

Marlin swimmers break records at Guelph meet

Handful of Victor Davis Memorial Cup standards shattered by Milton competitors

The Milton Marlins made waves of the record-breaking variety late last month at the Victor Davis Memorial Cup long course meet in Guelph.

Local swimmers shattered a handful of meet benchmarks — two of which were done away with by preteen Aaron Fraser.

She established new standards in both the 11 and 12 year-old girls 200 metre butterfly and grueling 400m freestyle.

Her weekend campaign also included silver-medal performances in the 50m butterfly and 200m breaststroke as well as third-place finishes in the 50 and 100m breaststroke.

Among 13 and 14-year-old girls, Kristen McIlroy broke the record in the 50m butterfly and also won the 50m freestyle.

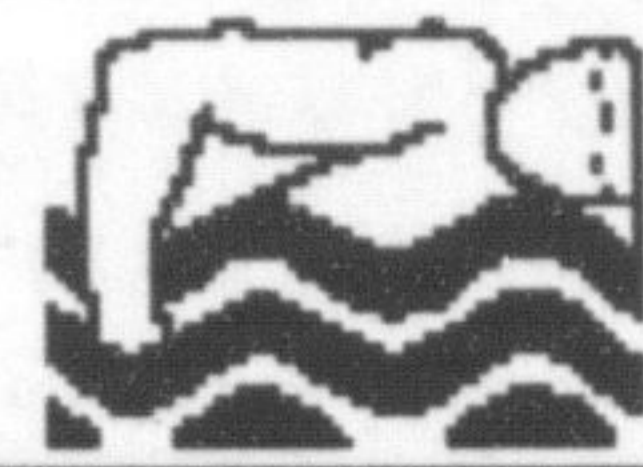
Her hardware haul featured silver medals in both the 100 and 200m butterfly plus a bronze in the 200m breaststroke.

Age class teammate Rachel Robinson set the bar a little higher in the 200m breaststroke and was also golden in the 400m freestyle.

She took silver in the 100m breaststroke and bronze in the 200m backstroke.

McIlroy and Robinson then teamed with Tara Anderson and Michelle Claessens to break the meet record in the 13 and 14-year-old girls 400m breaststroke relay.

Swim Notes



Laura Doherty didn't set any new benchmarks in the 10 and under girls division, although her star shone brightest when it came to collecting medals — including four golds in the 400m individual medley, 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke and 200m breaststroke.

She also secured silver in the 200m backstroke.

Kate Chapman — competing in the 15 and

over girls class — grabbed gold in the 100 and 200m breaststroke as well as a bronze in the 50m breaststroke.

Meanwhile, George Dimitrov led the way for the boys.

The 15 and over swimmer turned back all challengers in the 400m freestyle, was the runner-up in both the 100m freestyle and 400m individual medley and took bronze in the 200m backstroke.

First-time competitor Christopher Reed delivered a dynamite debut — garnering second-place honours in the 200m breaststroke in the 10 and under loop.

Royals win tournament

Bishop Reding's junior hockey team win championship at Memorial Arena

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

The Champion

The Bishop Reding Royals got just close enough to see the pearly gates last time around.

On home ice Wednesday, they completed the journey to the promised land.

Within the friendly confines of Memorial Arena, BR's junior hockey players exorcised the demons of a 4-3 overtime championship loss to Burlington's Notre Dame one week earlier at Oakville's IceSports Arena by taking top honours at their own tournament.

They delivered four consecutive wins over the two-day showcase — punctuating their title run by outdistancing Oakville's Loyola Hawks 6-4.

"We had a bit of a slow start, but once we picked up our game it was hard for them to keep up," said head coach Ange Poletto.

Ian Kornack provided the heroics, sinking the eventual game winner — his second of the afternoon clash — midway through the third period.

Rob Sgarbossa also tallied twice while standing out with a goal and four assists was Peter Schultz.

Backstopping the hosts to victory with roughly two dozen saves was Rory Johnston.

The Royals were dominant at both ends of the ice a few hours earlier during semi-final play — and trounced Burlington's Lord Elgin Lancers 12-1.

Mike Novak and Tim Warmels anchored a rock-solid defensive unit that stifled the opposition.

Tim Johnston (no relation to Rory) was between the pipes for that one, while the blowout was due in large part to two-goal efforts by Schultz, Sgarbossa and Adam Kemp.

Last Tuesday, Christian Nonis potted a hat-trick to guide the local juniors past Oakville's Q.E. Park Eagles 6-1 in opening round play.

Then Kornack and Dan Sliasis scored inside the first three minutes of round two and their cohorts hung on in gutsy fashion to eclipse Oakville's T.A. Blakelock Tigers 2-1.

"Our speed and forechecking really did the trick (at the tournament)," said Poletto.

