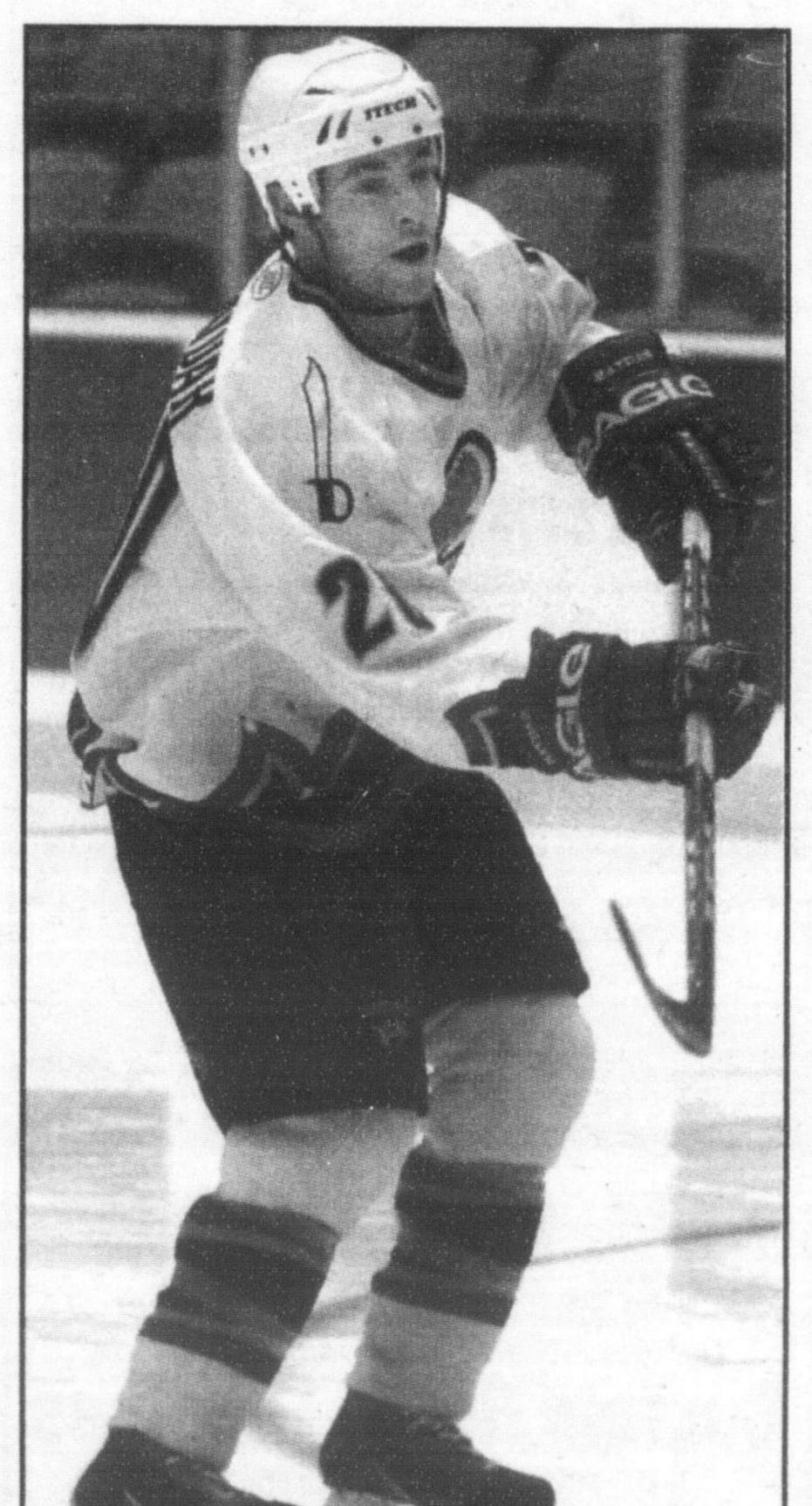


on the birdie

Milton District High School's Alisha Turner returns a volleyball en route to victory against Neha Kumar of Abbey Park in ladies singles play during Thursday's Halton badminton championships at E.C. Drury. Turner qualified for tomorrow's GHAC finals with a fourth-place finish. Also advancing were a pair of Bishop Reding doubles teams. Lindsey Furik and Jamie Greenfield did so with a second-place performance in ladies doubles, while joining them in Hamilton will be mixed doubles partners Sean Mathé and Justine Hall, who placed fourth. Also competing at Haltons were Phil Foley, Siobhan Frank, Lee Mathé and Graham Sharp of Bishop Reding and Milton District's Walid Bhunnoo, Jeff Lowes. Kaitlyn Tuff and Stephen Weisner. Top two finishers from GHAC will compete at OFSAA May 5 to 7 in Toronto.

