Another slow start for Ridley

Miltonian Shayne Ridley is flying with the Delmarva Shorebirds this season.

But these days he's not soaring quite as high as he would like to be.

The 23-year-old has had a rather slow start with Baltimore's Class A team in Salisbury, Maryland. Currently splitting his time between third base and designated hitter, he's batting .214 and has yet to record an extra-base hit.

Tuesday evening, the Ball State University (BSU) graduate delivered an RBI ground out for Delmarva's lone run in an 8-1 humbling at the hands of the division leading Lexington Legends.

Three days earlier he drove in the only run — on a sacrifice fly — in an identical loss to Lexington.

The Shorebirds — defending league champions sat five games back in fourth place in the South Atlantic's Northern Division following Tuesday's lopsided loss, which dropped them to 13-14.

Ridley had a less than stellar start last season as well - with the rookie league Bluefield Orioles - but managed to lift his game and put up some impressive numbers through the dog days of summer.

Meanwhile, twin brother Jeremy has put baseball aside for the time being in order to pursue an advanced degree at BSU.

The school offered to pay for his masters in sports administration back in the fall and the opportunity was simply too good for the switch-hitting second baseman to pass on.

Jeremy remains the property of the Toronto Blue

Last year he started off strong with the rookie league Medicine Hat Jays but saw little playing time following a promotion to the Class A Queens Kings in New

Agonizing finish for the Twisters

So close — so agonizingly close.

That was the story for the Halton Hills' peewee hockey team recently at the Ontario 'B' Championships. The Twisters — aided by Miltonians Lisa Brown and Kira Metselaar - were within striking distance of a quarterfinal victory over Cobourg.

But a late reversal of fortune saw them squander a multi-goal lead and lose 5-4. The game winner was notched inside the final two minutes of play.

The loss was doubly disappointing since Cobourg went on to win the title, something Halton Hills may well have done if victorious in the quarterfinals.

Metselaar buried the biscuit in that game and finished the tournament with two goals and a pair of helpers while Brown drew a helper and provided rocksolid defense the entire weekend.

Meanwhile, Milton's Victoria Mulé delivered a point

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in all three round-robin games for her Etobicoke Dolphins' peewee squad in the 'AA' division provincials. Unfortunately, Etobicoke didn't enjoy much team success — going 0-2-1 for an early exit. The highlight of their weekend was a 1-1 stalemate with Mississauga.

Mulé picked up an assist in that encounter and followed that up with another assist and a goal in the ensuing losses.

Campbellville's Hannah Mott also enjoyed some individual success in the "A" peewee loop.

As one of the goalies for the Burlington Barracudas, she whitewashed Sudbury 2-0 in game two of the round robin and then showed strongly in quarterfinal play against Willowdale. However, her teammates couldn't give her much offensive support in that one and lost 3-1, with an empty-net goal sealing the deal.

