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Fighting foursome

Fighting Griffins (from left) Joanne Agnew, Tammy Hogarth, Scott Hogarth and Michael Marion recently participated at the World Karate and Kubudo Championships in Okinawa, Japan. Marion did particularly well with a sixth-place finish in senior men's forms, while Scott Hogarth earned his 7th degree blackbelt in gojuryu karate, thus making him a kyoshi-level instructor.

Haydar sent back to AHL Admirals

But sniper not deterred by move

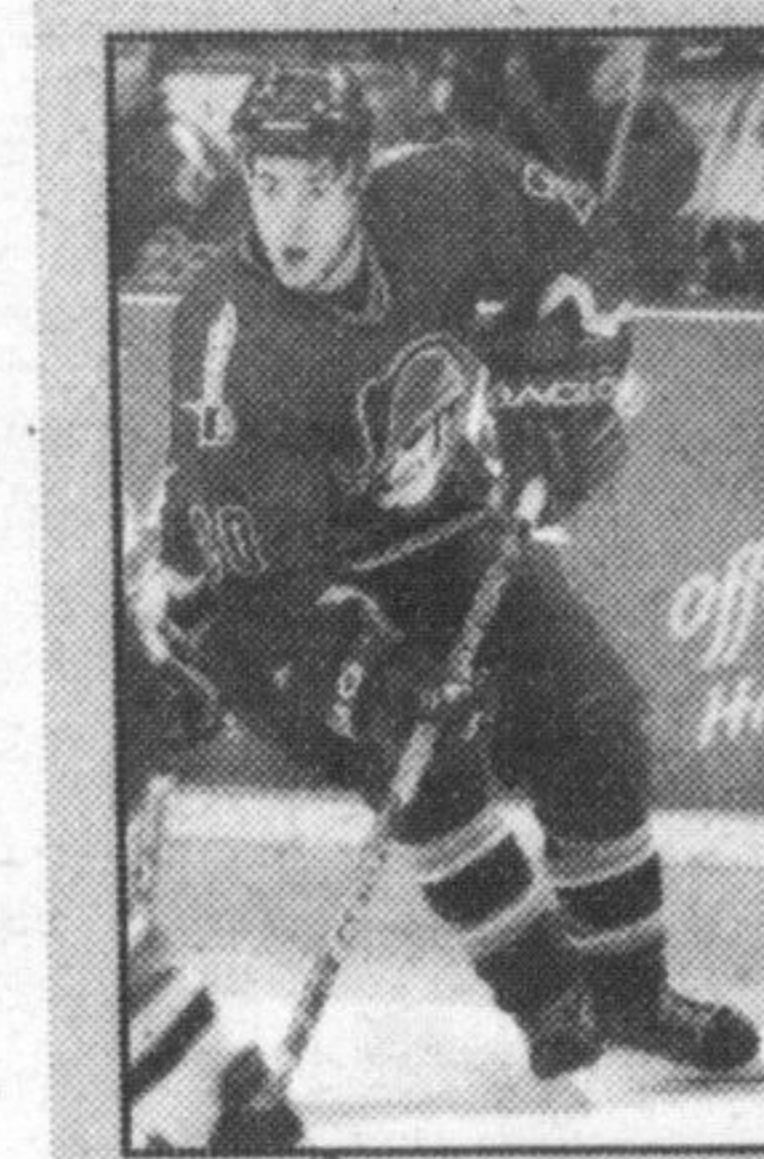
By **STEVE LeBLANC**
The Champion

Darren Haydar got a small taste of NHL competition last year — and is quite confident about his chances to enjoy a more generous serving this coming season.

Despite being sent back to the AHL Milwaukee Admirals Tuesday afternoon, Milton's electrifying winger says he's ready to make a bigger impact with Nashville. Said the 23-year-old sniper, "Last year I was just happy to be there (in two games with the Predators). Now it's time to get something done."

Haydar did just that in his NHL pre-season debut last Friday — potting two first-period goals to help sink the host Chicago Blackhawks 5-0. "That was definitely a confidence booster," he said.

While reassigned to Milwaukee four days later — along with fellow forwards Greg Claessen, Mathieu Darche and Mike



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Farrell — Haydar was pleased with his Nashville camp efforts and is starting to feel like he truly belongs at hockey's highest level.

