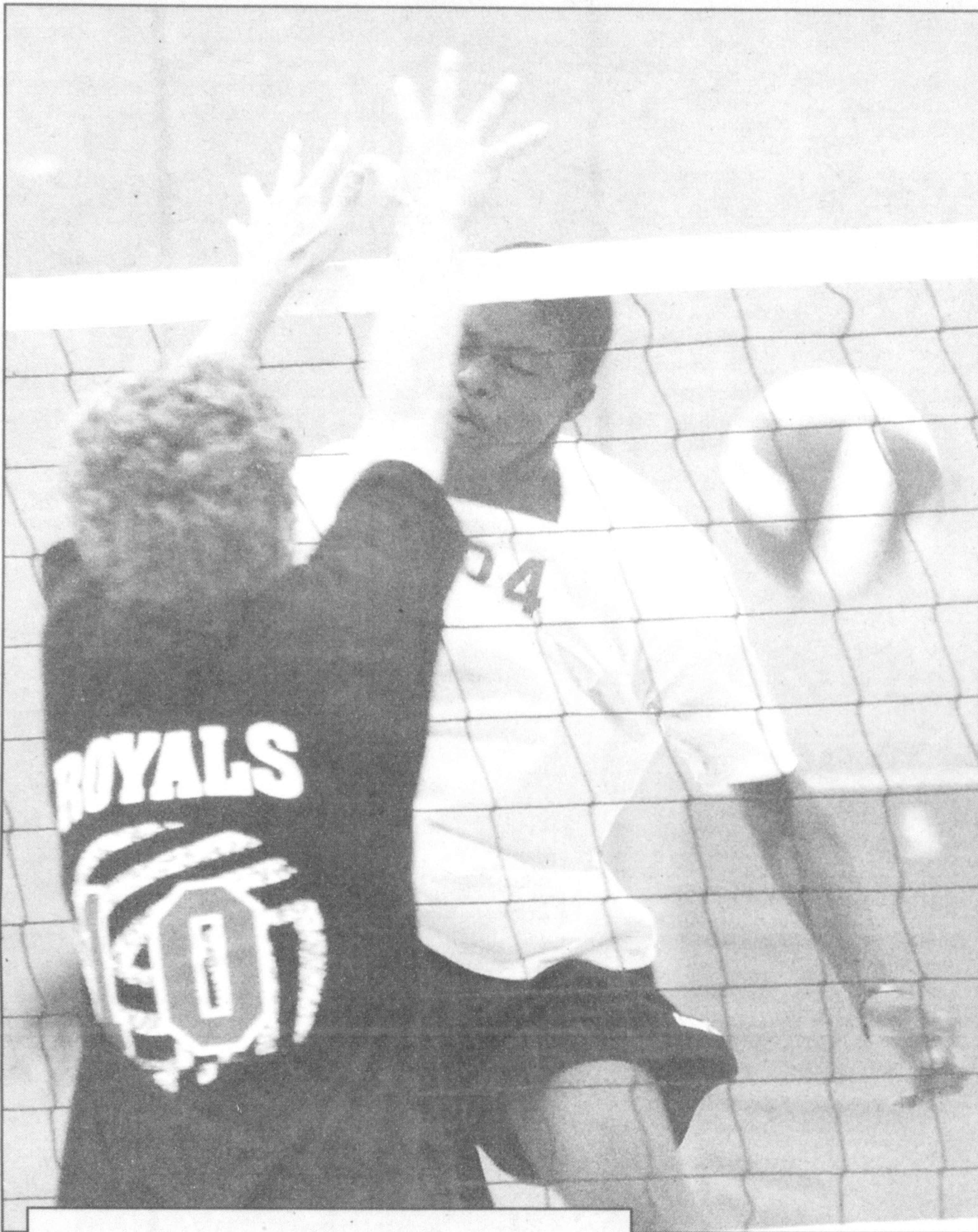


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International play awaits teen golfer

Corbin set to compete in Japan this weekend

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Ryan Corbin hopes to swing his way to a university scholarship, and knows a strong showing this weekend could go a long way towards doing just that.

At the risk of stating the obvious, the 17-year-old Milton golfer will look to bring his 'A' game to junior boys international play starting Sunday in Kyoto, Japan — where he'll be part of a four-member Canadian contingent that'll take on some of the world's best young competitors.