BR wraps up its season this week at the Lord Elgin Tournament.



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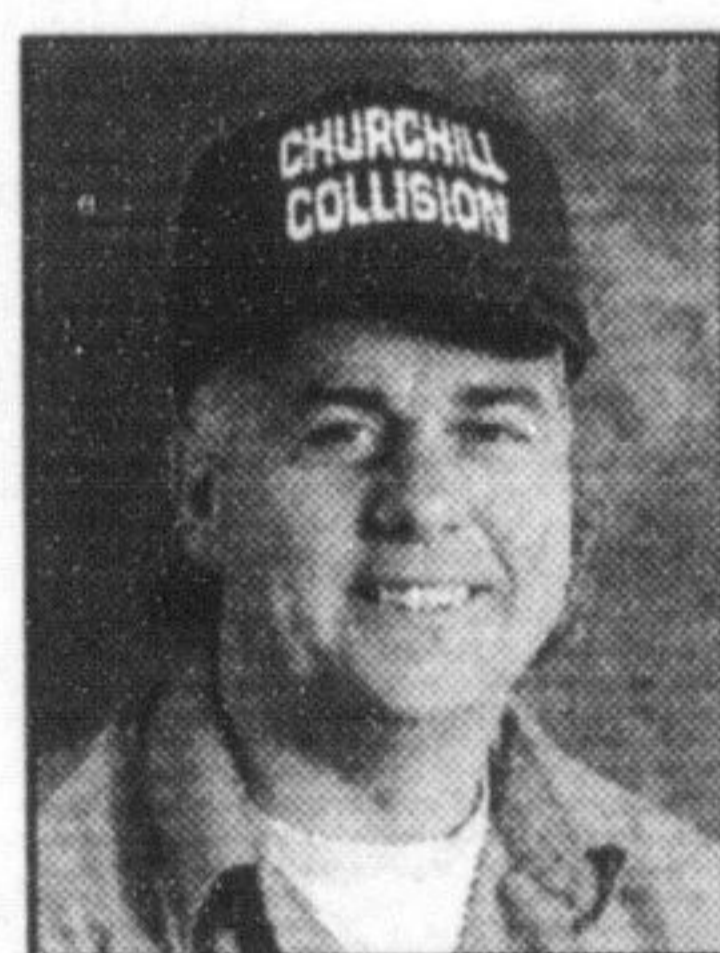


