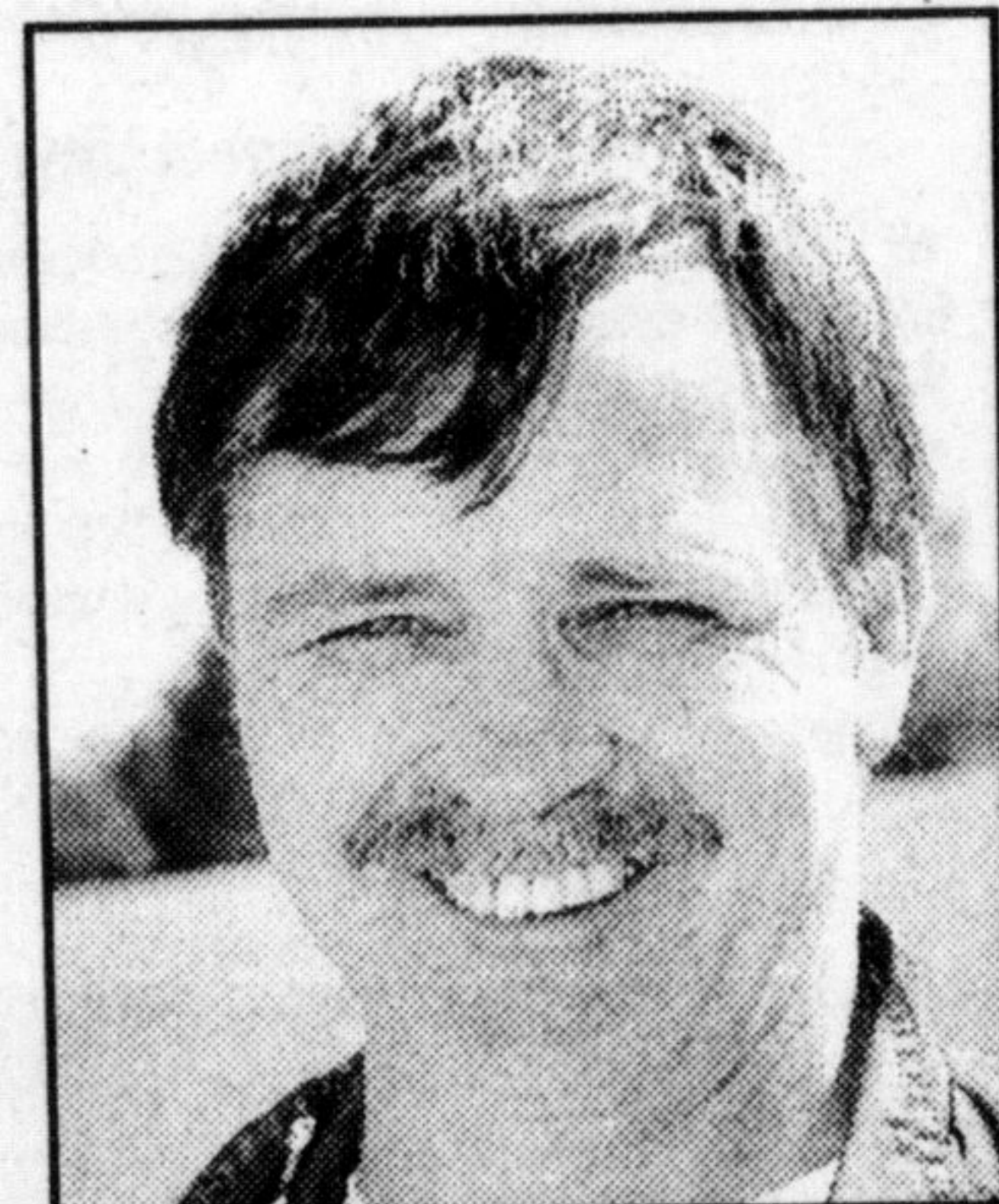
In the middle of the skirmish was Maverick goalie Andrew Dowdell, who claims that one particular fan had been yelling at skipper Jim Leworthy throughout the second period and was about to take a swing at him as the team was heading to the lobby at intermission.

Going outside to keep cool between periods is not uncommon for lacrosse teams — who in certain arenas have to walk by fans to exit the building.

Looking to protect his coach, as he contends, Dowdell pushed Leworthy aside and wound up embroiled in a mini wrestling match with the fan.

Other spectators also became involved, as did fellow visiting players including Craig Hedley and Darryl Brown. Police had to be called in and while threatened to be stopped, the game was completed under protest by Wallaceburg general manager Sheldon Parsons.

"What I saw was two Milton players enter the fan area and



Jim Leworthy

start fighting with our fans," said the Red Devils' GM, whose players and coaching staff were in their own dressing room at the time and only became aware of the incident after it was over. "That's a no-no. They should have been expelled (from the series)."

Argued Dowdell, "We were just going outside and this guy was about to hit coach Leworthy, so I stepped in and ended up on the floor. You've got to be willing to spill blood for each other, even the coach."

While who was truly to blame for the incident remains up for debate — and possibly up for review by league officials — there was no question

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Peewees take the podium again

Two tournament trips, two title triumphs. Few Milton baseball teams in recent history — if any — have pulled off consecutive championship victories like this, but the major peewees found a way this season.

After a mini home run derby led them to top honours last month in Mississauga, the local contingent completed their back-to-back run with a golden performance last

weekend at Hamilton's West Mountain Tournament.

The Red Sox weren't knocking them out of the park nearly as much this time around, partly because a number of the diamonds didn't even have fences, but every other aspect of their game was at peak proficiency.

"Our defense was great all weekend and we got key pitching when we needed it,"

said manager Dan Tielemans.

David Aggio's six-inning gem, in which he surrendered just a single earned run on three hits, led the major peewees to a 5-2 decision over Bloordale in the finals.

Milton jumped ahead early and got a tape measure long ball by Liam Tennant — who also enjoyed a three up and three down final inning on the mound — in the

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