

Dukes cap super season with yet one more title

The Brewing Experience Dukes gave a royal performance on the soccer field Saturday — during Milton Youth Soccer's Day of Champions — and toppled Spokes 'N' Slopes 4-1 for the under-13 boys playoff cup.

Having already taken league honors with an outstanding 12-2-1 season record, which included 46 goals for and a mere 11 against, the Dukes

left nothing to chance in picking up their second title of 1996.

Nathaniel Wicken paced his team to victory with a pair of second-half goals, the first of which proved to be game winner. Helping add some insurance down the stretch was teammate Simon Brennan.

Kevin Cunningham sent a well-placed penalty

kick past the Spokes 'N' Slopes netminder for his team's opening goal late in the first half. While giving one up just moments before half-time, Dukes cage guarder David Buck came up with some stellar saves on the day, including one on a penalty kick that provided some early inspiration.

Spearheading a strong two-way game were

midfielders Kris Schmitz, Ryan Sinanan and Colin Burnham while Nick Benson, Jamie Roser and Ben McGovern stood tall in the back-field.

Turning in key efforts up front were forwards Brendan Anderson, Daniel Gagnon, Paolo and Dominic Meleca and Patrick McFadden, who consistently challenged the opposition in front of their net.



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Stellar soccer season ends in heartbreak

The Milton Magic Under-15 girls soccer team's stellar 1996 season came to a heartbreaking conclusion Saturday at Shell Park in Oakville, where they were edged out of the League Cup championship title by Niagara Falls.

The season ending tilt was as close as they come, with the Optimist Club-sponsored Milton crew losing after seven — count-em — seven rounds of overtime shootout action. The defeat came after Milton's Kira Lawrence had drawn her club even at one in the first-half.

According to head coach Colin Henderson, Milton outplayed Niagara for much of regulation time and some strong coverage by Kourtney Rich and Angie Van Egmond kept their most dangerous striker from scoring.

"Unbelievable" said Henderson.

"It was the best soccer game this season in our league. It's impossible to single out any one player because each contributed their finest soccer. It's been a privilege to coach them."

The League Cup came just two days after a triumph over North Mississauga, which gave Milton sole possession of second place for the regular season. They had put themselves in position to finish with at least a second-place tie the previous week thanks to a 3-1 win over Burlington.

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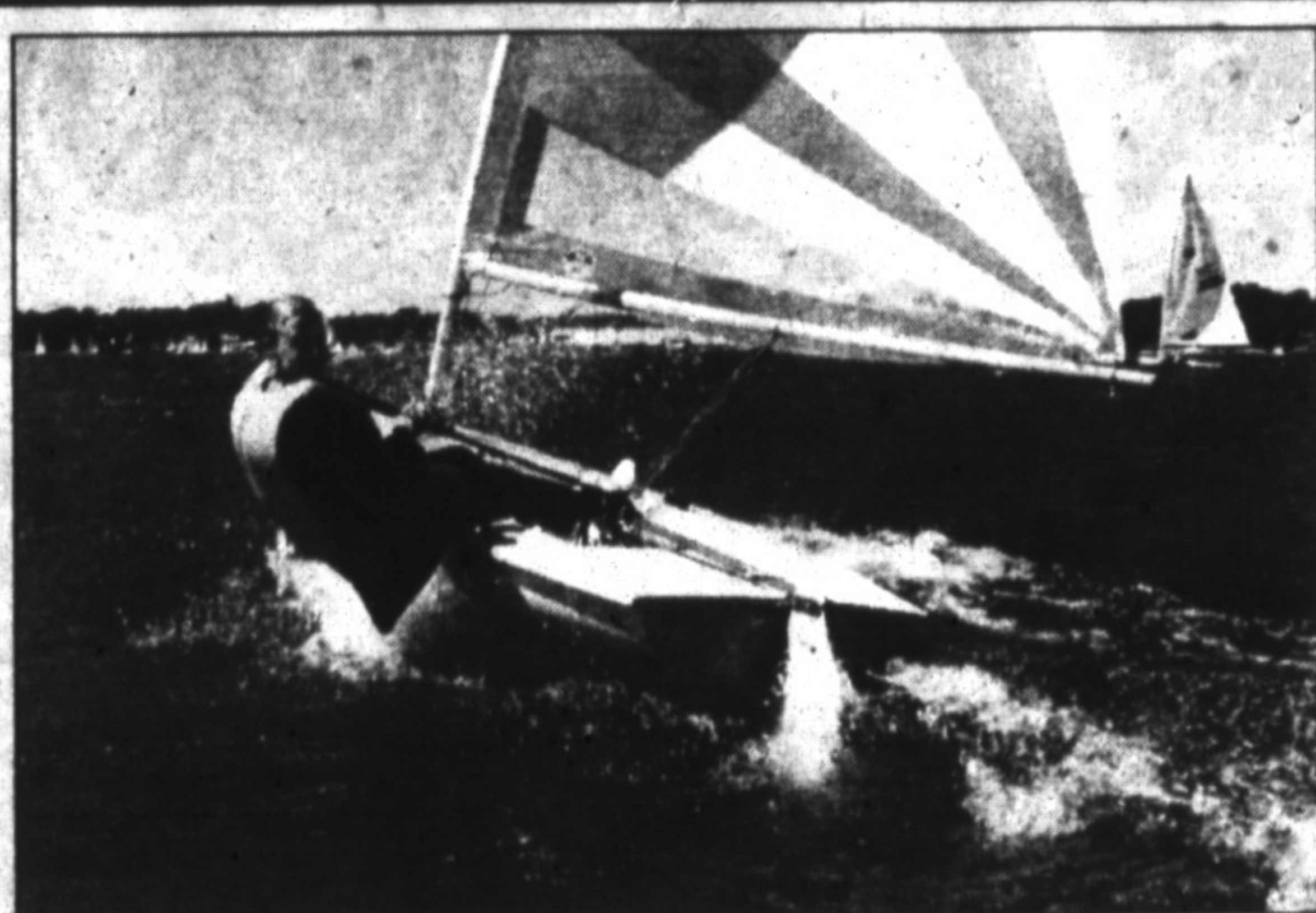
— Colin Henderson

