

Sign up now for camp

Applications are now being accepted for the annual Cross Border Hockey defenceman's training camp.

The program offers two one-week camps from August 13 to 17 and August 20 to 24 at Burlington's

Appleby Ice Centre.

Registration fees are \$139 per player per week or \$255 for both weeks. Family and group rates are available.

To obtain an application form or for more information, call (905) 355-1504.

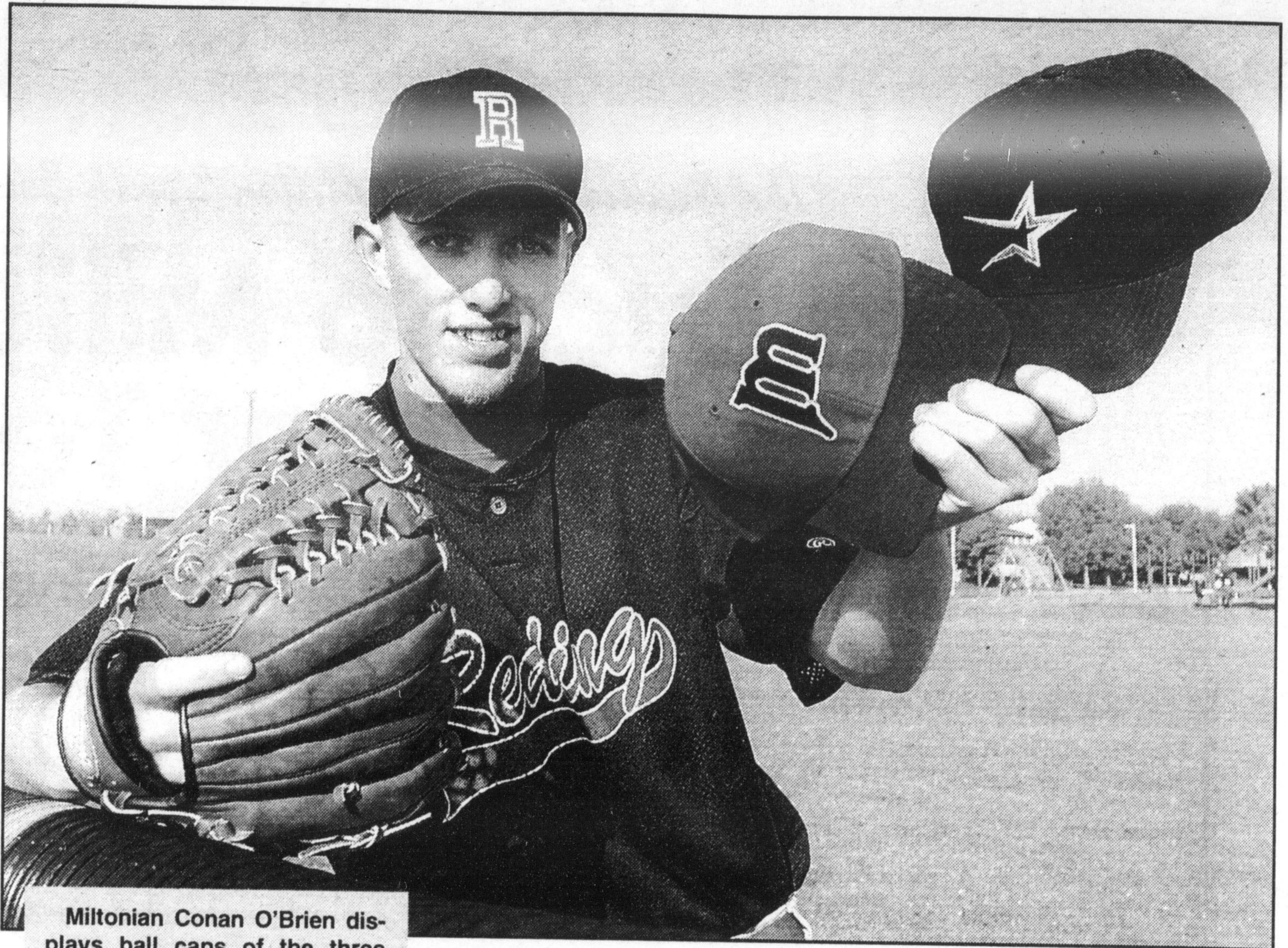
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Sunday, May 27th, 2001

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Miltonian Conan O'Brien displays ball caps of the three teams he plays on this season — the Bishop Reding Royals, Hamilton Astros and the midget Red Sox. He's made standout contributions with all three teams thus far this spring.

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

O'Brien keeping busy with three different ball teams this spring

By STEVE LeBLANC
The Champion

Conan O'Brien probably welcomed Tuesday's rain out a little more than the rest of his Bishop Reding Royals.

That's because days off have been in rather short supply this spring for the 16-year-old southpaw — who's currently playing for three different baseball teams.

