

# French connects with an OHL team

Mark French's coaching career is on the rise.

The Jr. B Merchants graduate spent the last year as an assistant at the University of Guelph. He'll continue that role this season — but in the more prestigious and challenging Ontario Hockey League.

French has been hired by the North Bay Centennials and began his new job late last month.

"I'm really excited about going to the OHL," remarked the 28-year-old, who was interim head coach of the Brock University Badgers two seasons back. "Last year I put myself in a great position to mentor with a good coach (Guelph Gryphons' Marlin Muylaert). With North Bay, I think I'm doing the same."

In the spring he had accepted a job

coaching at the University of West Virginia — a Division III school with little hockey tradition or success — but when Centennials skipper Mike Kelly came calling, the decision to head north instead of south was a rather easy one.

The Miltonian is now North Bay's number one assistant.

Since French signed on with the Centennials, Muylaert has resigned from the Gryphons to take over the hockey program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Because French now has a job, he is out of the running for the post. He admits that if the position was available to him, it would be difficult to choose between the OHL and a head coaching job in Canadian university hockey.

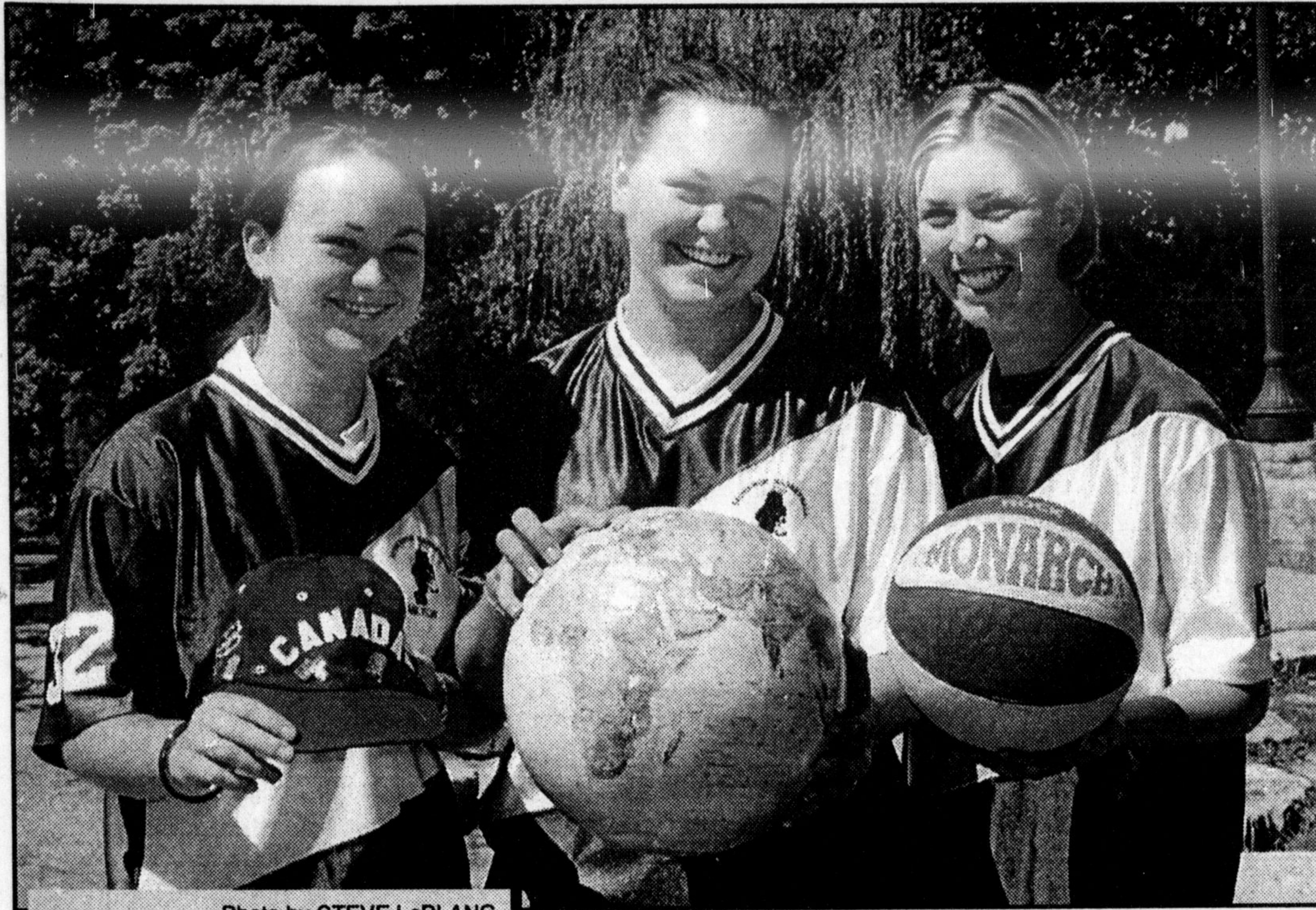


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Anne Gleeson, Maryellen Gleeson and Jen McManus (l-r) were among a group of basketball players who recently enjoyed a competitive tour through Ireland.

## Milton Inter-Church Softball 1999 Final League Standings

Team	Ws	Ls	Ts	PTS
Knox	17	06	01	35
St. George	15	06	03	33
Milton Bible	16	08	00	32
Hillcrest	14	07	03	31
New Life A	11	09	04	26
Alliance 1	12	11	01	25
New Life B	12	11	01	25
Alliance 2	12	11	01	25
Boston	09	12	03	21
Holy Rosary	09	12	03	21
Grace	08	15	01	17
St. Paul's	05	18	01	11
New Life Deaf	03	19	02	0

## Brookville Masters Slo Pitch (Final League Standings)

Team	Ws	Ls	Ts	PTS
Moffatt Scrap Iron	18	09	03	39
Miltowne Collision	17	10	03	37
Bruce Hood Travel	16	11	03	35
Rideout Auto Parts	14	15	01	29
Carson Equipment	13	16	01	27
ReMax Realty	06	23	01	13

# Irish tour features some new challenges and some old culture

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

The Milton Monarchs' last hurrah had both an international flavour and a taste of sweet success.

Martha and Pat Gleeson — who operated the local basketball program for nearly two decades and are now stepping down — recently took the juvenile girls' team on a whirlwind tour through Ireland.

There, 11 hoopsters had their fill of culture and competition over two weeks — during which they enjoyed a sensational sendoff to their club careers and represented their country in fine style.

"These girls were just a pleasure to take over there. The trip couldn't have been better," said Ms Gleeson, who'll lead Milton District High School's senior girls basketball team this fall and will then officially retire from coaching.

Milton's juveniles had a remarkable run

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in the Birch/Balsam Room of the Community Care Access Centre of Halton  
440 Elizabeth Street, 4th floor  
Burlington, Ontario L7R 2M1

The meeting will be held in accordance with the Corporation's bylaws.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: The Honourable Cam Jackson, Minister of Tourism, MPP Burlington

Voting members of the Corporation as of August 16, 1999 are eligible to participate in the election of the Board of Directors.

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