Bike race runs Sunday

It's time to get in gear, Milton.

Mountain bikers from across southern Ontario will descend on Hilton Falls Conservation Area Sunday for the fourth annual Spokes and Slopes All-Weather Challenge.

There's still openings for both competitors and volunteers, and anyone interested in getting involved is asked to call event co-ordinator Susan O'Neil at (905) 336-1158, ext. 248, or Hilton Falls at (905) 854-0262.

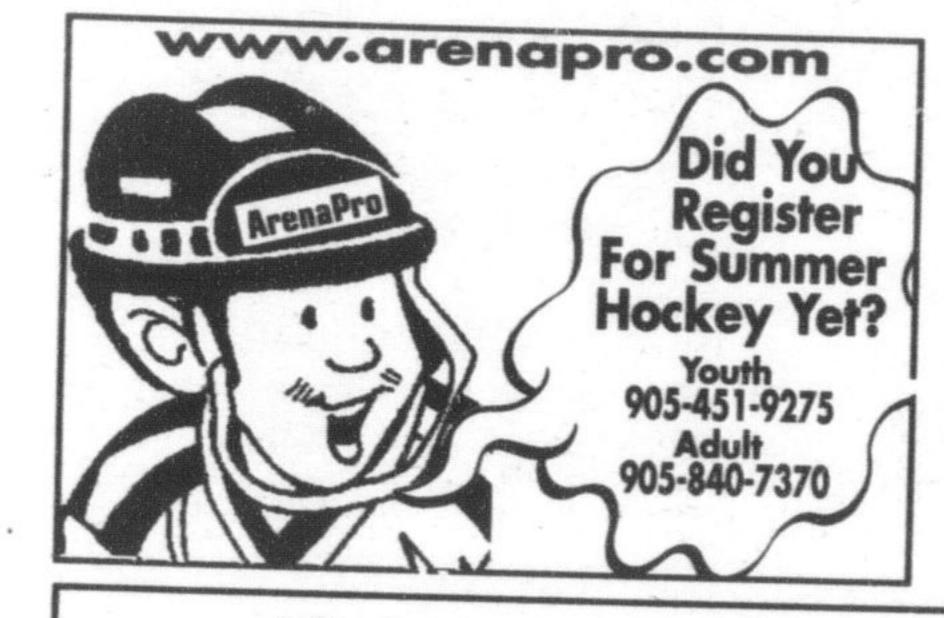




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Eight-year-old Luke Campbell — a left winger with the novice Green Goblins — proudly displays his most sportsmanlike player trophy and consolation finalist trophy during Saturday's House League Day of Champions at Memorial Arena.

