Par-ticularly prosperous start to tour for Thomas

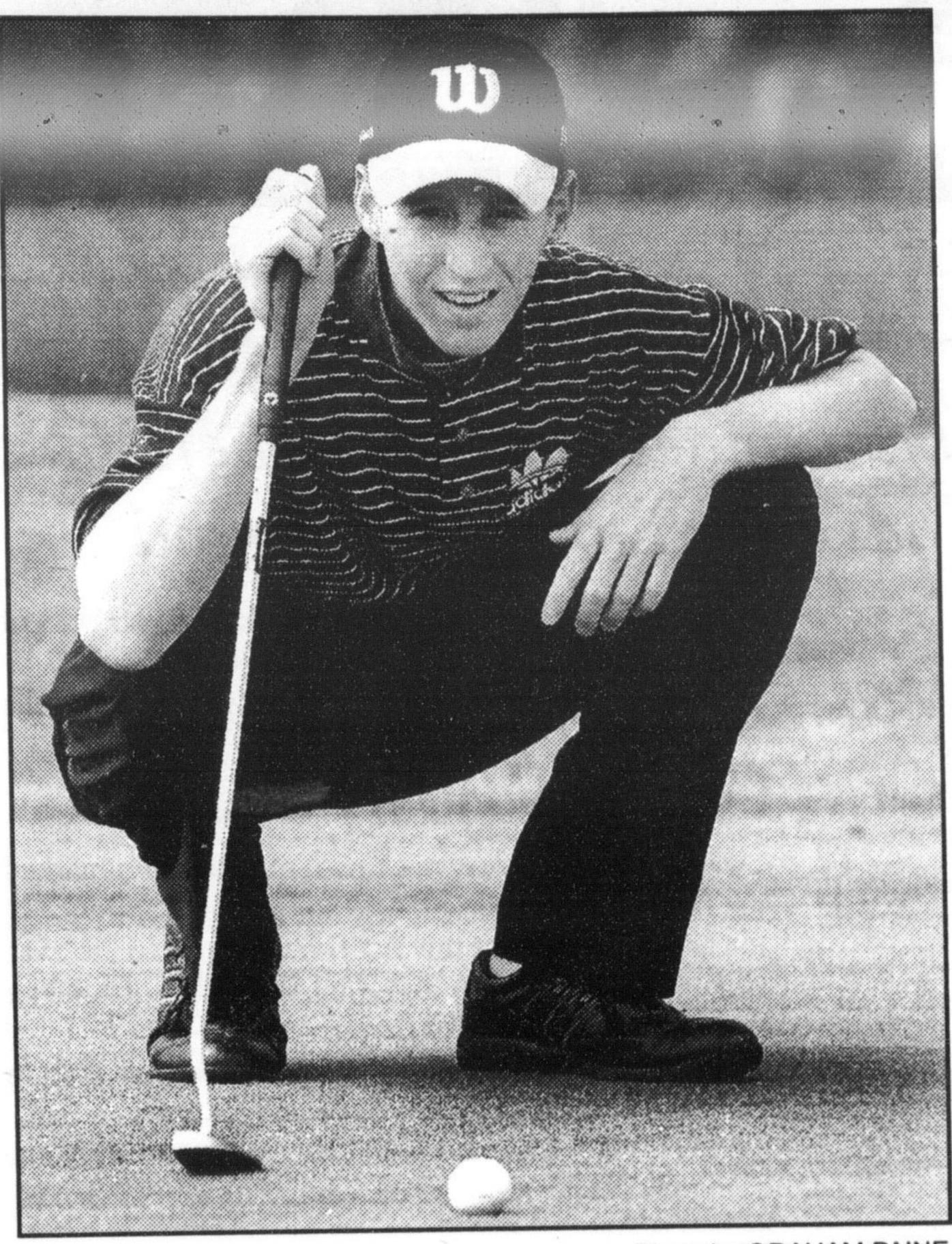
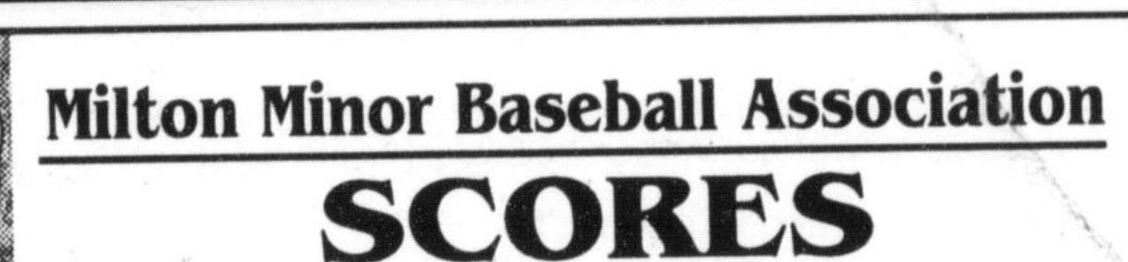