"I played pretty well in the two pre-season games against Chicago and Columbus. I feel not only that I belong in Nashville but can actually contribute as well. It's still going to be an uphill battle, but at least I gave them (Predators coaching staff) something to notice this time."

The 2002/03 AHL Rookie of the Year begins camp in Milwaukee Monday.

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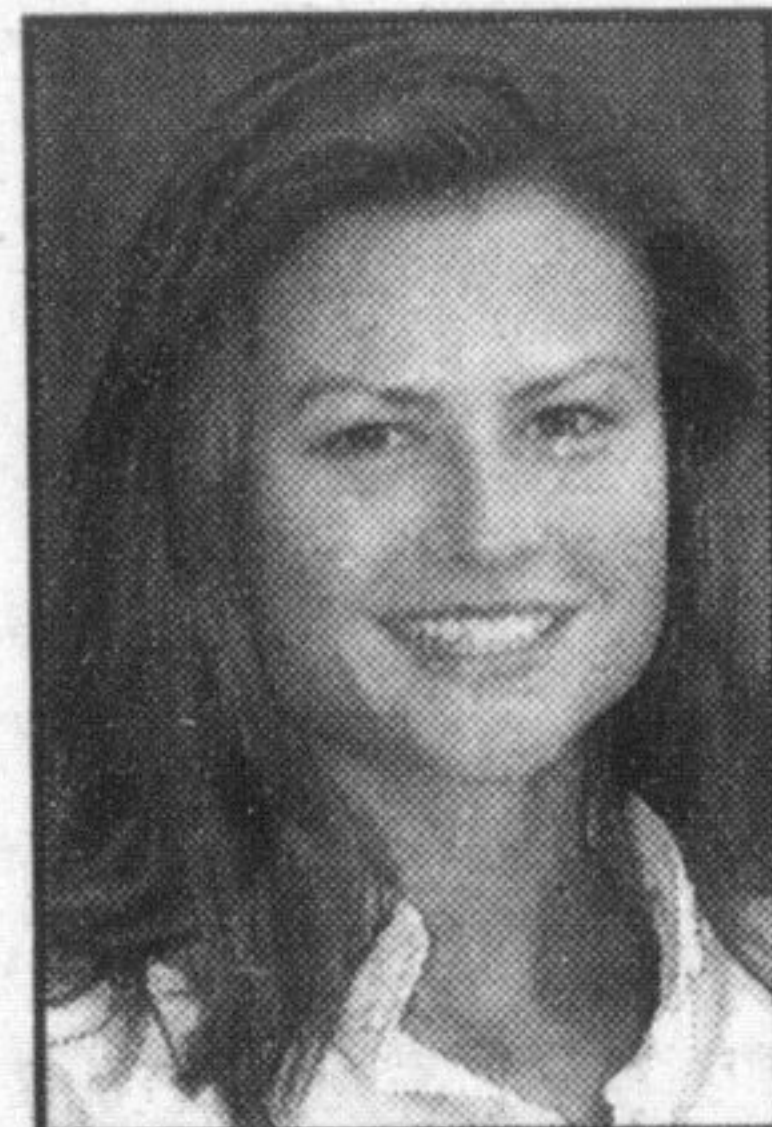
Vince, Catch 22 second in Newmarket

Ainsley Vince has been part of far too many dramatic finishes in high-stakes equestrian competition to be fazed by one more.

So Milton's 27-year-old show jumping ace can be excused if she wasn't overly emotional about a nail-biting defeat at the hands of France's Yann Candele Sunday afternoon at Newmarket's Tournament of Champions.

Aboard long-time partner Catch 22, Vince looked poised to take top honours in the \$75,000 World Cup Qualifier's nine-horse jump-off — negotiating a particularly challenging oxer turn in expert fashion and stopping the clock in a brisk 41.103 seconds.

Moments later, her French adversary and

**Ainsley Vince**

enjoy a mighty favourable consolation prize Sunday. Along with the \$16,500 that went with it, second place allowed her to cement the two-event

Millcreek Marco Taere tamed the twisty Pierre Jolicoeu-designed course half-a-second faster to finish first.

"There were a couple of others who went clean for a second time, so I knew it could be done. He just took the turn a little quicker. That's show jumping," said Vince Monday.

The local show jumper did

Canada Cup final points championship. Accompanying the series win is a one-year lease of a brand new Mercedes.

