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STRUTTING HER STUFF: Milton Springer Gymnastics Club member Heather Sadler runs through the floor routine that earned her first-place honours and helped her win overall gold at the recent first provincial qualifying meet in Orangeville. She also finished first on bars while fellow Springers Lindsay Bright, Celena Morgan and Brittany Schrader all secured overall silver for one of the best all-around club showings in recent memory — setting the bar high for next month's second qualifier in Burlington.

Novak hired on as new 'Hawks coach

Kalapaca an assistant

There'll be a couple of familiar faces behind the IceHawks' bench this Friday.

Recently parting ways with the Brampton Capitals — due to a show-down with management over the discipline of a player — Miltonian Randy Novak was hired as the new IceHawks' head coach yesterday afternoon.

The Tier 2 Jr. A veteran skipper and local skills development instructor replaces Pat Cocklin, who owner Rick Heinz said "did very well with the amount of time and talent he was given. However, I feel that the club wasn't improving and needed a fresh look."

With Shawn Hudson and Steve Hodson released as well, the IceHawks have brought on Mike Kalapaca — a former assistant during the team's Merchants era and head coach with last



Randy Novak

year's minor midget Hurricanes.

Rounding out the new coaching staff is former Mississauga Chargers assistant Rich Gobbatto, who'll pull double duty as both an assistant and head scout.

Novak brings a proven track record to the rebuilding IceHawks, having taken the Capitals from dead last four years ago to first place upon last month's departure.

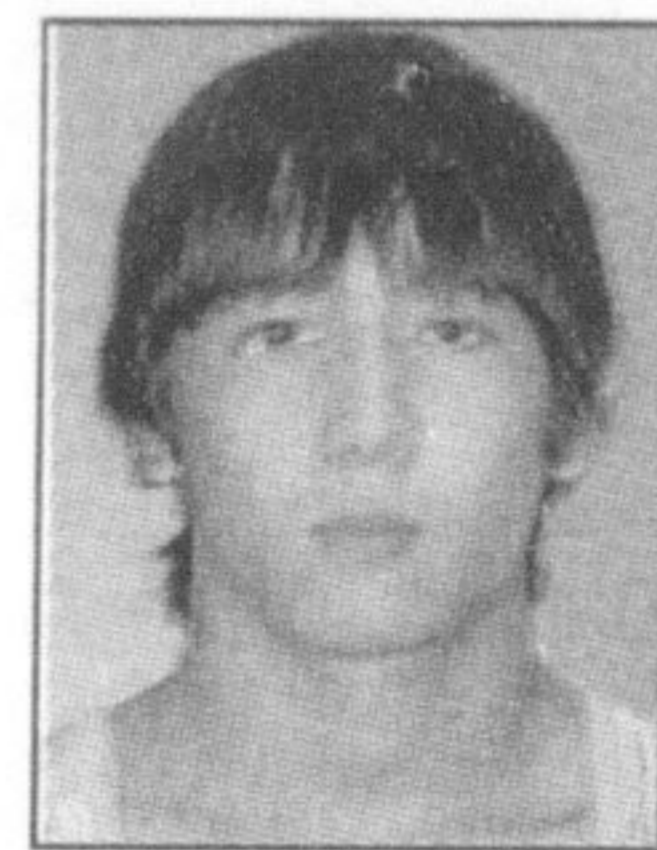
Said the new IceHawks' coach, "I look forward to the challenge and turning things in the right direction. Winning is a byproduct of development. We're already building for next season, when we'll be much more competitive. I think in two years we'll be battling for a top-three spot."

Veteran wrestler earns spot on provincial team

Kevin Iwasa-Madge is headed west once again, having stamped his ticket to next month's Stu Hart Tournament of Champions in Calgary.

The 17-year-old E.C. Drury wrestler did so with an unbeaten performance at the Matmen Classic in Brampton Saturday, turning back three straight combatants to earn a spot on the provincial juvenile team.

Golden at last spring's national team trials in Edmonton — then competing in the cadet division — the Spartans veteran kicked off the day by defeating OFSAA champion Tommy Carroll of Club Impact and prevailed twice more to book passage to the Tournament of



Kevin Iwasa-Madge

Champions.

Combined with another first-place finish in Paris, Ont. Friday, he now leads the team with six gold medals and a perfect 18-0 record.

Bobby Fillman also went 3-0 at the Matmen, in the cadet class, for his first title of the season. Alan Moffat and Ranbir Hans claimed bronze.

In Paris Friday, Moffat and Jared Robb joined Iwasa-Madge at the top of the podium, while Hans and Blake Elliot came away with bronze.



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