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✓ Legends to support the kids' home with game on Sunday

Legendary hockey heroes, world calibre figure skaters and national celebrities will lace up their skates this Sunday (Sept. 19) for the Hershey Ice Classic.

The 1 p.m. showcase — at Mississauga's Hershey Centre — will see members of the legendary Old-timers Hockey Challenge Team take on the history-making Team Canada '72 squad.

Special guests Cassie Campbell of the World champion Canadian women's hockey team and stars from Canadian entertainment and media will play in an exhibition game.

Hull, Cherry coach

Coached by Don Cherry and Bobby Hull, the teams will feature hall of famers and all-stars including Frank Mahovlich, Darryl Sittler, Ron Ellis, Marcel Dionne and Guy Lafleur.

Special guest appearances will also be made by Team Canada '72 hero Paul Henderson and critically-acclaimed performer Michael Burgess.

Skate champs coming

As an added treat, reigning Canadian figure skating champs Shae-Lynn Bourne and Victor Kraatz, Kristy Sargeant and Kris Wirtz, Jennifer Robinson and the precision team Black Ice will entertain fans during both intermissions.

Proceeds will go to Rose Cherry's Home — a Milton hospice for terminally ill children.

Tickets for the event are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. Tickets are now on sale at the Hershey Centre Box Office, by calling Ticketmaster at (416) 872-5000 to charge by phone or on-line at Ticketmaster.ca.

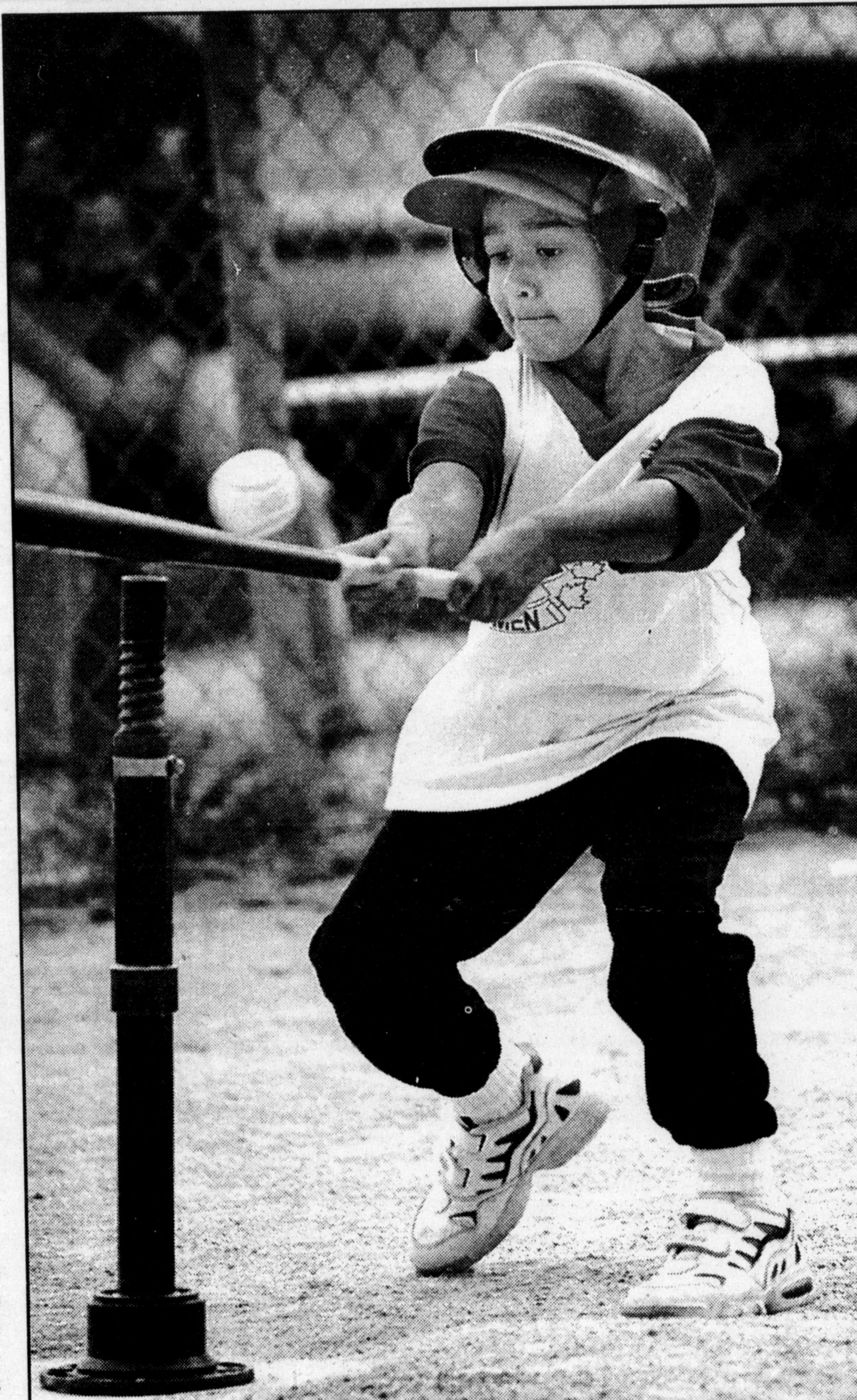


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✓ Layin' the lumber

Kinsmen Club's Sierra Joseph belts out a hit in junior t-ball play against Appliance Depot Saturday at Sam Sherratt School. The game was part of the Milton Girls Softball Association's Championship Day.