Newmarket represented the latest chapter in what's been another storied season for the two-time national champion.

She and Catch 22 — a 13-year-old Dutch Warmblood who's come into his own over the past two years — won their first World Cup Qualifier in Blainville, Quebec this summer, and earlier this month topped a grand prix field in Boston.

Vince said she'll give her veteran partner a break over the next week or so before starting the late-season push, which — as always — will culminate with the Toronto Royal Winter Fair in November.



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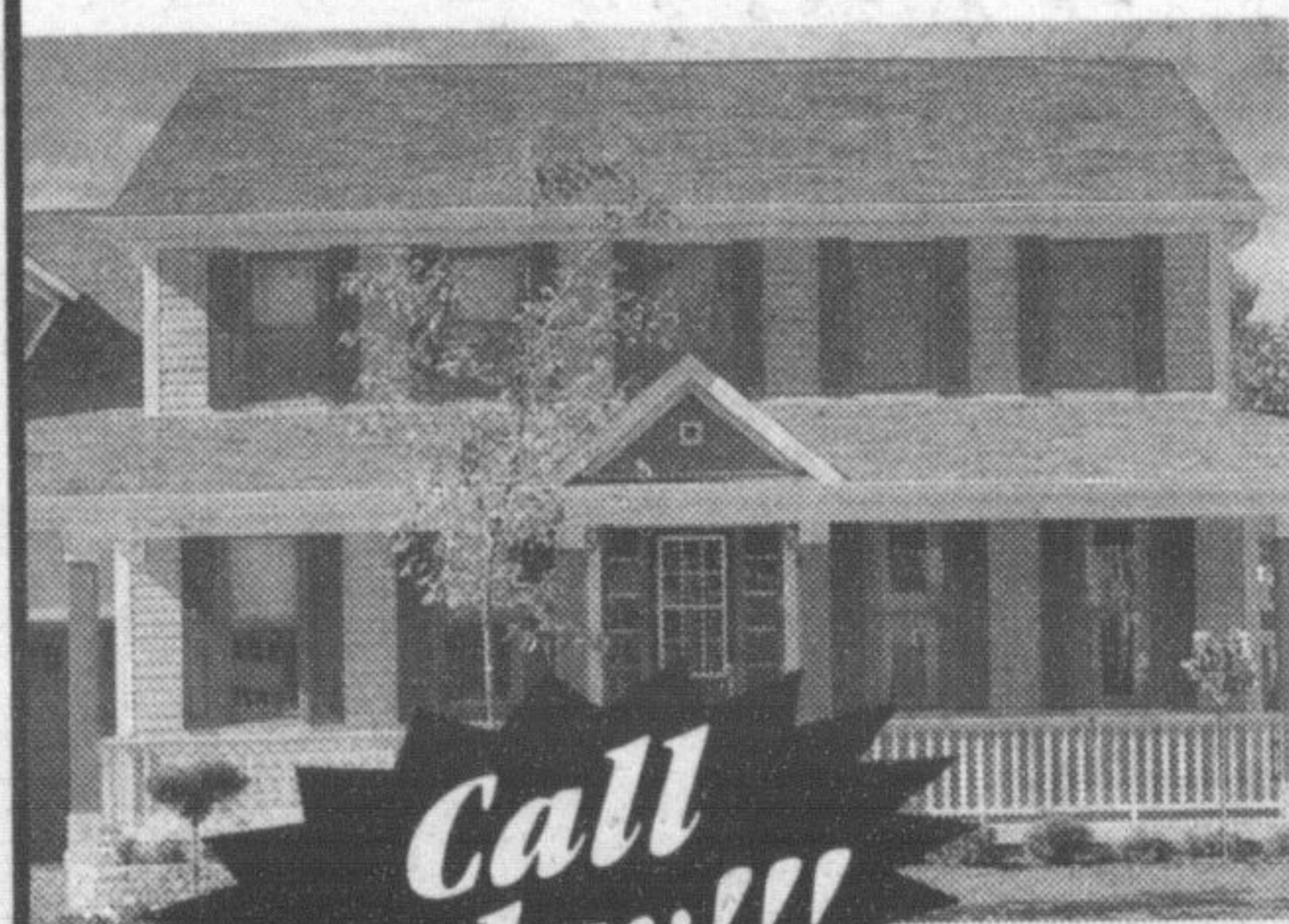
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