

Girls collect three of four points to defend third

The Milton Optimist Club under-15 girls rep soccer squad maintained their third-place standing in the South Region Soccer League (SRS�) last week, collecting three of four possible points. After drawing with Burlington last Tuesday, in a 1-1 final, the Magic went back to their winning ways two nights later and bested Brantford 3-1.

Milton showed great ball control throughout both games and dominated most of the action. However, they failed to finish on many opportunities against Burlington and thus missed out on the win. They found their scoring touch again with Brantford, firing in all three goals in the first half. Working near flawless performances last week was goalkeeper

Jodie Sales. Nicola Leishman, Amanda Farrugia and Chrissie Henderson sank goals in the Brantford game while Kira Lawrence registered her club's lone tally against Burlington. Strong defensive efforts were turned in by sweeper Angie Van Egmond and back-fielders Lauren Batty, Margit Polcz, Kourtney Rich and Sharalee Dempster.

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For disabled Simpson hopes to open up golf more

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
Special to The Champion
 Milton wheelchair athlete Ryan Leworthy will have a unique opportunity this coming Saturday morning — the chance to play golf on a regulation course.

He and three other Link Foundation wheelchair athletes will join four local members of this year's Ontario Special Olympics team and a quartet of local junior players for the Ultimate Challenge Golf Event at Top of the Tee in Brampton.

The idea for the event, an effort to give specially challenged athletes their first experience on a golf course, came from Leworthy's uncle Bill Simpson. Simpson owns and operates the Mississauga Road facility and has been hoping to initiate just such an event for some time.

"I went to Uncle Bill a little while ago and expressed my interest in learning the game. He already had the idea in mind to teach wheelchair athletes and Special Olympic members, so we organized the Ultimate Challenge," recalled Leworthy.

Simpson said he understands the restrictions and challenges facing these young athletes. A number of years ago, while still competing on the Canadian tour, he developed diabetes and

almost died. While his health has returned, he was forced to cut his professional playing career short.

"I know what being handicapped is like and to lose something because of it," he said. "These athletes aren't allowed on regular golf courses. I wanted to give them the opportunity to learn and enjoy the game."

Saturday's event will feature three teams; one comprised of two wheelchair athletes, one Special Olympic team member and one junior (11 to 14-years) player, one of two Special Olympic team members, one wheelchair athlete and one junior and the other with two juniors, one wheelchair athlete and the remaining Special Olympic competitor.

Simpson has designed a three-hole, par 12 course. Hole number one is a par four, hole two is a par five and hole three is par three. "All the holes are regulation size," Simpson said.

Simpson said the big challenge this past week has been teaching the athletes to play, particularly the wheelchair athletes who have to use just one hand to swing the club while they keep their chairs steady with the other.

"I've been instructing them for about five days now and

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Mike Kydyk, 12, tried his hand at shot put (left) and Jaymes Beatty, 11, gave his all in the long jump during the Athletiques International summer track and field camp at Milton District High School on the weekend.

Nichols big winner at Athletiques camp

Carrie-Ann Nichols ran, jumped and threw her way to victory last week in Oakville at the dual Athletiques International Oakville-Milton summer track and field camp mini-meet.

The Milton track star was the big winner on the day, coming home with four first-place finishes. She captured the open ladies 100 metre in 15.7 seconds, the 60 metre hurdles in a camp record 11.5s, the long jump with 3.21m and the shot put with a 6.68m hurl.

Milton teammate Jaymes Beatty nearly

duplicating her victory total, winning the atom boys 100m (15.2s), 60m hurdles (11.8s), and the long jump (3.70m), before placing second in the shot put with a distance of 6.26m.

Lauren Beatty was also golden, with wins in the tyke girls 100m (16.3s) and the 60m hurdles (11.5s). She also came third in the shot put (6.15m) and fourth in the long jump (3.63m).

Placing second in both the tyke girls 100m and 60m hurdles was Julie Iantorno, who also took fifth in both the long jump

and shot put. Matthew Berndt was second in both the atom boys 60m hurdles and discus toss and scored three fourth-place efforts in the 100m hurdles, long jump and shot put.

