

## HAC to host national women's squad tonight

The Halton Athletic Club Under-19 boys baseball team will play host to the national women's squad tonight at Maplehurst Ball Park.

HAC — which competes at tournaments on both sides of the border each summer and includes top players from across the region — includes Miltonians Nick Mazzorato, Shawn Shadlock,

Steve Spiers and Josh Wagemann.

Tonight's festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. and admission to the park is free. Proceeds from the sale of food and drinks will go toward supporting both programs.

This marks the second straight year that HAC has hosted its national female counterparts.

## Young Guns off to provincials

The Young Guns continue to shoot down their competition, and now have an opportunity to do so at the provincial level next month.

An Ontario championship qualifier last weekend in Mississauga met with topnotch results for Milton's unbeaten ball hockey squad, that amassed six straight victories to best the 15-team field.

The Young Guns cemented first-place honours with a 5-4 overtime win against York's WolfPack.

Tournament MVP Cory Leigh provided the heroics in sudden death, while rounding out championship-game goal scoring were Brent Van Loosen, Mike McPhail, Jeff Mitchell and Tom Baynton — who collected 13 points overall and

was named one of the tournament's top three forwards.

Fellow standouts Bryan Gent and Blair McTrach picked up top defenceman and top goaltender honours respectively to add to Milton's award-laden weekend.

The Young Guns turned back challenges from the Hamilton Blues (2-0), Toronto Storm (11-3) and Toronto Panthers (4-2) in round-robin play before toppling the London Vipers 4-1 in the quarterfinals and then Toronto's Davenport Stars 3-1 in the semis.

Along with Gent, John Nadalin and Chad Merritt offered exceptional defense in Mississauga.

Overall, Milton's talent-rich squad boasted an unblemished

record of 18-0 heading into their final regular season road game Wednesday.

Monday's 5-1 decision over Oakville's Wolverines kept the club's perfect record intact.

The Young Guns, who've already clinched first place, close out the regular season at John Tonelli Sports Centre Tuesday at 9 p.m. From there they'll look to reign supreme in playoff action as well, and then turn their attention to the provincial championships in Hamilton August 15 to 17.

Making up the rest of the championship-contending team are Steve Szafer, Steve Roy, Luc Redditt, Jeff Seeds and Chad Wigglesworth.

## Milton cyclist solid at nationals

By JON KUIPERIJ

*The Champion*

He had hoped for better results, but Miltonian Rob Cheskey won't ever forget his experience at the recent national cycling championships in Hamilton.

The 49-year-old year-round weekend warrior was impressed with the "sensationally" organized event and enjoyed competing so close to home, finishing sixth in the Masters "B" individual time trials and 19th in the road race.

"The time trial was really thrilling," said Cheskey, who finished the 21-kilometre course in a highly credible 31 minutes and 20 seconds. "A big section of the downtown area was closed off and there was a ton of spectators milling around."

Hoping for a podium finish in the individual time trials, Cheskey was somewhat disappointed with his placing, especially since he finished a mere four seconds out of fourth.

"I could've made up some time... when I was closing in on the guy who started a minute ahead of me," he explained. "I had a misconception of how well I was doing, and it wasn't on my mind how near the finish I was."

"I was definitely going hard, but I think if you realize you're getting near the finish, you try and summon all the extra energy you have."

Cheskey, who finished third in time trials at a national championship event several years ago, said the hilly course was advantageous to him but any familiarity he had with it wasn't a definite edge.

Meanwhile, Cheskey said he was in contention until the final lap of the road race, when a long climb up Effingham Street proved too much to handle.

"I finished in good company," he said. "I would've liked top-10 or better, but that's the way it finished out."

