

Raiders trail 2-0

Two rural Miltonians and their Georgetown Jr. A teammates find themselves behind the proverbial eight ball once again.

The Raiders — who include locals Dan Rogers and Rob Sgarbossa — head into tonight's home game down two-games-to-none to St. Michaels in the Provincial Jr. A League championship finals, after a 4-2 loss in Georgetown Saturday and 3-2 overtime heartbreaker in Toronto Sunday.

Game four is set for Thursday in Toronto, with game five, if necessary, slated for Saturday in Georgetown.

Regardless of the series outcome, both teams will compete at the all-Ontario Dudley Hewitt Cup April 26 to 30 in Georgetown.



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The Holy Rosary Hawks celebrate their North Halton Catholic Tier 1 championship win. Inset below, Holy Rosary's Devan O'Connor manages to keep control of the ball despite being on her knees against St. Brigid's Nicole Myronyk during Thursday's title game.

Holy Rosary girls reign supreme in North Halton

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

The Holy Rosary Hawks have once again soared to North Halton Catholic championship honours.

Fueled by top scorer Carly Fullerton and dependable playmaker Alex Schroder, the Holy Rosary girls upstaged Georgetown's St. Brigid 18-13 Thursday afternoon at Guardian Angels School to secure their third title in five years.

And with absolutely no turnover expected next year — at least not from a graduation standpoint — the future looks awfully bright as well.

"My entire starting line-up are all grade sevens, so we get everyone back," noted coach Cindy Johnston.

While the final score might indicate otherwise, the Hawks' North Halton triumph was thoroughly convincing.

Up 18-6 with under two minutes remaining, Johnston put in her substitute players to finish things out — allowing the essentially beaten Bears to sink seven points as time expired.

"It was two well-matched teams out there, but we dominated on defense as usual," said Holy Rosary's skipper, whose girls went 8-1 in regular season play

and reached the championship with decisive wins over St. Catharines and St. Francis of Georgetown.

The Hawks didn't come away from the title match unscathed, however, as Fullerton — who accounted for exactly half the scoring with nine points, including seven from the free throw line — went down with a sprained ankle late in the third quarter.

In her absence, Schroder and Devan O'Connor stepped up their defensive efforts to crush any lingering hope of a comeback.

Kayla Michaelson also stood tall with some key coverage and five points. Other solid contributions came from Lauren Furik and Cailey Robertson.

Holy Rosary held its opposition scoreless for the entire third quarter after surrendering just a single basket in the second.

In a much more offensive clash for bronze, Guardian Angels was outdistanced 34-31 by St. Catharines.

The top three North Halton schools now advance to Thursday's Halton quarterfinals in Burlington. The Hawks go in with a four-game win streak but will have a tough time matching offense with the region's south-end schools with Fullerton on the sidelines.



Hart back in the ring next week

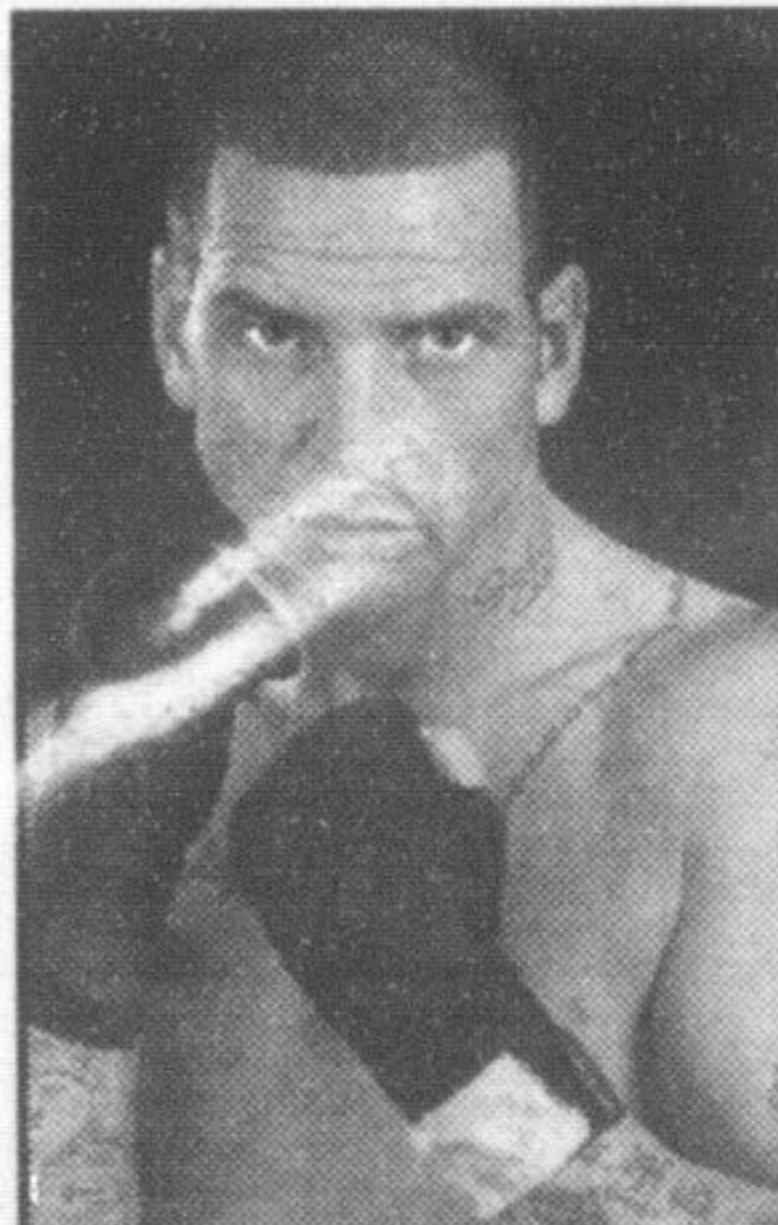
Matt Hart has had some lengthy layoffs between fights since turning pro, although that trend appears to be over.