"It's a pretty incredible opportunity and definitely something major for my resumé," said the Milton District High School 12th grader.

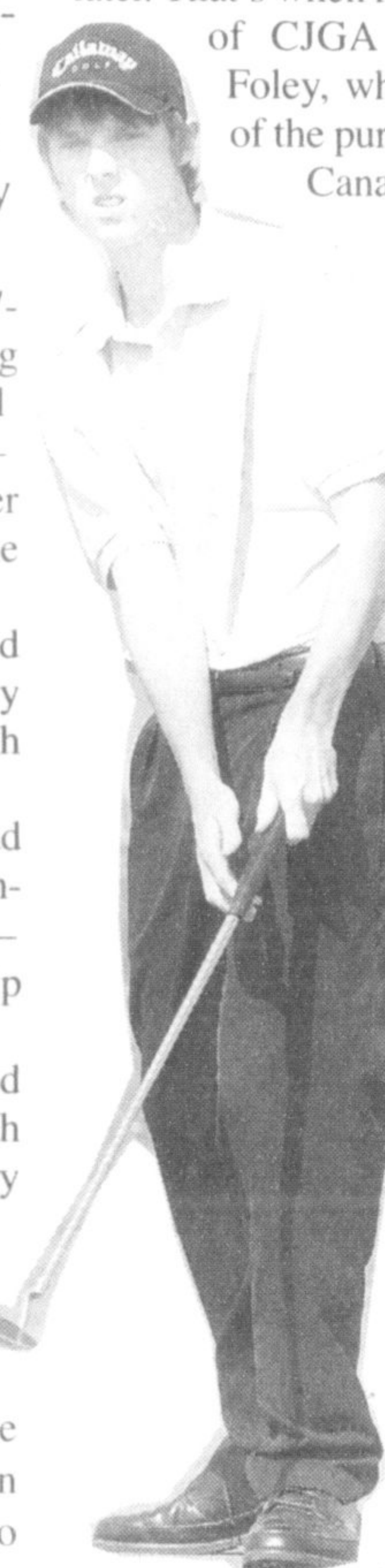
Corbin's inclusion on the national squad comes on the heels of a sensational summer in which he won three tournaments — including the Mizuno CJGA championship in August.

With an impressive overall game and some near perfect putting, he finished with a rather convincing eight-stroke victory after rounds of 74,75,70 and 71.

"I'm not more for being able to strike the ball well, but my putting was awesome that week," recalled Corbin, who also prevailed at the Lipton/Brisk Canada Cup qualifier in Barrie in June, shortly after making it to OFSAA. "That's been my biggest improvement this year."

The Milton teen began playing when he

was just 10 — getting his start at the nearby Rock Pile course with his father — and hit the tournament circuit just two years later. That's when he fell under the tutelage of CJGA national coach Sean Foley, who says Corbin has one of the purest swings for his age in Canada.

