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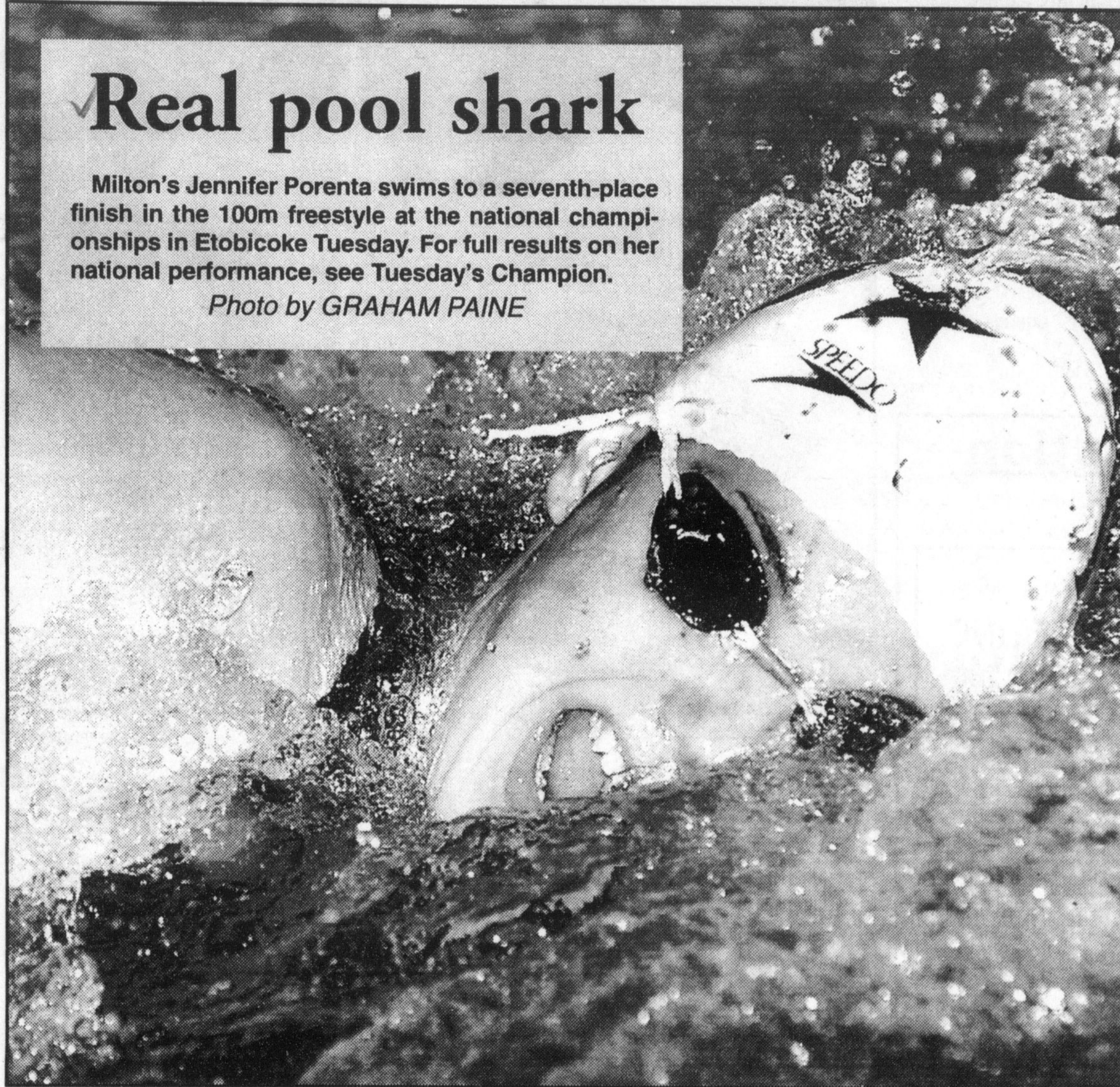
THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

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Real pool shark

Milton's Jennifer Porenta swims to a seventh-place finish in the 100m freestyle at the national championships in Etobicoke Tuesday. For full results on her national performance, see Tuesday's Champion.

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Local baseball duo help HAC win gold

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

The Halton Athletic Club (HAC) Under-18 baseball team turned back challenges from both sides of the border last weekend during tournament play in Oakville.

And a pair of local representatives were among those who fueled the title drive.