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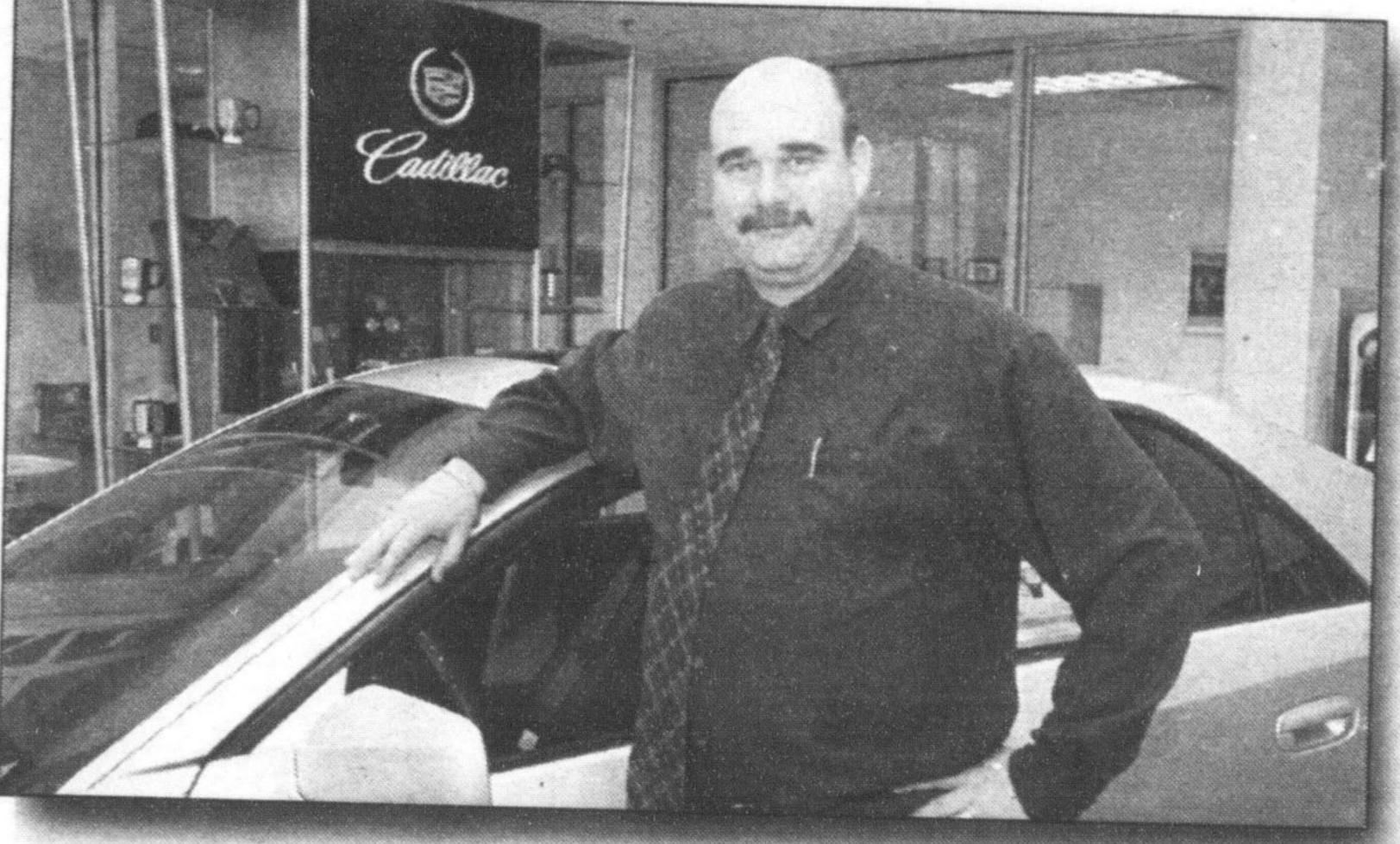
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House-leaguers deliver excitement during annual Day of Champions

Local house-league hockey teams took centre stage at Memorial Arena Saturday, when the Milton Minor Hockey Association held its annual Day of Champions.

From dawn till dusk, top teams battled it out in every division — for their family, friends, fans, coaches, teammates and especially for themselves.

The following is a rundown of the day's action. Results are in order of games played.

Peewee — Consolation Final

Towne Dental caused more than a little discomfort for Austen & Noble, striking four times in the middle stanza en route to a 5-1 decision.

J.D. Davis and Kyle Furik each tallied twice for the winners, while contributing a goal and an assist was Josh White. Backstopping Town Dental to victory was Cody Saftic.

Tyler Wilson sank Austen & Noble's lone marker.

Peewee — Championship Final

Andrew Scarffe played hero with an overtime deposit, lifting his Nadalin Electric crew to a 3-2 triumph over Shoppers Drug Mart.

Assisting on the sudden death goal were Madison Hunter and Tariq Patel — each of whom finished the game with multi-point efforts. Nadalin netminder Kyle Windmoller and Shoppers counterpart Jason Shaw provided an impressive duel throughout the title contest. For Shoppers, Evan Blanchard and Samantha LeoPrich stood out with two points apiece.

Tyke — Friendship Games

Hunt Chrysler Buick and Chudleigh's battled to a 2-2 stalemate.

Lighting the lamp for the car dealership squad were Corey MacDonald and Taylor McVey, while Matthew Bergman potted both goals for Chudleigh's.

In other action, Berkshire Security thumped Mitam Stone Construction 6-2.

Owen Cutrora scored twice, while singles were chipped in by Marcello Mule, Daniel Palermo, Hayden Brodigan and Tyler Ganln. Replying for Mitam were A.J. Retera-Robinson and Tyler Brown.

Novice — Consolation Final

A two-goal outing by George Stanford paced the Black Badgers to a 4-2 decision over the Green Goblins. Helping fuel the victory with two assists apiece were Michael Jacobs and Tyson Muchaluk, while also scoring were Victoria DelNin and Scott Ford.