Fate was also on their side as North Mississauga fell to London the previous evening.

Counting Magic goals against Burlington were Lawrence, Chrissie Henderson and Amanda Farrugia while Rich turned in outstanding defense, completely shutting down Burlington's ace forward.

Making up the rest of this year's team were Vanessa Bouskill, Lauren Batty, Fiona Brawley, Sharalee Dempster, Vanessa Gunter, Nicola Leishman, Diana

Pereira, Margit Polcz, Bonnie Romolo and goalie Jodie Sales. Assisting Henderson with the coaching duties were Robert Brawley, Charlie Farrugia and Janice Brawley.



Stephanie Taylor is making waves in competitive sailing.

Sailor Taylor finds her forte

By STEVE LeBLANC
Special to The Champion

Heavy rains have put a damper on many outdoor activities early this summer, but when your sport takes place on lakes and rivers, what's a little extra water?

Such is the case for Milton sailor Stephanie Taylor, who has raced her way to some impressive regatta results throughout the 1996 season. The 18-year-old E.C. Drury senior has turned in top finishes over the past few weeks, although her biggest accomplishment came early last month at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in Toronto.

It was there that Taylor scored an overall second place finish in the Canadian Youth Byte Championships, held August 6 to 11. She got off to a big start with an opening day second-place

effort and sailed strongly through the remainder of the week.

"In sailing, you have a series of races at each championship so you have to be consistently strong in order to win. The Canadian Youth championships included 12 races, with your top 11 results determining your overall placing," said Taylor, who won the event last year in Vancouver. "I was quite pleased with my results and overall finish."

Able to drop her worst showing — a 15th place effort on the second to last day — Taylor's silver medal campaign included two seconds, two thirds, a fourth, two fifths, an eighth, two ninths and a 10th place showing.

She finished the regatta almost as strongly as she started, with third and fourth place finishes on the final day to

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Milton Ladies Slo-Pitch League Final Standings

	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Charlie Fitzwhiskeys	20	11	5	4	26
All Purpose Glass	20	11	6	3	25
Quinn Brake	20	11	6	3	25
Churchill Collision	20	8	9	3	19
Turner Sports	20	6	12	2	14
Dufferin Aggregates	20	5	14	1	11

Big purse on Sunday

The fall season is now upon us and so too is the end of the Ontario Sires Stakes run for the year at Mohawk Raceway. The Campbellville oval will host its last provincial sponsored event of 1996 this Sunday, (Sept. 29), as the two-year-old trotting colts and geldings do battle in a Gold Series final.

A rich purse of \$101,720 will be offered to these youngsters, who earned their way into this event through three Gold Series eliminations last Sunday afternoon. One colt will try and remain undefeated in his OSS endeavors, while several other top-competitors will be looking to take their place on the Sires Stakes throne.

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