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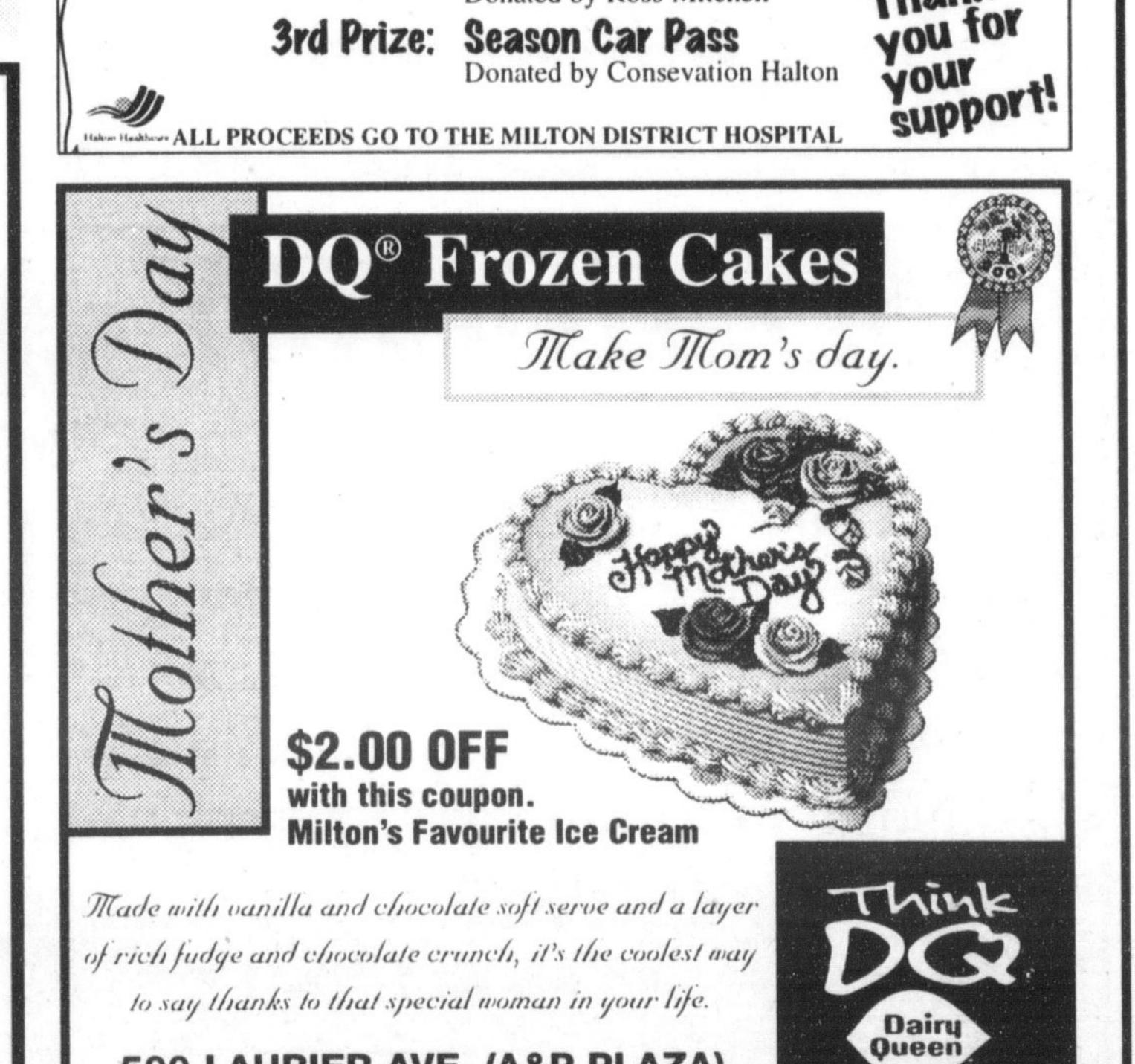


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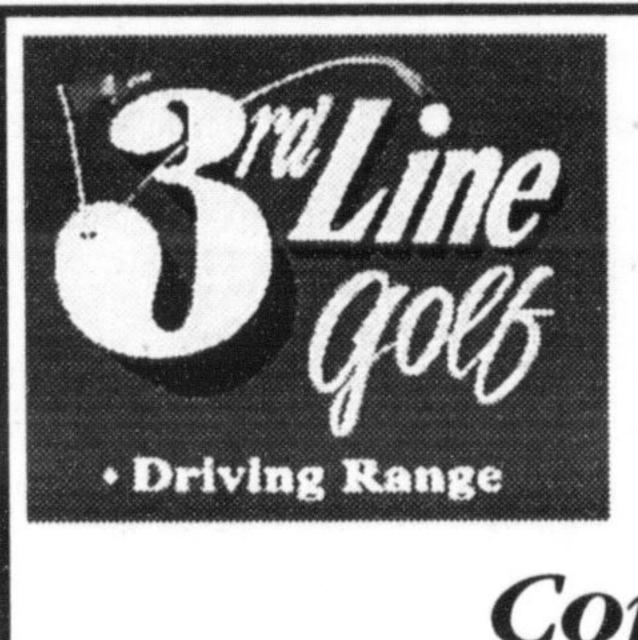
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