Peter Snoj and David Nagel buried the biscuit for the Goblins.

Novice — Championship Final

A flawless performance by Justin Davidson and a goal and an assist each from Brad Steves and Taylor Cross highlighted the Red Dragons' 5-0 shutout win over the Blue Sharks.

Other goals came from Ross Morgan and Connor

Ramsden.

Atom — Consolation Final

Gallinger's got a second-period scare from Travel Choice, but hung on to win 4-2. Mark Nordstrom cemented the victory with a third-period marker, while also scoring for the victors were Ben Seguin, Brett Moore and Sanjay Moodie.

Replying for Travel Choice were Vikram Kalia and Brandon Zomer.

Atom — Championship Final

Brian's Auto ran roughshod over Elsley's Optical, dumping them 8-0. Michael Haringa earned the shutout, while Andrew Bacon and Henry Liptay had two goals apiece.

Singles were posted by Cameron Nagel, Matt Campbell, T.J. Moffatt and Michael Major.

Bantam — Consolation Final

Kicking off what would be the most dramatic division finish of the day, D.J. Whittaker and Andrew Sidnell scored shoot-out goals to give Millweld Enterprises a 6-5 victory over Docs & Dents.

Docs & Dents' shoot-out goal was notched by Eric Taylor.

In regulation time, Whittaker, Roy Sidnell, Willy Hunter and Jordan Lavigne scored for the victors, while doing so for Docs & Dents were Taylor, Mike King, Kyle Boyle and Josh Lane.

Bantam — Championship Final

Allan Moffatt scored his second goal of the day in overtime to lift Presse Law Office to a 4-3 win over Dream Car Garage. Assisting on the golden goal was Kyle Walker, who had two assists in the game.

Contributing to the victory with a goal and an assist were Chris Flanigan and Ryan Tyler.

For Dream Car Garage, it was Dave Newlove, Stephen Jackson and Ben Clifford lighting the lamp.

Midget — Championship Final

Powered by two-goal efforts from Kyle Gottwald, Jay Hadnett and Matt Phillips, Chudleigh's outdistanced Nutech 6-4 to cap the day-long battle of champions.

Matt Mastrangelo led Nutech with a hat-trick, while chipping in a single was David Burswk.

Senior — Championship Final

Rory Johnston capped an exciting shoot-out with a third-period deposit — his second of the game — to lift Total Team Image to a 7-6 decision over Key Centre.

Dave Brown also tallied twice for the victors, while singles were chipped in by Richard Chautems, Josh Rivett and Dave Penney.

Rob Bennett shone for Key Centre with four goals, while the other two markers were notched by Josh Caswell.

Runner back on the move

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"I guess we'll have to see about that (trying to beat 5:13.1)," said a non-committal Whitlock. "I'd have to wait another year and I'll be that much older."

Speculation over his world record aside, Milton's most celebrated runner has to be feeling pretty good about his latest efforts—since his recent knee problems kept him off the track for roughly 18 months and threatened his chances of ever returning to the spotlight.

At York March 8, Whitlock said it was an individual challenge from Mississauga's Earl Fee — an accomplished track master in his own right with world marks in both the 400 and 800m — that pushed

him to knock 10 seconds off his personal best in the 1,500m.

"I was kind of psyched for it. It was a good old battle," he recalled. "Earl was far out ahead of me at one point, but I caught him with about 200m to go.

"I guess I just had more left than he did."

With the indoor season over for another year, Whitlock will switch gears back to his longer distance efforts — which present a personal goal not quite realized yet.

The Milton racer still has hopes of becoming the planet's first 70-and-older runner to complete a marathon (42.2 kilometres) in under three hours.

He came heartbreakingly close to

achieving that feat in London on May 13, 2001, when he set a new world record in the division with a 3:00.24 performance.

It was shortly after this that his knee problems began to flare up. So as not to tempt superstitious fate with a return to a place where his injury most likely originated, Whitlock said his next attempt at the sub three-hour marathon mark won't be in London.

"There's a race the same weekend in Ottawa I may try, but first I'll have to see how I do at a halfmarathon in Buffalo later this month," he explained.

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