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Milton's Jeff Thomas won back-to-back GolfScene Tour events last month, thanks in part to a strong short game.





Senior T-Ball Week of May 7 Optimist Club 25 vs Kinsmen Club 21

Player of Game: Gabrielle Shaw (Optimist)

Optimist Club 25 vs Mitam Stone Construction 21 Player of Game: Emma Bradley (Mitam)

Rookie Ball Verns Water 11 vs Richardson Chev Olds 8 Player of Game: Melysa Davis (Verns) Kathryn Kennaley

(Richardson)

Mosquito Body & Sole 12 vs Re/Max (Hackenbrook) 7 No players were chosen

Senior T-Ball Week of May 14 Optimist Club 24 vs Wallace Pontiac 24 Player of Game: Sierra Joseph (Optimist)

Mitam Stone Construction 22 DalBello Industrial 21 Player of Game: Brianna Underwood (Mitam)

Brian's Auto Repair 17 vs Mitam Construction 15 Player of Game: Rachel Marsbergen (Mitam)

Rookie Ball Richardson Chev Olds 15 vs Dairy Queen 9 Player of Game: Angela Thistle (Richardson)

Vern's Water 12 vs Burlington #2 4 Player of Game: Jessica Piva (Vern's)

Senior T-Ball Week of May 28 Optimist Club 28 vs DalBello Industrial 26 Player of Game: Melissa Fay (Optimist)

Rookie Ball Richardson Chev Olds 9 vs Re/Max 9 Player of Game: Shelby Richardson (Richardson)

May was a par-ticularly prosperous month for local golfer Jeff Thomas.

The Milton teen kicked it off by taking top spot in the junior boys division (17 and 18 year-olds) at the first event of this season's GolfScene Tour at Guelph Lakes Golf Club.

Then three weeks later at Kitchener's RiverEdge Golf Course, Thomas made it two-for-two and did so with an impressive 72shot performance — holding back Oakville's David Collaton by a single stroke.

Milton's ace, a newcomer to the GolfScene Tour but certainly no stranger to the sport, recovered from a triple bogy on hole number one to finish just two over par — which represented the fifth best score overall, including those of the top adults.

An especially effective short game — just 30 putts in total — led the local 17-year-old to victory during a soggy second tournament. Thomas also delivered the longest drive on the day.

Meanwhile, Campbellville's George Corbin was the runner-up in the Adult 'C' flight, finishing four shots behind Mississauga's James Prosser.

Corbin and Marlene McCarthy of Brampton tied for the closest to the pin award.

GolfScene Tour's next event is scheduled for this Sunday at Brampton's Mayfield Golf Club. Area golf fans will get a chance to see Thomas and Corbin in action later this summer when the seven-event tour comes to both Milton's Wyldewood and Trafalgar golf and country clubs.

Midgets push winning streak to six

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

Milton's midget baseball team added a few new numbers to their early season hit parade at Maplehurst Monday.

Soaring to new heights offensively, the hosts extended their winning streak to six games by dismantling the Waterloo Tigers 17-7 in a seven-inning mercied massacre.

This marked the local's second mercied victory of the year and the fourth time their run-total hit double digits.