During the inaugural Halton Wood Bat Tournament, Miltonians Hallan King and Liam Tennant delivered exceptional efforts en route to championship victory.

King's contributions came on the mound — where he gave up no earned runs and collected a pair of wins over a dozen innings. His best stuff was reserved for the semifinals, when he went the distance to blank the New Jersey Pirates 2-0.

The southpaw struck out 11 batters and allowed one measly hit in the shutout to earn some serious consideration for the tournament MVP award.

The Pirates were also handcuffed by the local hurler in round-robin play, when they managed just three hits against him in five innings on the way to being

bombed 11-2. King fanned half-a-dozen batters during his initial encounter with New Jersey.

Meanwhile, Tennant shone offensive and defensively in the club's championship weekend — which was capped with a 5-1 gold-medal decision over the Ontario Falcons.

The gifted shortstop had a pair of hits and a walk in the finals and overall was one of the team's top plate performers with a handful of hits — including one which cashed in the semifinal insurance run against the Pirates.

In the field, he committed just one error in 45 innings and made a number of key outs throughout the tournament.

The Miltonians' contributions helped their HAC squad win five of six round robin games — setting the stage for gold-medal triumph.

They'll be looking to prevail again on home turf during this weekend's Franklin Cup at Burlington's Millicroft Park.

Franklin Sports will sponsor the event and use it to introduce its new pro wood bat at the amateur level. Among the teams competing will be the Ontario Select 17's.

Midget Mystics qualify for provincial championships

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

The Mystics are grand championship-bound. Delivering three low-scoring victories on home turf last weekend, the local midget girls fastball team slipped into the fourth and final spot for the provincial finals in Fort Erie.

Thirty-six teams did battle for qualifying rights at three different double-knockout tournaments — with the top dozen finishers advancing to next weekend's big dance.

The Mystics' own passage to the main event was officially booked at Lions Sport Park Saturday night — when, in emotionally-charged fashion, they rebounded from a shutout loss and

out-duelled league rival Mississauga North 4-3.

Milton struck first and enjoyed favourable results at many crucial points in the do-or-die clash — including in the fourth inning when starter Lindsey Harrold worked her way out of a one-out, bases-loaded jam — en route to victory.

Closer Katie MacKrorry allowed just one run through the final three frames to seal the deal. Carolyn Coates drove in the first run and scored the winning one herself on a bases-loaded infield fly by Tara Elkie.

Also crossing the plate were Elkie, Lindsey McLaughlin and Sarah Mooney.

Milton wasn't quite so prosperous in its bid to secure some qualifying tournament hardware

Sunday. Against Niagara Falls — whom they'd blanked in second-round play — the local ladies failed to capitalize on their opportunities and were shaded 5-3.

Defensive miscues were the story in this one, as three unearned runs crushed the hosts' hopes for a medal-winning weekend. The Mystics' 11-hit campaign kept things close during a stiflingly-humid morning encounter.

Niagara Falls went on to take the silver medal, losing in the finals to Fort Erie.

The Mystics' first two victories were almost as dramatic as the one forged against Mississauga North.

Beginning the weekend on a high note, the

midgets rallied from an early deficit to edged St. Catharines 2-1 Friday.

MacKrorry gave a complete-game gem of a performance on the mound while Mooney drove in the first run on a double and then scored herself on another two-bagger by Alicia Taylor.

Saturday morning the tournament hosts continued their strong defensive efforts on the way to whitewashing Niagara Falls 3-0.

Harrold went the distance on the hill this time around while Coates' inside-the-park homer highlighted the offensive side of things.

From there, the midgets were blanked by Fort Erie 7-0 Saturday afternoon before their spirited triumph over Mississauga North.

MILTON INTERCHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE Standings as of Aug. 8, 2001

Teams	Game	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pts.	W%
1 South Side '1'	16	15	1	0	30	0.938
2 Holy Rosary	18	13	5	0	26	0.722
3 St. Georges	17	11	5	1	23	0.676
4 New Life 'A'	20	13	6	1	27	0.675
5 South Side '2'	18	12	6	0	24	0.667
6 Milton Bible	17	11	6	0	22	0.647
7 New Life 'B'	17	10	7	0	20	0.588
8 Boston	18	6	10	2	14	0.389
9 New Life Deaf	18	5	13	0	10	0.278
10 Knox	18	4	14	0	8	0.222
11 St. Pauls	18	3	15	0	6	0.167
12 Grace	15	0	15	0	0	0.000

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