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Local hockey pros making presence felt in early post-season competition



Darren Haydar

Haydar's Admirals take lead, Bertoli's Titans draw even Darren Haydar and his AHL Milwaukee Admirals appear to be in for another too-close-for-comfort opening

round against Cincinnati. Milwaukee needed seven games to dispose of the Mighty Ducks last spring, and required overtime to take a twogames-to-one series lead Saturday night.

Haydar aided in the 3-2 decision with goal number one — scored just as an Admirals 5-on-3 powerplay expired and earned second-star status for the second time in four nights.

He kicked off the playoffs with a three-assist effort to fuel Milwaukee's 4-2 win Wednesday. Sandwiched between these victories was a 4-3 double-overtime loss Friday.

The best-of-seven Western Division semifinal series continued last night in Milwaukee, with game five set for tomorrow in Cincinnati. Now in his third season in the AHL, Haydar amassed five goals and



Scott Bertoli

six assists in last season's first round with the Mighty Ducks and led the Admirals to the Calder Cup with an overall league-leading 26 points.

In ECHL playoff action, fellow Miltonian Scott Bertoli picked up his second gamewinning point of the playoffs for the Trenton Titans Saturday night. He assisted on captain Rick Kowalsky's second-period powerplay deposit in a 2-1 nail-biter over the Reading Royals.

The narrow victory, decided with Bertoli's 42nd point in 45 ECHL playoff games, evened the best-of-five Northern Division finals at one game apiece.

Trenton hosts games three and four tomorrow and Friday, with a fifth tilt - if necessary - set for Saturday in Reading.

Bertoli, a sixth-year Titan and one of the team's original members, has a goal and four helpers so far in post-season play.

Junior tours to visit local links

Milton is set to play host to a couple of high-level junior golf tournaments this spring.

On May 28 and 29, the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour for boys and girls 10 to 23 comes to Crosswinds Golf and Country

Club. This is stop two on the eight-event tour — that also includes visits to nearby Burlington and Cambridge.

Meanwhile, Granite Ridge Golf Club will host the fifth stop along the annual GolfScene and Kiwi

Junior Tour June 19.

Those interested in getting on the Maple Leaf circuit are asked to call Elaine Denton at 1-877-859-GOLF, while potential GolfScene/Kiwi tour golfers can sign up at (519) 846-2259.

Quick Hits__

Super Cheer seniors win Ontario title

Milton's Super Cheer senior travel team heads into this weekend's national championships with plenty of momentum.

The local squad recently won its second straight provincial title and now returns to Mississauga's

Hershey Centre looking upgrade last year's national silver-medal showing.

The travel seniors will be joined by their junior counterparts, who took third-place

honours at the Ontario championships - as did the senior local and youth teams.

A pair of four-member stunt teams struck provincial gold in senior and junior competition — beating out a number of top club and high school opponents — to round out the club's overall medal haul.

Finishing fifth at provincials was Super Cheer's junior local team.

The Canadian championships run Saturday and Sunday. The Milton contingent will then be part of an NACP competition next month and wraps up the season at the Canada's Wonderland showcase.

Tryouts for next month run from May 15 to 29 at the Milton Springers Club. Those interested in finding out more about the group can do so by visiting www.supercheer.com.

Hart misses latest fight

Matt Hart's first cross-border pro fight will just have to wait.

The 27-year-old welterweight was scheduled to take on hometown foe Dan Wallace Wednesday in Grand

Rapids, Michigan. But a small muscle tear in his left shoulder — his first serious injury in recent memory - put the kibosh on that showdown. "It's disap-



Matt Hart

pointing because it would have been a good test," said Hart, who's 2-0 since turning pro — with both victories coming at the nearby Mississauga Grand Banquet Hall. "I'm not sure if it (the injury) was from training or work, but I came home one night and knew I was hurt. I'm back in the gym now and fortunately I haven't lost my shot for Michigan. They've invited me back for the summer, perhaps as early as the end of June."

Before that the local pugilist will return to the Mississauga Grand Banquet Hall June 2 for another Stele Promotions event.

Tickets for the six-fight card can be purchased by calling (905) 691-3738 or (905) 878-7109.