"We've got a lot more depth this season," said manager Jeff Harper, whose 6-1 midgets are enjoying their best season start in recent memory. "The bottom half of the order is a lot stronger."

The Red Sox' plate pop and highly aggressive base-running were enough to pull off the win --- but the visitors' mistakeprone infield, to say the very least, factored into the blowout. Their defensive shortcomings were evident through much of the evening, but particularly so during a comedy-of-errors fourth frame when they threw the ball away three times to clear the bases and crush any hope of a competitive contest.

Up 9-0 at that point, starter Paul Duff — who still had a nohitter going - was yanked in favour of James MacDonald, who was in need of some innings before this weekend's tour-

nament in St. Thomas.

Working out a few early-season kinks, he settled down after a shaky start and held the Tigers to two runs on as many hits through the sixth and seventh.

Overall, Evan Jeans took the spotlight with notable performances at and behind the plate. He scored four times, stole four bases and highlighted his offensive campaign with a two-run homer — the team's fourth this season — to left field in the sixth.

Defensively, he gunned down a couple of runners and did a fine job protecting the plate while MacDonald struggled with his control early on.

Shortstop Ryan Harper was the other fielding standout, making seven putouts. He made all three in the opening frame and initiated a double play three innings later.

Lead-off hitter Scott Connolly had a couple of hits and reached base safely three times.

Overall Milton out-hit Waterloo 15-5 and despite loosening their grip in the fifth inning, were never in any real threat of los-

The Red Sox were averaging more than nine runs a game heading into last night's trip to Kitchener. Milton is back at Maplehurst Monday at 7:30 p.m. to battle Burlington.

Barnes wins age division at triathlon

Harry Barnes is no stranger to victory — so it was no surprise that he delivered another one during Sunday's Subaru Milton Triathlon at Kelso Conservation Area.

The 54-year-old Campbellville resident upstaged Rockwood's John Fisher by just under a minute during the morning showcase to reclaim his age class title in the 800-metre swim, 30-kilometre bike, 8-kilometre run event — clocking in at an impressive 1:37.34.

The performance — which included a somewhat lacklustre opening leg but strong cycling and running efforts — placed the rural racer 33rd in the overall standings, which included a total 564 triathletes.

"It was one of the toughest races I've ever had. It was really close," said Barnes, who doubled as this year's event co-ordinator and had one of his stiffest challenges to date from his neighbouring rival.

"You don't have to go around the world for competition. Sometimes it's in your own backyard."

Meanwhile, Akiko Sekine — a Aichi, Japan native whose currently staying in town and working with local trainer Ken Royds

for next month's world championships in Edmonton — was the top female finisher and 18th overall with a 1:34.35 showing.

This follows her overall triumph at last month's half-marathon in Burlington.

Miltonian Norm Flemington and Campbellville's Duncan Macfie also cracked the triathlon's top 100 — finishing 90th and 99th respectively with times of 1:44.09 and 1:46.04.

Other locals to tame the triathlon in under two hours were Lindsay Simpson, Glenn McLay, John Bannock, Marek Kazmierczak, Colin Cumberbatch, Trigg Hall, Victor Maratovic and Sonia Boucher.

Among duathletes at Kelso, Milton's Brent Page was the top local finisher — placing 93rd with a 1:48.22 performance over the 2km run, 30km bike, 8km run course.

First among local females with a 138th, 1:56.16 finish was Miltonian Marath Bannock.

Meanwhile, Kristen McElhone of Campbellville was the top local in the 375m, 10km, 2.5km Try-A-Tri event. She placed 53rd in a time of 45.29 minutes.



Sign up for sports camp

Registrations are now being accepted for the 22nd annual Milton Sports and Fitness School.

In conjunction with the Halton Sports and Fitness School, the local program will once again offer two one-week summer camps — from August 13 to 17 and August 20 to 24. The cost is \$95 for one child and \$85 for each additional child in the same family.

The camp, held at Milton District High, is open to boys and girls aged 6 to 13 years. For more information, call Brian Arsenault at (905) 689-3245 or (905) 847-0595.