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Eyes on the skies

Members of the Milton Sweetpeas t-ball team practised some fielding during a warm-up drill prior to their Saturday morning tournament game against Glanbrook at Rotary Park.

Milton Merchant signed in Steeltown

Local hockey fans should recognize at least one name in Hamilton's new American Hockey League (AHL) roster next season, as the parent Edmonton Oilers have recently signed former Milton Merchant Jeff Daw.

The 6'3", 190 lbs. centre played four years with the University of Massachusetts in the NCAA's Hockey

East Conference. He scored 23 goals and 28 assists last season and recorded a total of 68 goals and 73 assists over his four years with the River Hawks. He led his team in goals the past two seasons. While the 24-year-old will be given the chance to make Edmonton this fall, he is expected to start the season in Hamilton.

Merchants recognize their own

The Milton Merchants Junior A hockey club honored their top players over the 1995-96 season Sunday night at the Muddy Duck Restaurant.

Taking the MVP award was captain Steve Clarke, who was third in team scoring and was outstanding centering the defensive line.

Splitting the votes for playoff MVP honors were Jeff Haydar and Cory Holland. Haydar was Milton's top scorer through post-season play while Holland was an inspirational leader as he played through nagging injuries and still maintained his aggressive physical style.

Haydar was a double winner as he picked up the Most Improved Player trophy as well. In his sophomore season he almost tripled his point total to 70 and anchored Milton's premiere scoring line.

Rookie of the Year honors went to Rich Reid, who collected 49 points in his debut season and established himself and a premier special teams player.

Goalie Dave Dolecki and winger Phil James were the co-winners of the Most Popular Player award while Steve Adams took home the Top Scoring trophy.

The Top Defenceman award went to first-year rearguard Mark McPhail.

Milton's Unsung Hero was netminder Steve Bewley. Despite taking on the role of back-up man, he played in over 20 games, posted two shutouts and recorded a goals-against average of 3.13.

Veteran defenceman David Boldovitch won the President's Award for his overall dedication to the team and his scholastic efforts at York University.

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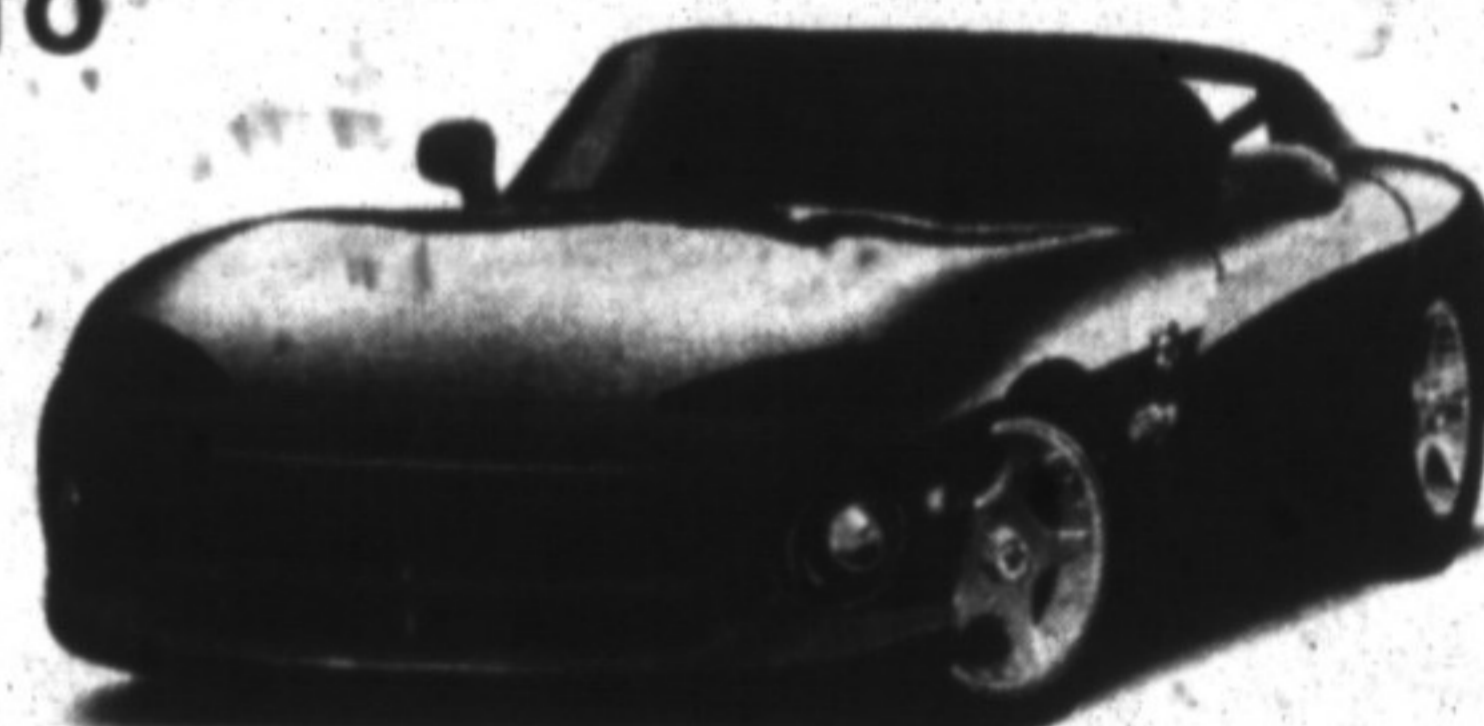
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