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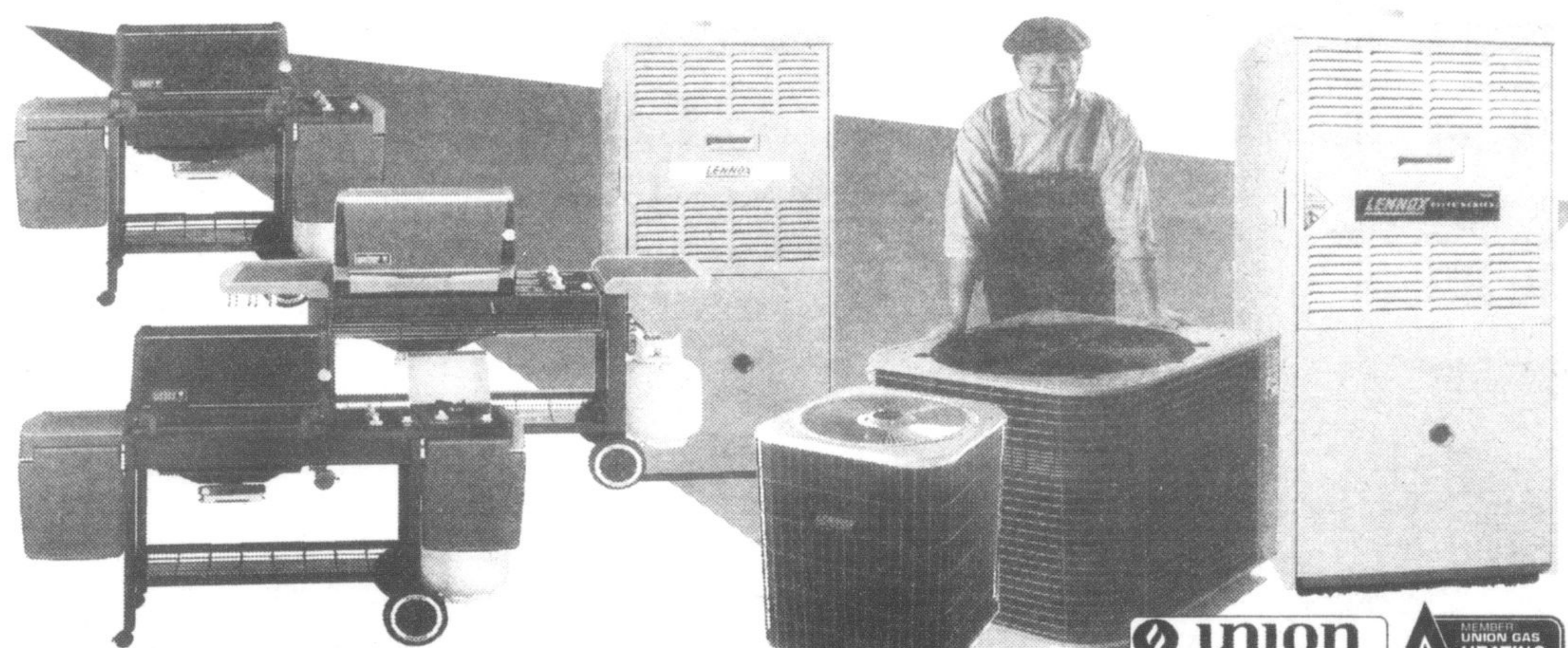
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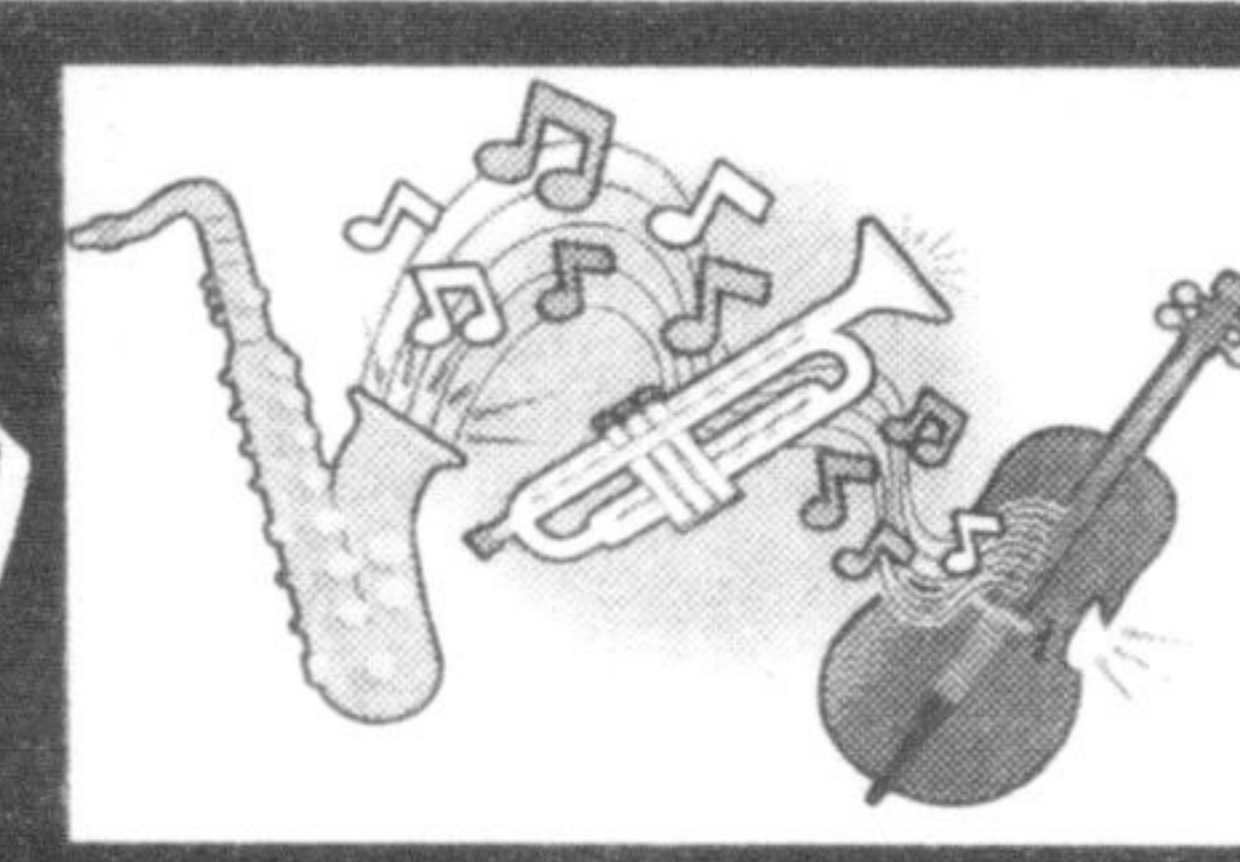


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