In addition to high school ball, he's toiling with the Connie Mach League's Hamilton Astros on the weekends and rounding things out with spot duty for the local midget Red Sox.

Overall, O'Brien has competed in more than two dozen games in the past four weeks. Not that he's complaining — and heaven knows his teammates certainly aren't.

The highly durable teen has done a bit of everything on the diamond this spring, and for the most part done it all very well.

With Bishop Reding, O'Brien has been all-purpose performer and a driving force behind the team's 4-2 record heading into yesterday's regular season finale against Loyola. While counted on to lead a young pitching staff — which he has with one solid start and a couple of dynamite relief stints — the 11th grader has been particularly productive at the plate with two home runs, eight RBI and a batting average of .417.

"Conan's turned himself into a great hitter. He's a huge reason why we're doing so well, and he's still got a year or two left to go," said Royals skipper Joe Jurus.

On weekends, the young ball player is kept busy with tournament competition with the Astros — who've been benefiting from his plate pop and solid defensive efforts in the outfield.

O'Brien combined both last weekend in Sarnia to help Hamilton win three of four games, including a 3-0 whitewash of the

hosts, during which he offered solid fielding and drove in the second run.

But as dangerous as his bat has become, the local player is still best known for his pitching — which has been quite reliable over the past couple of years.

It certainly was last week when over two games he delivered eight shutout innings to lead both the Royals and Red Sox to blowout victories. Along the way he gave up a measly three hits and fanned a dozen batters.

"My mechanics have improved a lot, that's the biggest thing," said O'Brien, who's got an impressive change-up curve to go along with his effective fastball.

Collectively, O'Brien's teams are 18-10 on the season — which with this type of continued success could be an extremely long one for the highly versatile player.

"It's a lot of ball, but it works out okay because the Astros only play on the weekends," he said. "I want to play as much as possible this year and next and then possibly play post-secondary. I'd like to keep playing as long as possible."