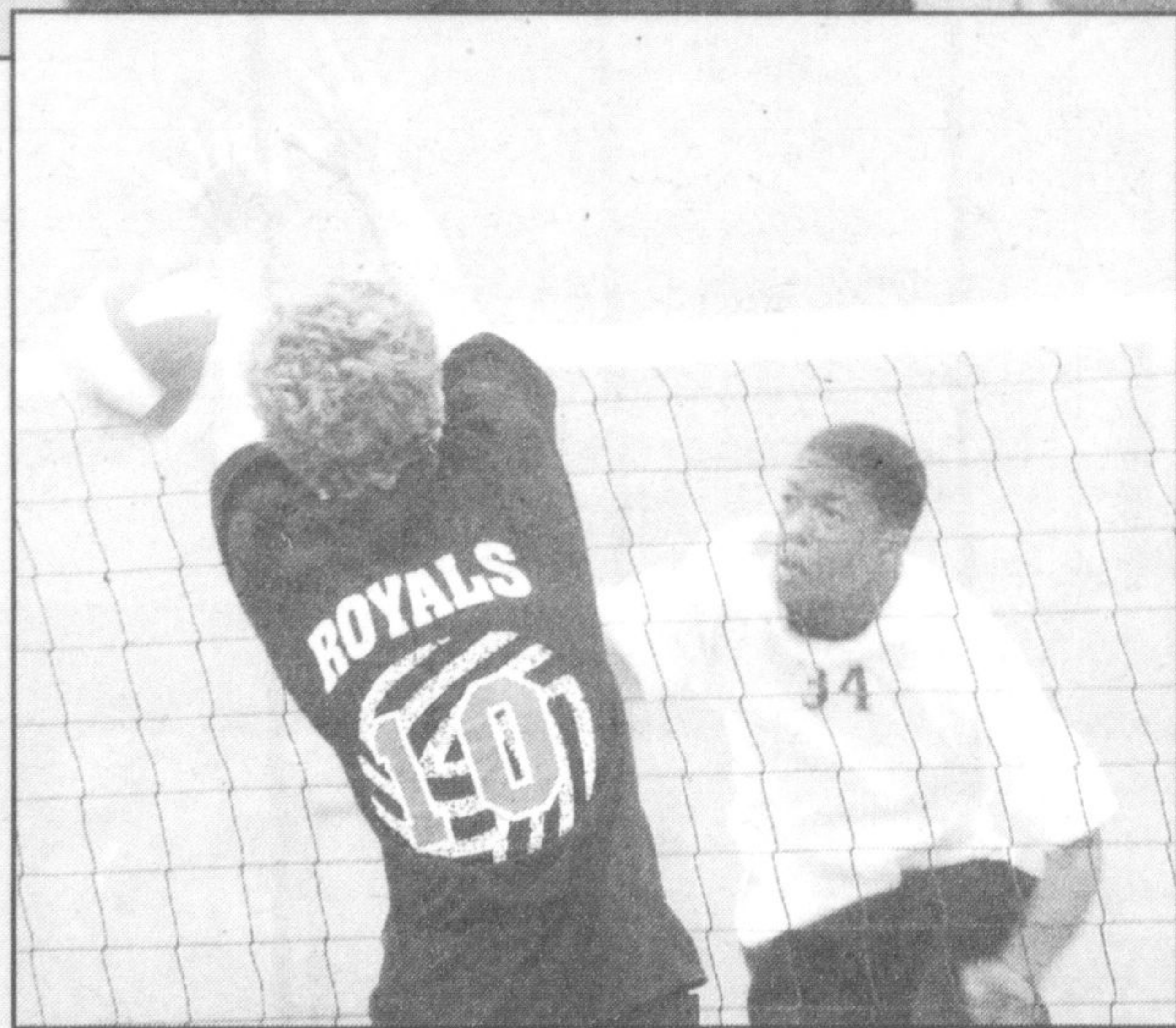


Ryan Corbin about Tuesday afternoon.

"Ryan's all-around game is really coming together, and that's got a lot to do with his perception of his own ability — just believing that he can do it," said Foley, who operates out of Glen Abbey. "As long as his grades hold up he shouldn't have much problem getting a scholarship."

Hoping to get accepted at a school in either Florida or South Carolina, Corbin will likely battle fatigue as much as his opposition in Japan — at least for the first day.

"We've got a 15-hour flight and then a four or five-hour ride to the hotel that I haven't even told Ryan about yet," quipped Foley Tuesday afternoon.



Net gains

Bishop Reding's Patryk Bugaj (10) and Rishawn Simpson of E.C. Drury battle at the net in junior boys volleyball play Monday afternoon at BR. Drury won the cross-town encounter in straight sets, 25-17, 25-21, but dropped a 2-0 (25-20, 25-8) decision at home to Georgetown's Christ the King Wednesday.

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Salive leaving local circuit

Frank Salive, the voice of standardbred racing at Mohawk, Woodbine and Greenwood for the last 14 years, is leaving the Woodbine Entertainment Group.