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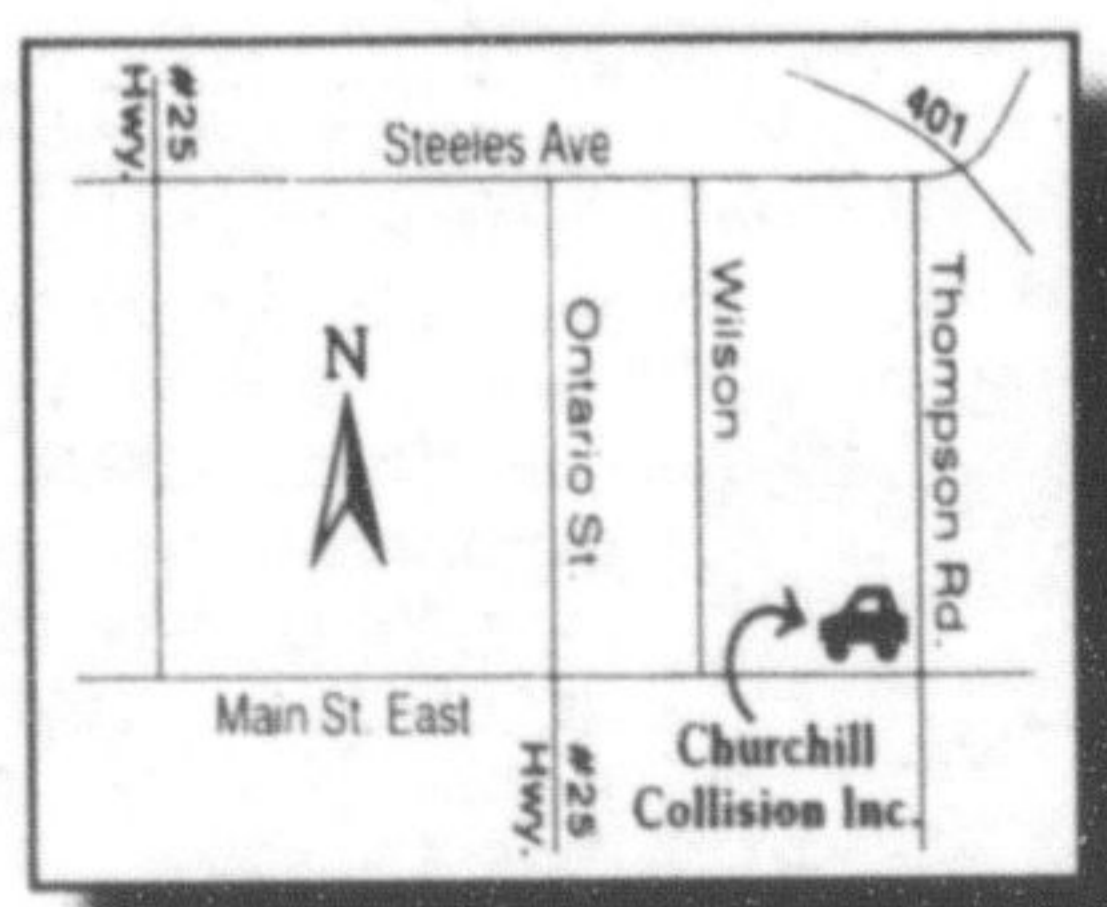
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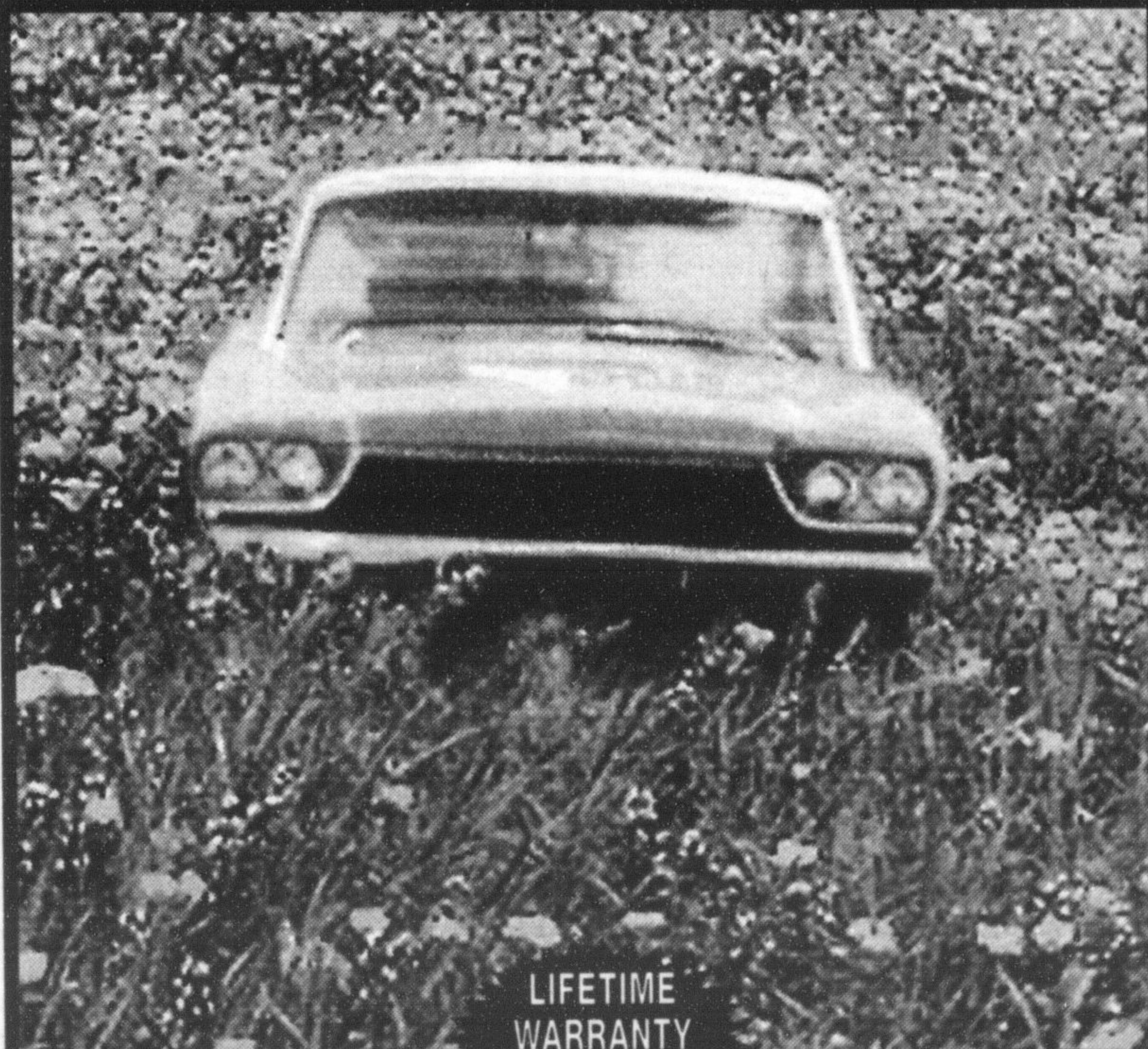


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