

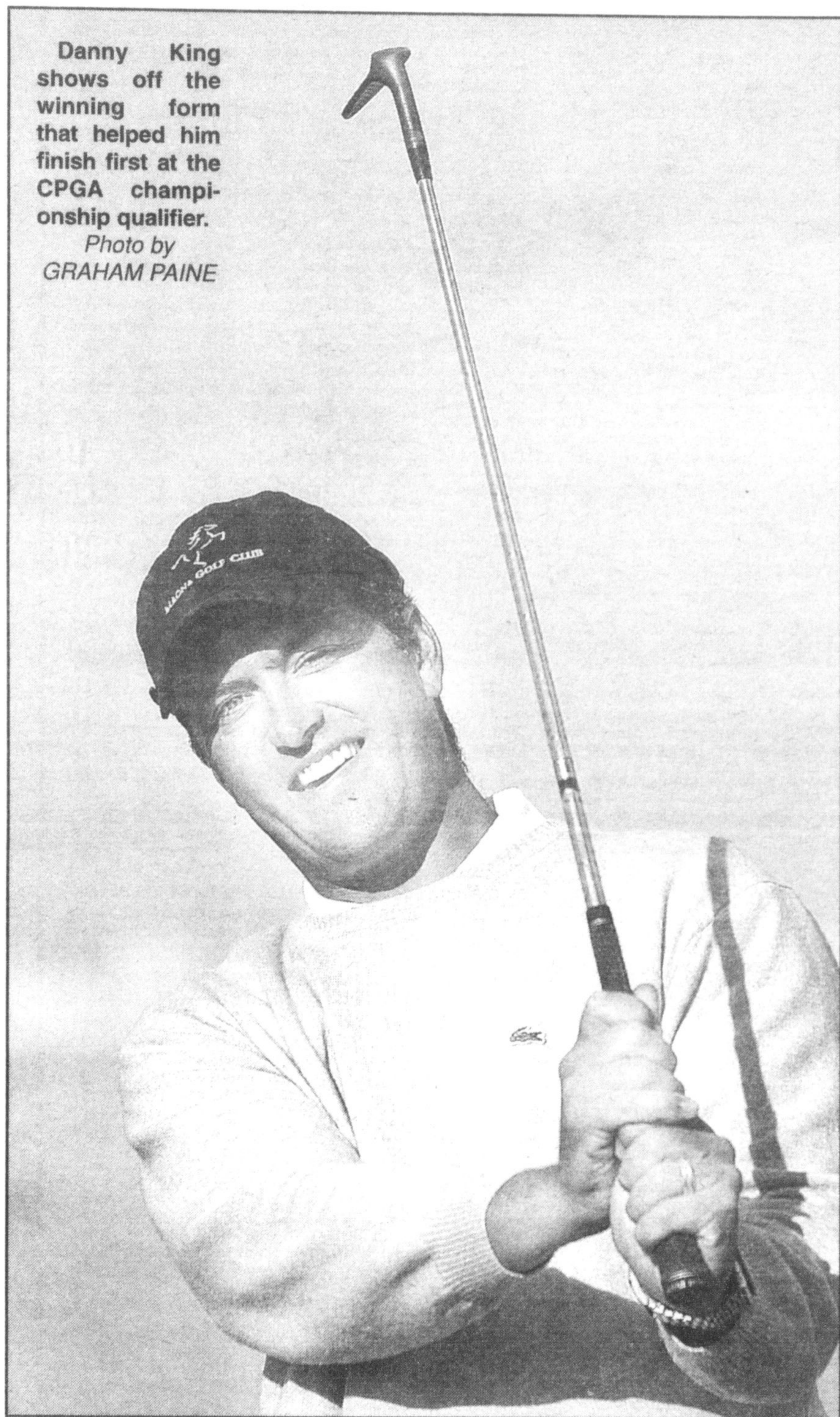
# Sports

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## King's CPGA qualifying bid up to par

Danny King shows off the winning form that helped him finish first at the CPGA championship qualifier.

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### Advances with two-under day at Whistle Bear

As a long-time golf instructor, Danny King spends more time fine tuning other people's swing than his own.

Consequently, the 35-year-old Miltonian — and director of instruction at Aurora's Magna Golf Club — admits his own game isn't always at optimum efficiency.

But that was far from the case at Whistle Bear Golf Club in Cambridge June 23, when he delivered a sizzling 70-shot (two under par) performance to finish in a three-way tie for first at the CPGA Member Qualifier.

Now bound for this month's Samsung Canadian PGA Championships — which will also be held at Whistle Bear — King said both his long and short game came together nicely at last week's qualifier.

"It's a lengthy course, so if you don't make the green on the second shot you can bogey pretty easy," he said. "But my drives were going well. I only missed one green. It felt great to qualify, especially since I haven't played a lot myself lately."

A four-year veteran of the national circuit and last year's Great Lakes Tour champion, King was a model of consistency at Whistle

Bear — with 34 and 36 splits. His qualifying campaign featured five birdies, all of which were capped with putts under five feet.

Now King will look to shine once again when he returns to Cambridge for the big show — hoping to crack the top-20.

"My plan is to enter the PGA Tour Q-school this fall, and this event will serve as a great prep towards my goal. This will be my first PGA Tour sanctioned event and to be able to play it in Ontario makes it that much sweeter."

The Samsung Canadian PGA Championships run July 19 to 25, with the winner taking home \$81,000.

## Vince enjoys strong start at Blainville International

Just one day into the CSI-W Blainville Jumping International and already Ainsley Vince has reason to smile.

Following up on Sunday's \$75,000 CN Grand Prix victory in Bromont, Que., Milton's 27-year-old equestrian ace delivered a pair of top-six performances at Wednesday's Open Jumper.

She rode Kafka to second-place honours — finishing just behind Terra Cotta's Chris Pratt and Markant with one of four clean rounds in 37.97 seconds — and took sixth with recently-acquired Uno.

This serves as an encouraging omen for Vince, who'll be looking to defend her title in Sunday's \$60,000 Grand Prix Jumping du Quebec World Cup Qualifier, which punctuates the five-day showcase.

Her best shot at repeating will likely come with longtime partner Catch 22, a seasoned campaigner with whom she's enjoyed her most success, including Sunday's CN Grand Prix win and last year's victory at



Ainsley Vince

Blainville. Since winning the World Cup Qualifier last July, Vince and Catch 22 have been members of the victorious Canadian team in the Samsung Nations' Cup in Wellington, Florida and made their third World Cup Final appearance in Milan, Italy this past spring.

For Vince, returning to Blainville to defend her title is an opportunity she's looking forward to with unparalleled desire.

"The Quebec circuit has been good to me the last few years, and Blainville in particular holds a special place in my heart," she said. "The people are so nice, the grand prix field is great and the crowds are fantastic. I've been lucky in Blainville, and am hoping that luck continues."

A total of \$145,000 in prize money is up for grabs in Blainville. In addition to Sunday's grand finale, the event includes today's \$15,000 Open Welcome Stake and the \$20,000 Challenge Desjardins Modified Grand Prix tomorrow.

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