

Sports Shorts

Haydar at Ricoh Sunday

American Hockey League standout Darren Haydar visits Toronto's Ricoh Coliseum Sunday afternoon.

Local fans wishing to see the 26-year-old Miltonian and his Milwaukee Admirals take on the Toronto Marlies can call either Brad Davidson at (416) 263-3929 or Ted Warner at (416) 263-3906 for special ticket prices.

Sunday's game starts at 5 p.m.

A fourth-year AHL and 2003/04 Calder Cup champion, Haydar had an assist in a 4-3 win against the Hamilton Bulldogs Wednesday night at Copps Coliseum and now sits seventh in the league points race with 25 goals and 52 assists — which is his biggest single-season point total with Milwaukee.

The Admirals moved into a tie for first with Houston in the West Division with Wednesday's victory.

Duo vie for CIS title

Two players with local connections will be gunning for a Canadian university hockey title this weekend with Lakehead University.

Miltonian Dan Rogers and Shandor Alphonso — captain of the 2004/05 IceHawks — are first-year members of the Thunderwolves, who recently blanked McGill 4-0 for the OUA Queen's Cup in Thunder Bay.

This marked the second Ontario title in as many years for Rogers, who won the 2005 Dudley Hewitt Cup with the Georgetown Raiders. He and Alphonso will begin their quest for the CIS title at the University of Alberta this afternoon, when Lakehead takes on Acadia. Both the Thunderwolves and defending champion hosts had first-round byes yesterday.

The championship is slated for Sunday afternoon.

Gymnasts shine

The Milton Springers geared up for next month's provincial championships with a strong showing at the Gymnix International Meet in Montreal last week.

Nine-year-old Argo 1 competitor Celena Morgan and 10-year-old Tyro 1 gymnast Heather Sadler each claimed overall gold. Morgan's best efforts were reserved for beam — on which she turned back all challengers — while Sadler's all-around victory was due in large part to a first-place showing on bars.

Tyro 1 teammate Lindsay Bright — who'll be looking to complete her provincial qualifying bid this weekend — struck silver on vault with a perfect landing. Rounding out the Montreal contingent was fellow Ontario championship-bound Springer Brittany Schrader, who placed fourth on floor, seventh on bars and eighth on vault in the 12-year-old Novice 2 ranks.

Golf novelist in town

Oakville resident and Milton golfer J.J. Gowland will be swinging by Thompson Road's Clarke's Golf Shop April 2 to sign copies of his book *Confessions of a Sandbagger*.

Released in 2004, *Confessions of a Sandbagger* is a fictional account of a less-than-honest golfer tied to a golfer bag and tossed into a pond on the par 3 17th hole by his friends on the season's last good day of golfing. As golfers play the hole, poor Mikey Blaine tries to convince them — as well as the golf course dog — that he deserves to be rescued before the pond freezes over.