Milton's 27-year-old welterweight is set to put his unbeaten record on the line in Grand Rapids, Michigan April 20 — a mere six weeks after improving to 2-0 with a unanimous decision over Halifax's Ted Reno at the nearby Mississauga Grand Banquet Hall.

His opposition this time around will be Michigan's Dan Wallace, who's also unde-

feated at 3-0. This marks the first time that Hart hasn't been the hometown favourite, although he stressed that isn't much of concern. "I'm not too worried about it. It's him who has to fight me in there, not the crowd. It should be another good test," he said.

From there the local boxer returns to Mississauga Grand Banquet Hall for the third time in eight-and-a-half months June 2. Those interested in purchasing tickets for that show are asked to call Hart at (416) 881-3944.

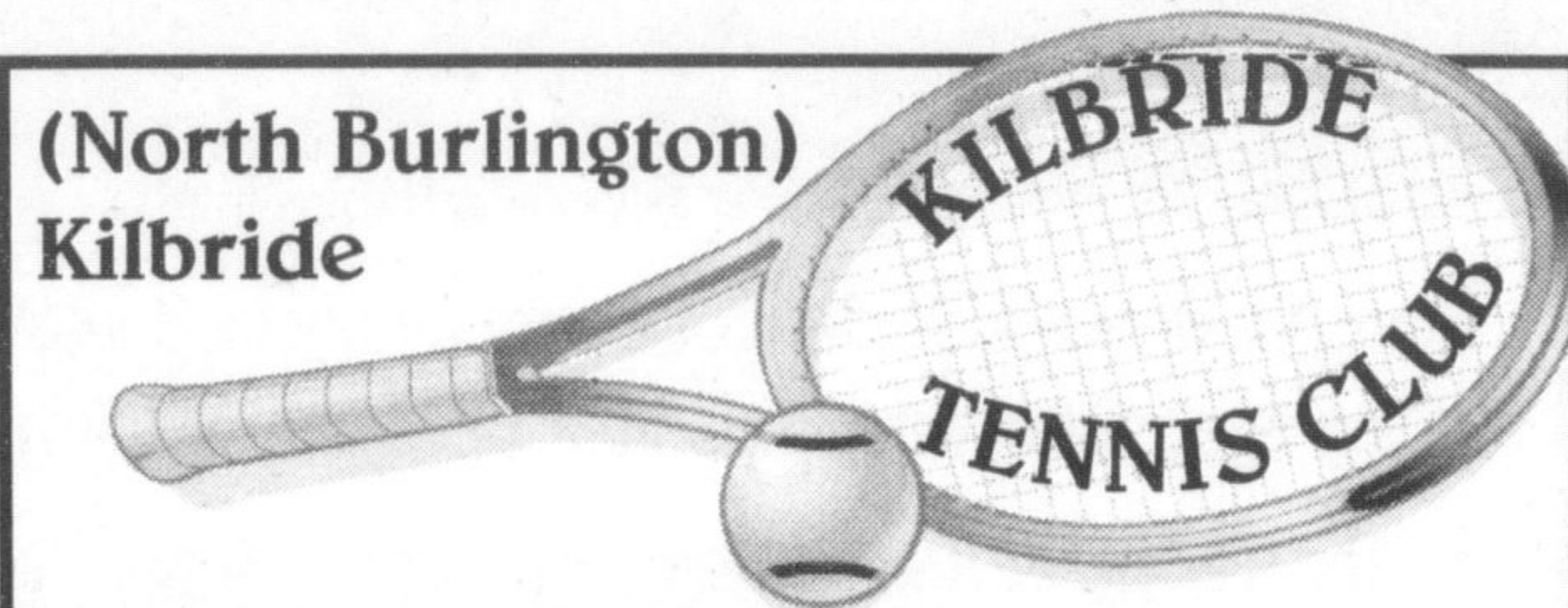


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