

## Haydar and AHL Admirals advance

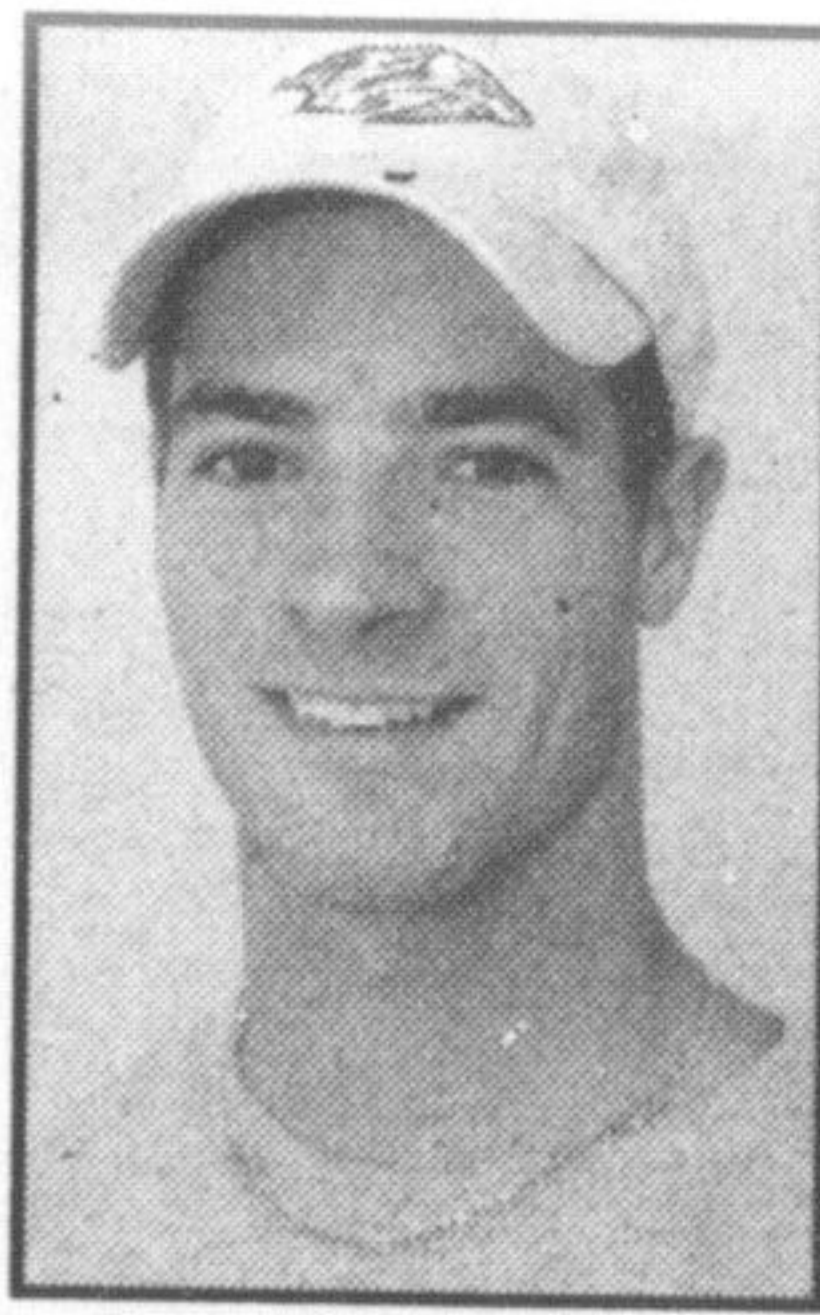
Darren Haydar's Milwaukee Admirals are second-round bound.

Just eight days after earning their first post-season berth since joining the AHL, Milwaukee advanced to the Western Conference quarterfinals by trouncing Rochester 6-1 Sunday evening at the Bradley Centre.

Haydar notched his first AHL playoff goal — a powerplay effort in the second period — and added two assists to help the Admirals win the deciding game of a best-of-three qualifying series.

Sunday marked his 22nd multi-point outing of the season — a figure that helped the former Milton Merchant and New Hampshire University star earn AHL Rookie of the Year honours earlier this month.

Milwaukee now moves on to face the Houston Aeros in a best-of-five clash, beginning tomorrow night in Houston.



Darren Haydar

## Vince and Catch 22 ready for World Cup

Miltonian Ainsley Vince returns to the international stage this week as she and longtime partner Catch 22 prepare to compete in their second Budweiser World Cup Final in Las Vegas.

The 26-year-old show jumper — and two-time national champ — earned another trip to big dance with some exceptional qualifying efforts last year, the most impressive of which were delivered in Quebec.

She also thrived at such high profile events as the Big Ben Memorial in Ottawa and Newmarket's Tournament of Champions. Now following a relatively light showing over the winter, Vince hopes a recharged Catch 22 — her 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding — can improve on his World Cup performance of 2000.

