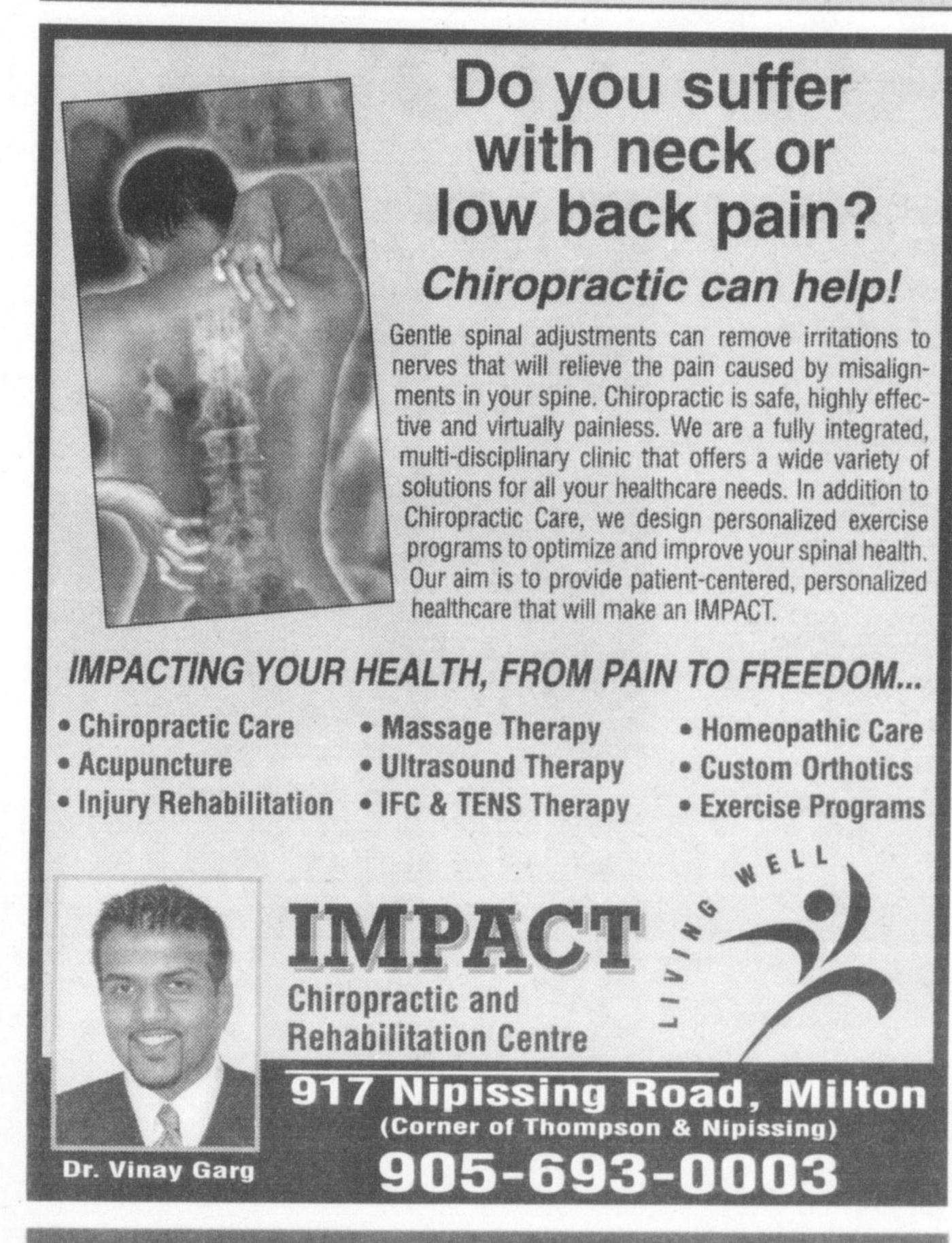


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'Hawks solid in hard-fought tie

Big third-period effort key in Milton earning big point on the road

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The IceHawks certainly aren't feasting on the opposition like they did at this time last year.

However, they did serve up a fairly generous serving of credible hockey to close out Thanksgiving weekend play.

Delivering arguably its most complete-game effort to date — highlighted by an inspired finish and an uncharacteristically-productive even strength campaign — Milton secured its biggest

road point of the season, battling to a 4-4 stalemate with the host Burlington Cougars Sunday night.

Unlike most games during their hectic first three weeks, the IceHawks were the better team through third-period

play — and overtime.