Coach says Merchants need work

By STEVE LeBLANC
 The Champion

The Milton Merchants may be inundated with veterans this year, but right now they're nowhere near playing seasoned hockey.

So says skipper Marty Williamson, who knows only too well that an active summer of recruiting proven performers is just the first step in rebuilding a championship calibre club.

"Our defence is poor and our conditioning is suspect," admitted the local head coach, whose charges open the regular season tonight at home against Mississauga. "There's a lot of new guys here that figure when you come to Milton winning is automatic. But there's a lot of work that goes into our success and we've only just started."

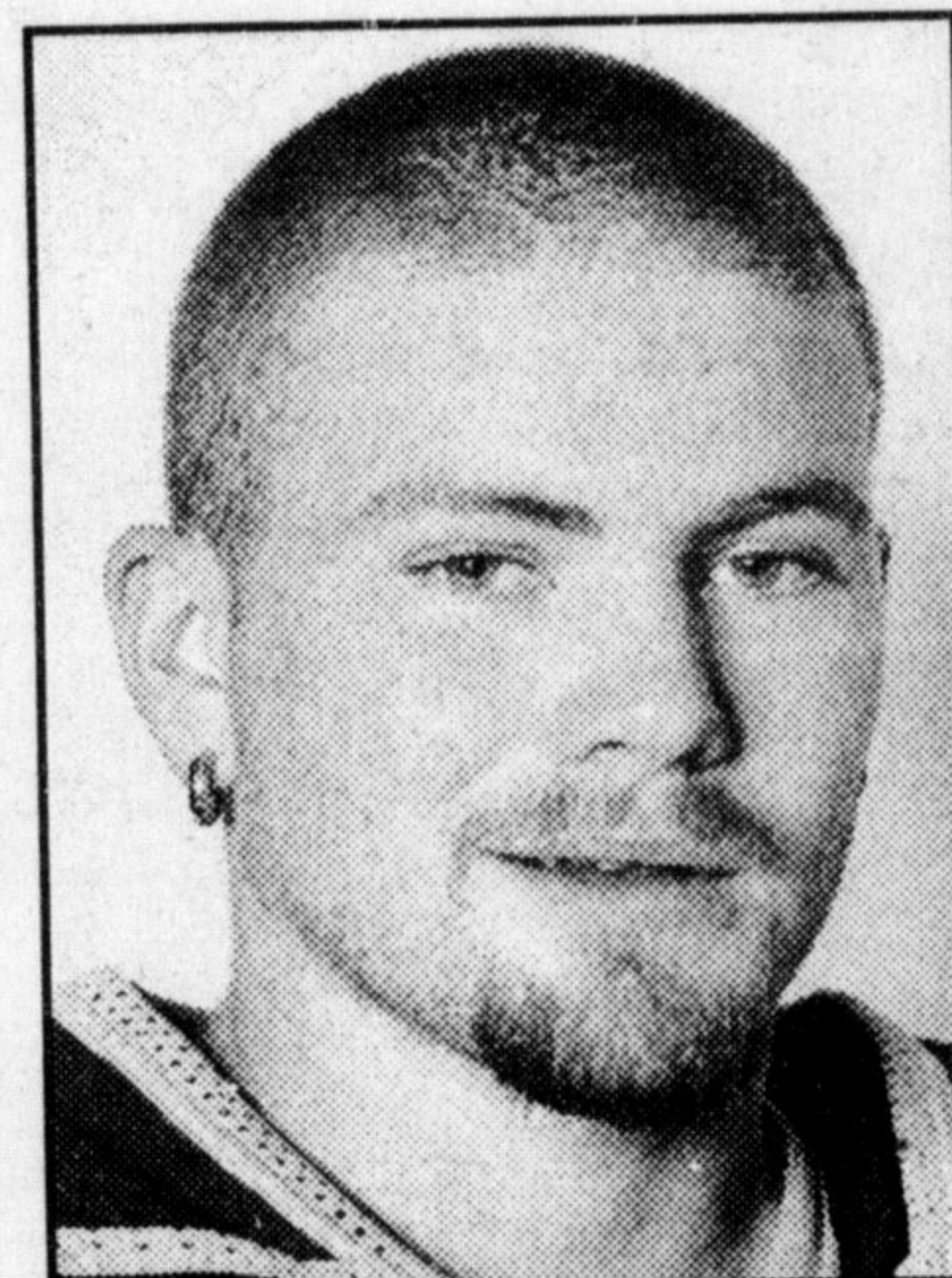
Williamson may not be as far along with his team as he was heading into the past two seasons, but he has to be optimistic when surveying this year's roster.

In particular, the forward lines.

Recently Ian Malcolm — who through 1998/99 amassed 47 goals and 41 assists with the Markham Waxers — was acquired in a three-way deal that sent veteran goaltender Jeremy Wenzel to Collingwood and cash to Markham.

The 20-year-old centre comes with three years of junior experience and a great deal of tenacity.

He joins what was already a potent offensive unit that includes fellow newcomers



Ian Malcolm

Elliot Altberg, Phil Barski, Rob Martin and Jeff Petherick — all of whom had 20-plus goals and more than 60 points last season with various teams in the Ontario Provincial Jr. A League.

Throw in returnees Mark Beisel, Chad Blundy, Ryan Eby and Mike Wheelihan plus promising rookie Richard Peverley and the Merchants should take a back seat to nobody when it comes to firepower.

In fact the team has so much offense right now that deter-

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