"I'm excited to attend the World Cup Final," she said. "After a quiet winter, I hope my horse is rested and ready to go for the Final."

The World Cup Final runs tomorrow through until Sunday.



Ainsley Vince

## Springers will send five gymnasts to next month's provincial finals

The Milton Springers have a handful of reasons to smile, again.

For the second straight year, the local gymnastics club will be sending a handful of its members to the provincial championships — thanks to some impressive efforts earlier this month at the third and final qualifying meet at Brock University.

Of Milton's five qualifiers, two earned spots on the Central Region team.

Stephanie Deumer — one of three provincial veterans — did so with an overall silver-medal performance in the Novice 2 division. She placed second on both beam and floor, while her showings on bars and vault were good enough for third and fourth respectively. Her runner-up ranking in the all-around, combined with a fifth-place finish overall in the second meet, afforded her passage to the Ontario finals.

Joining her on the Central Region

### Springers Notes



squad will be Novice 1 competitor Julie Gagnon, whose golden effort on bars and bronze-medal performance on beam fueled a fifth-place finish overall. This matched her first qualifying meet results and earned her another trip to the provincials.

Also returning to the championship picture as one of three independent qualifiers this time around will be Jaimi Fellows. Among Novice 2 gymnasts, she advanced with a bronze-medal showing on bars.

Chelsea Bennett will make her provin-

cial debut after striking gold on bars for the third consecutive meet. This plus fourth and fifth-place efforts on vault and floor respectively earned an alternate spot on the Central Region team as well as a guaranteed independent qualifying berth.

The Springers will also be sending their youngest competitive team member to the provincials. Brittany Schrader booked independent passage with third and fourth-place efforts on vault and bars respectively.

Semi-retired teenage gymnasts Kristen Deumer and Ali Stoffels fell just short of qualifying, while also showing strongly at Brock University were Maddy Bannock, April Chappell and Eleanor-Pineau-Levman.

The Ontario championships will be held early next month in Oakville.

## Local gymnasts shine at annual meet

Milton's gymnasts were up to the challenge — their annual Springers Challenge, that is.

Twenty two host girls competed at the 10th annual spring showcase April 6, with a half-dozen claiming overall gold and nearly everyone else delivering at least one medal-winning effort.

Sixteen-year-old Val Massel shone brightest with a clean sweep in the Open A/Masters B category — turning back all challengers on the bars, beam, floor and vault.

Katherine Russell came within a heartbeat of equaling that in

the Open B loop, but had to settle for second on the vault. The Springers' other all-around golden girls included Melissa Hastings, Josan Pineau-Levman, Litsa Sotiriou and Jennifer Wormald.

Finishing second overall were Leighton Bannock, Emily Goncz, Baylee Kraus, Sydney Thring and Anne Wormald, while Leah Rubenstein and Heather Sadler each placed third in the all-around.

Milton collected a total of 70 medals at the competition.

## Hurricane minor atoms fall victim to payback in championship finals

If Halton's AAA minor atoms could do it all over, they probably wouldn't alter much about their recent trip to the OMHA Tournament of Champions in Aurora.

In fact, the only significant change they'd make would be to reverse the order of victory in a two-game split with York-Simcoe.

Aided by four local lads, the Hurricanes outdistanced defending champion York-Simcoe 7-4 in their last round-robin game to cap an unblemished 4-0 run to the finals. But in a winner-takes-all rematch for the title, Halton came up on the short end of an identical score.

The eventual silver-medalists spent most of the championship clash playing catch-

up, and couldn't quite erase a three-goal deficit after evening the count in the first period.

Along with toppling York-Simcoe in round-robin play, the Hurricanes turned back challenges from three other teams — including the Oakville Rangers, whom they edged 2-1.

Halton's other victims were Richmond Hill (6-3) and Clarington (5-3).

Oran Ferguson was among the team's leading scorers at the OMHA showcase with two goals and three assists, while Matthew Dupont tallied twice.

Providing solid cage work and impressive two-way play respectively en route to the finals were fellow Miltonians Daniel

Plater and Nicholas Creamer.

The local foursome helped the Hurricanes enjoy a championship-rich season that included three tournament title wins and a first-place finish in regular season play with a 20-5-7 record. Halton then advanced past playoff rivals Brampton and Niagara Falls to reach the Tournament of Champions.

## Mavericks open Apr. 25

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Arnold and Jordan Lumb are among the other contenders.

"If Craig can give us the type of goaltending that we've seen so far, we'll be okay," said Milton's GM.

To that end, Mavericks skipper Glen Little has enlisted the help of defensive coach Mark Davidson — who's played both major and Jr. A lacrosse in Niagara and Burlington respectively. Meanwhile, Ottawa Rebels draft pick Mike Daley has also joined the team to help out on the offensive side.

The Mavericks host the expansion London Blue Devils Thursday night in exhibition play. Game time is 8:30 p.m. Milton's 20-game regular season begins at home Apr. 25 at 8 p.m. against the defending national champion Clarington Green Gaels.

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