Michael Kydyk was second in his atom boys 100m hurdle race, fifth in the 100m and shot put and eighth in the long jump.

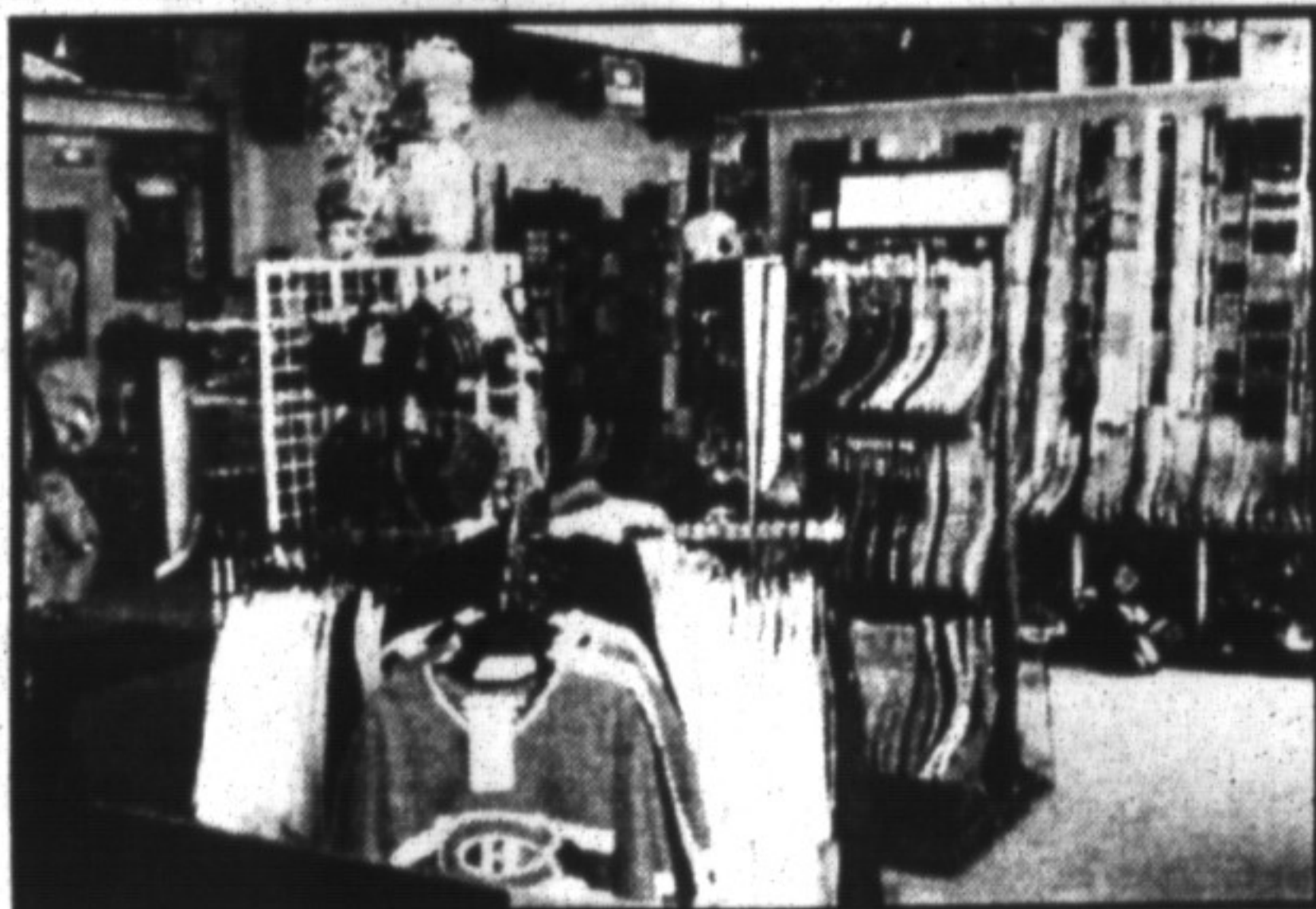
These same six athletes combined to score second-place honors in the 800m relay, completing the distance in 2.13 minutes.

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