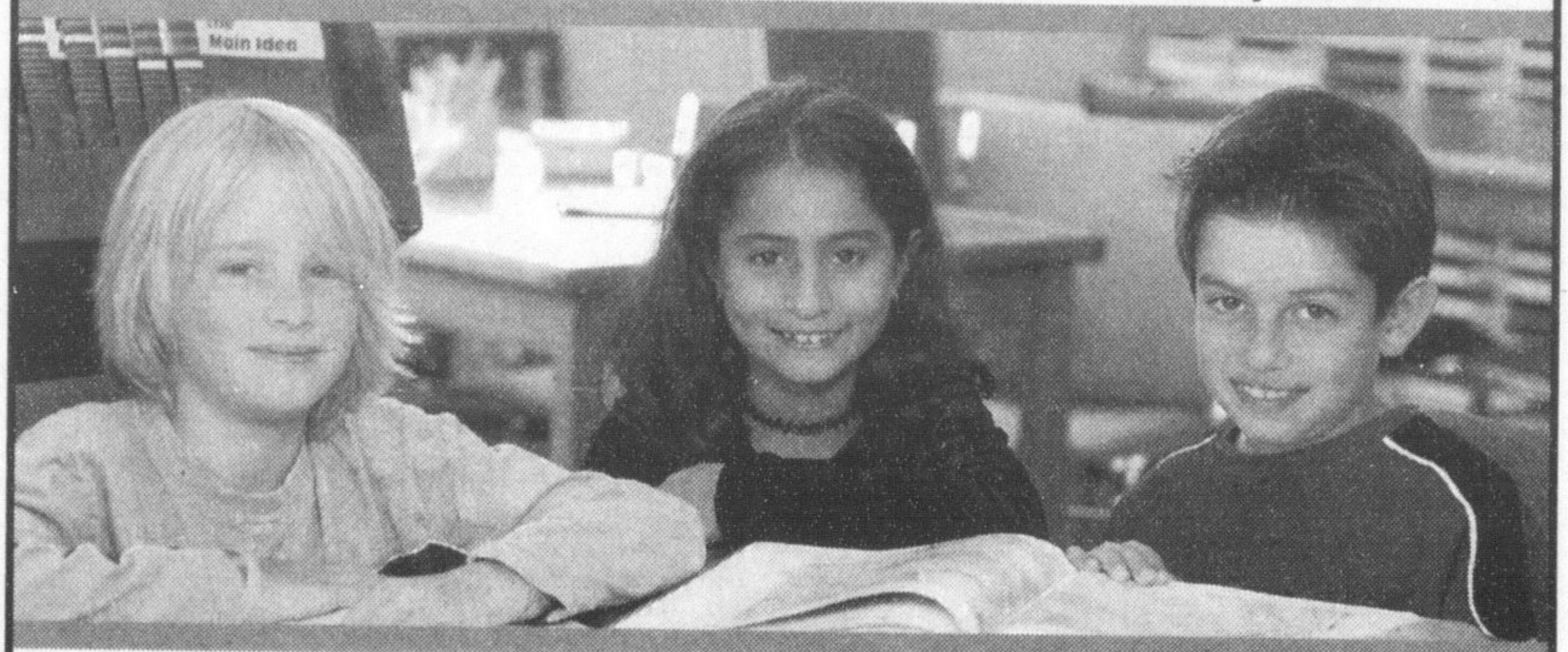
The book signing will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Copies of *Confessions of a Sandbagger* will be available for purchase, while those already owning a copy they want signed are also welcome.



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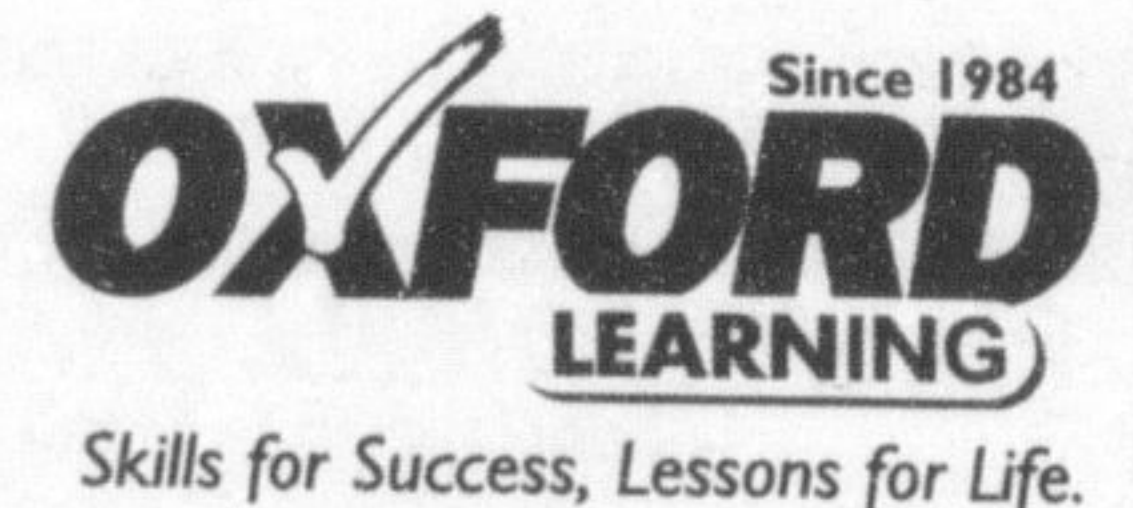


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