They got scoring from three different lines and, more importantly, showed they can survive without a prosperous powerplay, as only one goal was registered with the extra attacker.

Equally encouraging about the tie—
their third in four games — was that it
came against a formidable opponent on
the road, and just two days after a 5-1
humbling at the hands of the visiting
Oakville Blades.

"This was huge to come back (after

scoring, and the duo

look to be the offen-

sive cornerstone of a

Wolves team that

seems capable of

being a legitimate

contender this sea-

son after missing the

This weekend's

playoffs last spring.

Friday's loss) and get this point. It was really important," said Erman Ali, who assisted on a two-man advantage deposit by scoring leader David Vallorani early on and buried one himself on a broken play with a minute left

in the opening frame.
"We worked hard tonight, established a nice fore check and played as a team."

While decisively beaten on second and third opportunities in the first two periods, the IceHawks hung on with their far bigger hosts — thanks to one of their more disciplined and determined performances so far, as well as a few big pad saves by Vince Cusick.

Seasoned counterpart Oliver Wren was equally sharp down the stretch and robbed Vallorani on an upstairs wrist shot midway through sudden death. He wasn't quite able to deny Matt Chisholme on a similar shot 1:06 into the third that tied the game for the third and final time on the night.

Dylan MacEachern rounded out Milton's scoring, while assists went to Vallorani, Matt Binnington, David Fortino, Dean Kulla, Jack Litton and Allen Petretic.

At Memorial Arena last Friday, the IceHawks weren't able to get much going at five-on-five and were handily disposed of by the largely unmotivated but far more talented Blades.

Petretic broke the shutout with sixand-a-half minutes to go — with a rather meaningless powerplay tally. Assisting him were Ali and Jamie Hawkrigg.

Last weekend marked the arrival of towering 20-year-old defenceman Evan Heming. The six-foot-five-inch 200-pound journeyman blueliner was picked up for cash from the defensive-ly-stacked Hamilton Red Wings, who'll provide the opposition tonight at Memorial. Game time, as always, is 7:30 p.m.

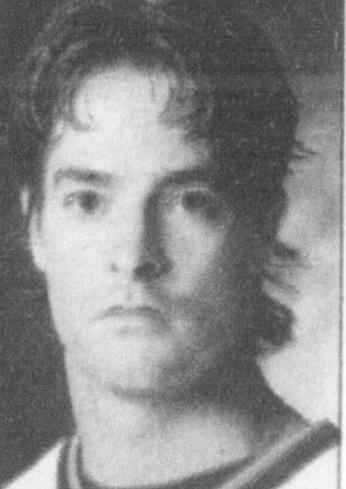
Haydar set to battle his former Admirals tonight

This weekend promises to be an emotionally-charged one for Darren Haydar.

Now part of the Atlanta Thrashers' AHL affiliate Chicago Wolves, the 26-year-old right winger begins a homeand-home series tonight with his former Milwaukee Admirals — the Nashville Predators' top farm team.

The 2002-03 AHL Rookie of the Year spent four productive seasons in Milwaukee, the second of which ended with a Calder Cup championship.

Haydar's numbers show no sign of tapering off in the Windy City. Reunited with New Hampshire University teammate Jason Krog, the local AHL star notched two secondperiod goals and finished at a plus 3 in Chicago's season-opening 5-0 whitewash of the Peoria Rivermen Saturday night.



Darren Haydar

series with Milwaukee features a battle within a battle, as the focus will no doubt be on Haydar and Ramzi Abid, who led the Wolves in scoring last year — with 34 goals and 42 assists — before signing with Nashville.

By far the smaller and speedier of the two offensive wingers, Haydar finished fifth in the league points race with 92 points (35G, 57A) before leading Milwaukee to the finals with another 18 goals and 17 helpers.

He and Krog accounted for all of the er 18 goals and 17 helpers. 7:30 p.m. Halton Regional Chair Real Regional Experience Halton Region needs a strong Regional Chairman who not only understands the issues but who has a proven track record in providing strong leadership while forging and maintaining relationships to protect the interests of Halton and the quality of life we all enjoy. ✓ Eight years as Halton Region's Chief Administrative Officer Strong alliances with Municipal, Regional, Provincial and Federal leaders ✓ Proven financial track record and innovative approaches to business and planning www.brentmarshall.ca Join us for Breakfast with Brent - \$10.00 October 23rd, 8am - 9am at Le Dome, Oakville October 28th, 8am - 10am at Springer House, Burlington