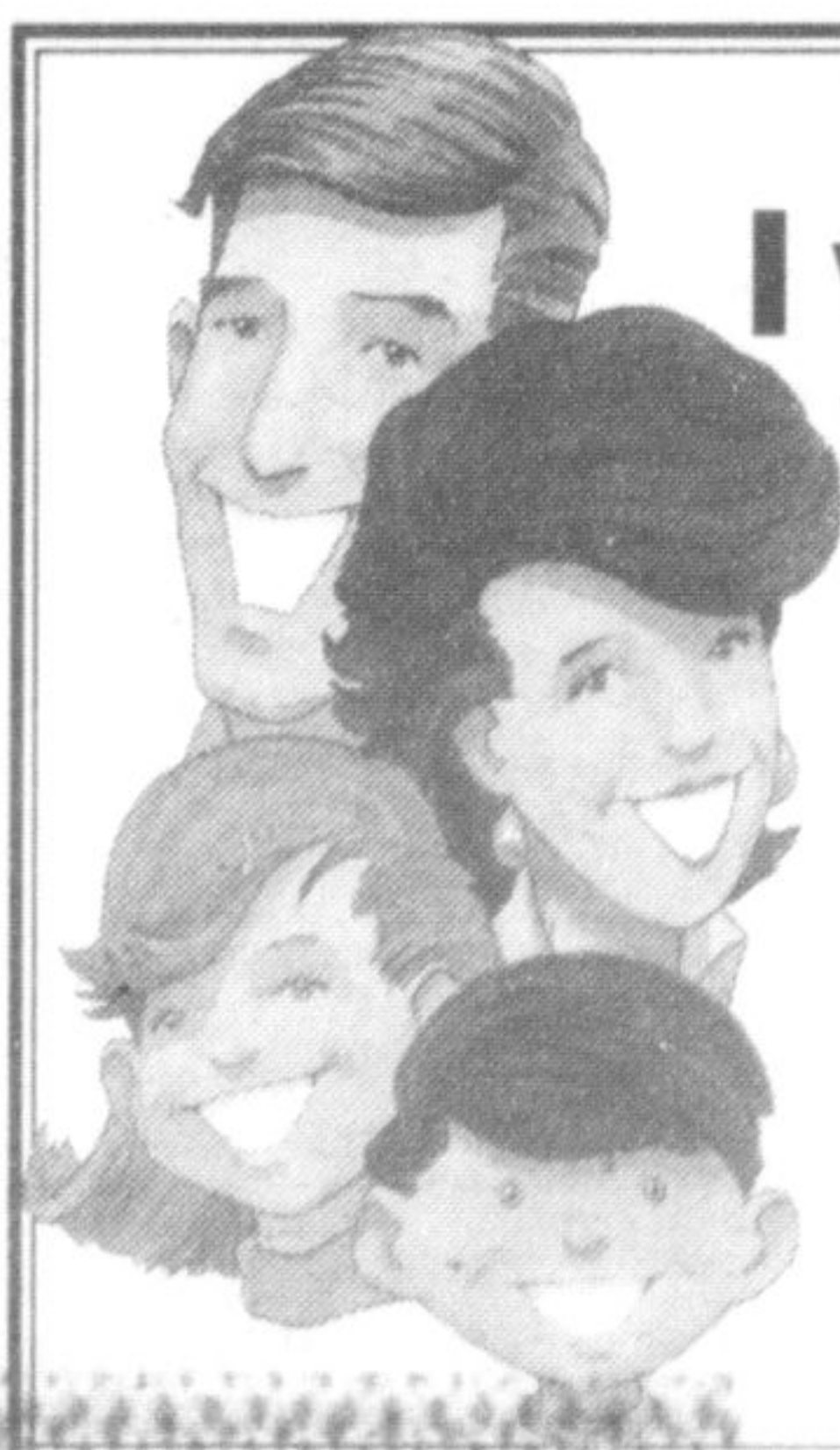
His last call will be the last race on tomorrow night's program at Mohawk, the final night of the summer meet before harness racing returns to Woodbine.

It was announced late last week that Salive will call the races at Western Fair Raceway when the London track's autumn meet opens next Friday.

"We're disappointed in Frank's decision

to leave, because he is among the best and most respected standardbred announcers in North America," said Jamie Martin, Woodbine Entertainment Group's Vice-President of Standardbred Racing. "He will be missed, but I understand and respect his decision and wish him well in the future."

Frank, nicknamed "the Velvet Fog" by those close to him, was the voice of some of the most prominent races in Woodbine Entertainment/Ontario Jockey Club history. A replacement has not yet been named.



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