

Glenn Colling finds the groove at Flamboro Speedway

Milton's Glenn Colling led every circuit of the 20-lap Canadian Vintage Modified feature Saturday to take his first win of 1996 at Flamboro Speedway.

Colling took the lead from his second place grid spot and held off repeated challenges by

Don Shaw and Paul Henderson, both of Georgetown, to hold on for the win. They were followed by Dundas racers Gary Elliot and Charlie Beck.

Over the winter, Colling left the car he had driven for Everett Colling to take over in his

father's Eastside Auto-sponsored modified. He needed only three races in his new car to find the victory lane.

In the Challenge division, Milton's Racer's Edge team tried to extend its unbeaten streak to three races in a row. Derrick Mehlenbacher how-

ever, could only manage a third-place finish after battling his way through the field from his seventh-place starting position.

The race was won by Paul Maas from Nanticoke, Ontario followed closely by Dundas' Mike Poulton Jr.



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Milton athletes going in droves for GHAC gold

By STEVE LeBLANC

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Bishop Reding Secondary School turned in another 'Royal' performance on the track and field circuit last Wednesday, during the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) finals at Hamilton's McMaster University.

The Royals strung together 11 medal-winning efforts and qualified 14 athletes for tomorrow's (Thursday) Southern Ontario Regionals at McMaster. Top four finishers there will move on to next weekend's All-Ontario championships in Kitchener.

Leading the medal parade for BR was junior boys sprinter Matt Peers, who took gold in both the 100 metre dash (in 11.3 seconds) and 200m run (23.3s.). His efforts equaled those of his Halton performance, where he won the 100m but had to settle for second in the 200m.

He also helped the junior boys relay team — comprised of Peers, Bobby McKnight, Jesse St. John and Jamie McBride — to a fourth-place finish in the 4x100m race.

Carrie Ann Nichols and Shawnda Marques were the other two Reding gold medalists last Wednesday. A midget girls participant, Nichols won the grueling 3,000m in 11:48.1 (trimming almost two seconds off her Halton time) and came second in the 1,500m. Marques, meanwhile, made a 5.18m leap for the junior girls long jump victory.

Fellow junior Erin Wrigglesworth captured two silver medals in the 1,500m and 3,000m while Derek Birnie was runner-up in the midget boys 800m and placed fourth in the 400m. He also helped Adam Andruchiw, Jason Ford and Danny Ferreira finish fourth in the midget boys 4x100m relay.

Ferreira came second in the midget boys 100m hurdles. Senior Dave Boere brought home the last BR medal, a bronze in the

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Three's a crowd

At least it certainly is as far as this E.C. Drury High School varsity girls rugby ballcarrier is concerned. Milton was playing visiting Holy Cross of St. Catharines. The visitors won 17-5.

Bargain prices fight sagging enrolment at tennis club

By STEVE LeBLANC

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The Milton Tennis Club is taking a gamble.

In the face of sliding interest in tennis, the club has lowered its prices to bargain basement levels. But if people don't flock to take advantage of the fire sale prices, the slashed membership offer will only mean less money to promote better tennis than ever.

The MTC is offering a 33 per cent reduction on all of its 1996 membership rates — which now rival registration fees at any other club in town. Memberships for either a family (two adults and children) or couple are now \$120, while senior (adult) memberships are \$65 and juniors and those over 65 pay just \$35.

"Membership has fallen from 500 just two years ago to about 250 now," said Pat Kotack, director of public relations for the club. "We're not really sure just why this is, but according to Tennis Canada the decline has been a trend across most of North America."

"It's the adult numbers that have really dropped off. It used to be this club had mostly adult members, but now it's the complete opposite with a mainly junior concentration. I think some people see tennis as an elitist sport, but actually it's one of the least expensive to join. All you need is a racquet and a pair of running shoes."

Kotack said there were initial problems putting together an execu-

tive for the club this spring, but that that has now been rectified. She added that rate reductions have helped out in the membership department so far, and that they should encourage even more people to join once the warm weather really kicks in.

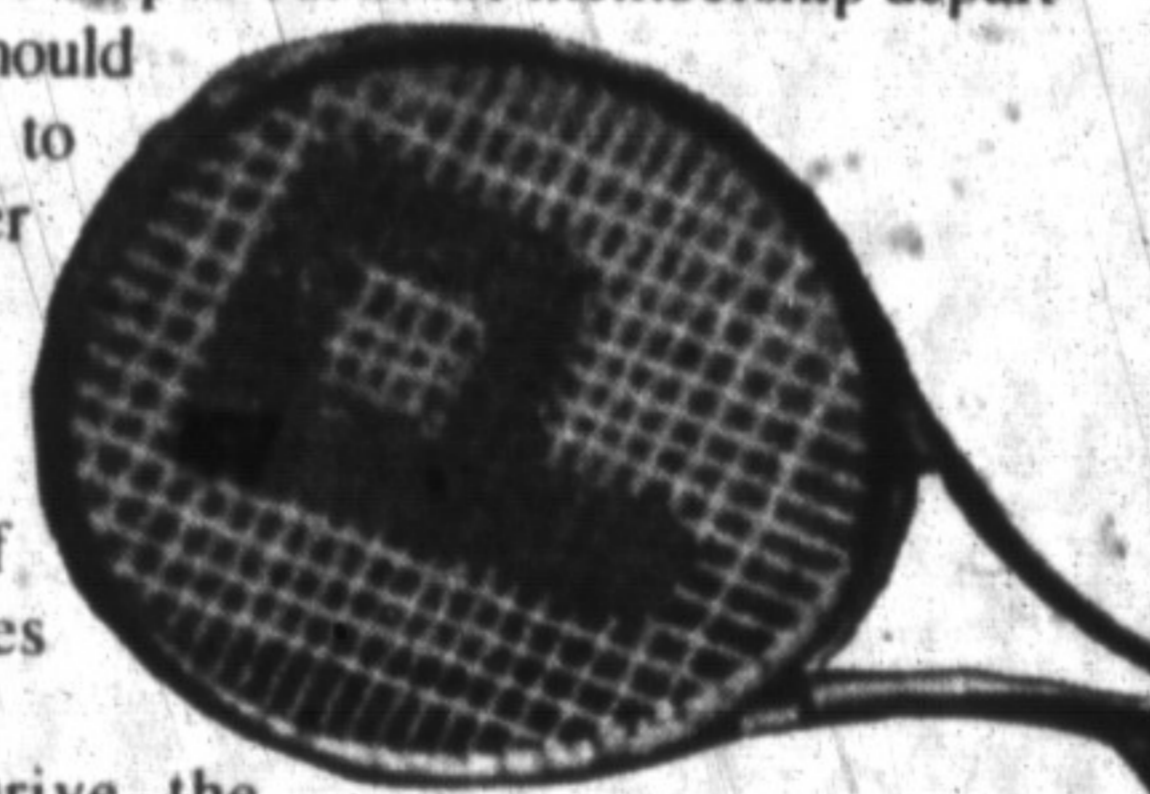
And while membership fees have fallen at the MTC, members say its quality of service and host of activities have not.

Located at 670 Childs Drive, the MTC offers six lighted decoturf courts, and unlike most clubs in town, the MTC offers a great deal more than just a surface to play on.

Season passes allow members to join a variety of interclub and rep teams, including men's doubles, ladies' doubles, senior house-league, mixed doubles and senior skill builders — which feature professional instruction each week. "You don't have to be some great tennis player to join these interclub leagues either, there are plenty of novice players involved," Kotack stressed.

For those who simply wish to play on their own with a friend,

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Up and coming players like Katherine Rammo worked out at the Milton Tennis Club.