Soccer camp to run again

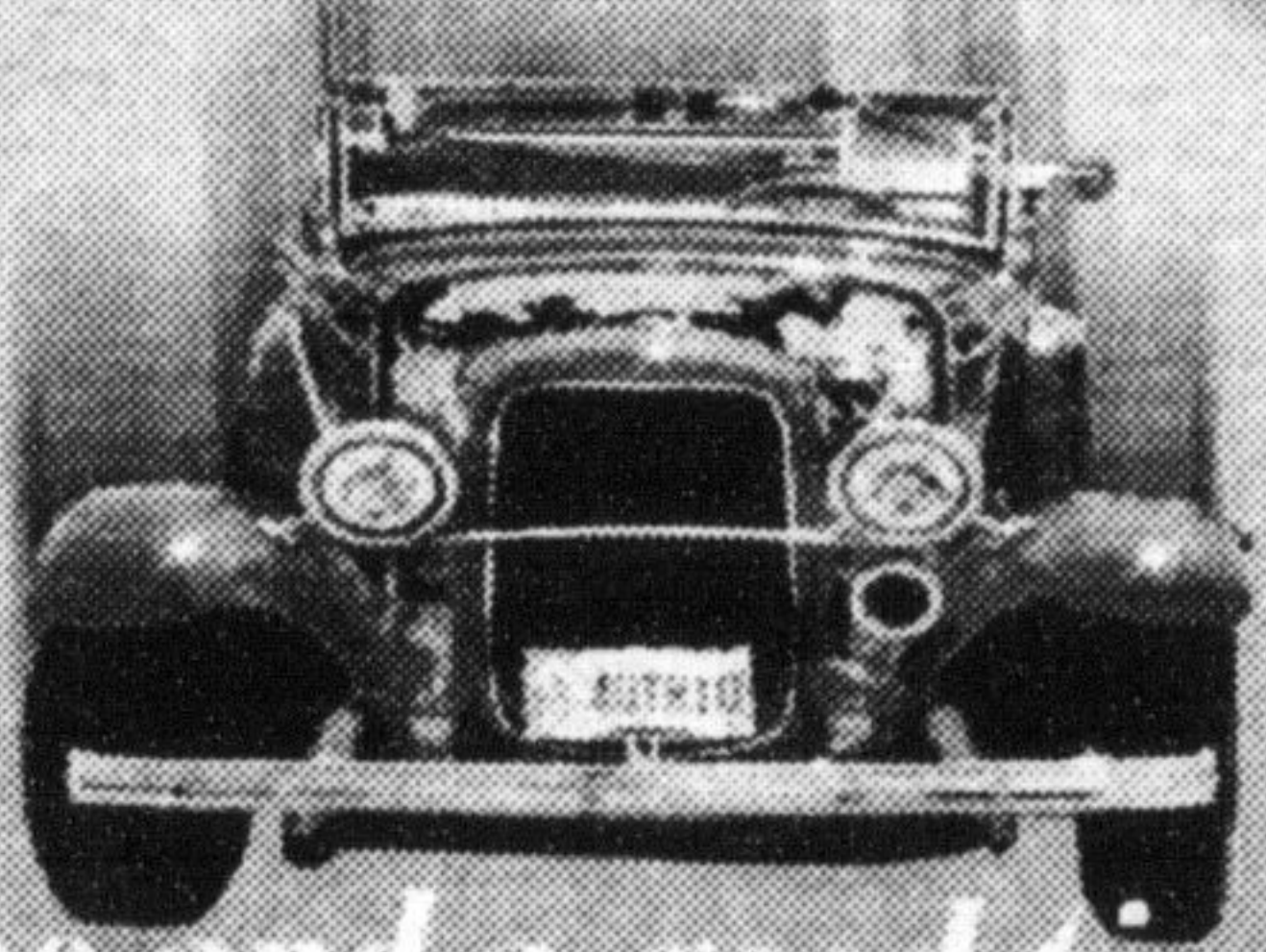
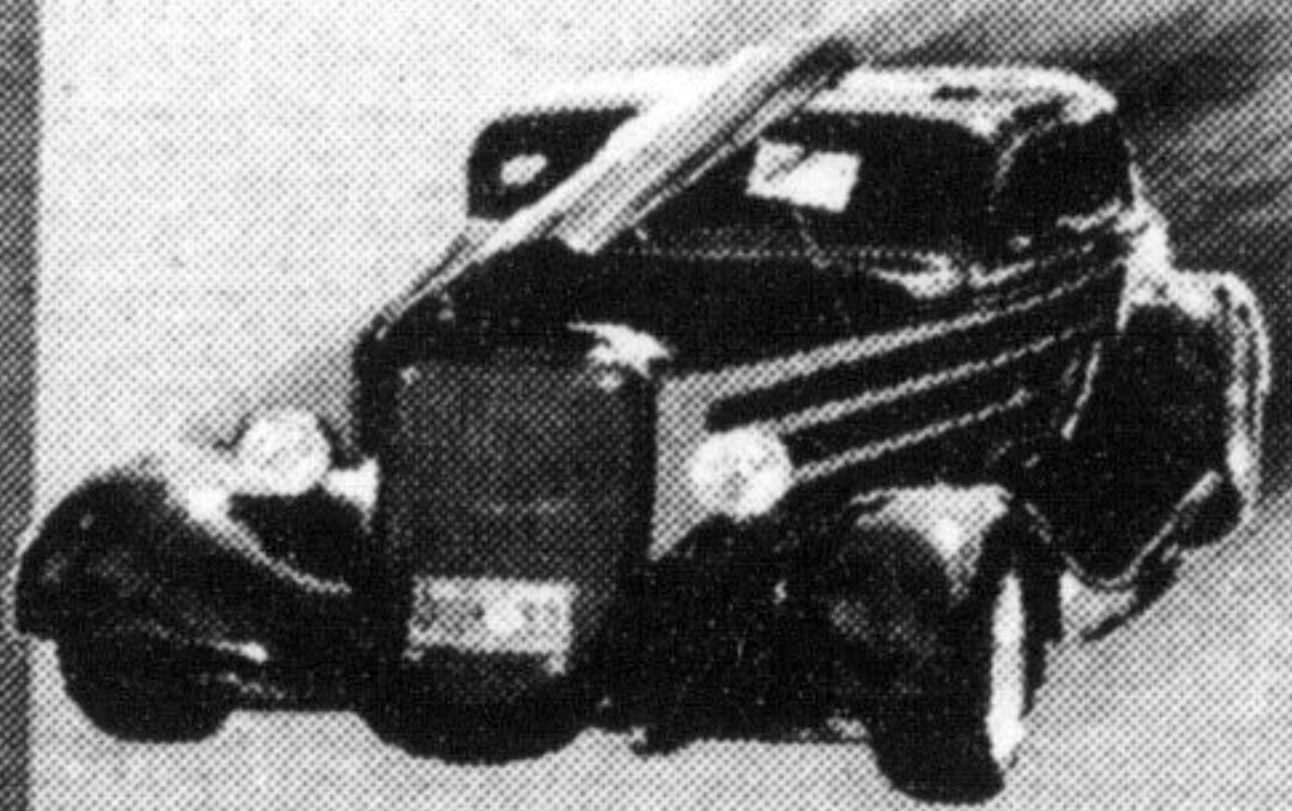
Milton Youth Soccer will once again be hosting its Kick-It Soccer Camp this summer at Lions Sport Park.

The camp runs from July 16 to 20. Open to boys and girls aged 6 to 13 years, Kick-It Soccer Camp features all-day clinics and costs \$95 per child for full-day instructions, \$70 for morning lessons and \$60 for afternoon lessons.

Each camper receives a t-shirt and soccer ball.

To register, or for more information, call 1(905)335-5679 or e-mail camp organizers at hoopcamp@home.com.

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