

Sports

Joseph is not singing the Blues

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The stars were out at the Emerald Hills Golf Course Monday as Brett Hull held his second annual Noma Charity Celebrity Golf Classic.

The Golden Brett had his father Bobby in tow, along with his St. Louis Blues team mate Curtis Joseph, the Sharon resident who helped the Whitchurch-Stouffville Vandorf Juniors to the provincial "A" fastball title back in 1988.

Other past and present National Hockey Leagueers participating in the team scramble, won by Brett Hull and his squad, were Peter Eng, Rocky Saganjuk, Eddie Shack, and Dick Redmond. Redmond took the longest drive contest held after the tournament with a booming 325 yarder.

World championship Canadian skater Kurt Browning, skier Brian Stempel, and Buffalo Bills' kicker Steve Christie were among the other athletes participating at the event.

For their part, the Emerald Hills people were offering to donate \$1,000 towards diabetes research being done at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children for every non-celebrity in the tournament who signed on as a club member.

I managed to commandeer Joseph for a few minutes after the longest drive competition. It would appear Joseph's rec-

ollections of his ball playing days in Vandorf are vague at best. It's amazing what four years of travelling around North America as a big league goalie will do to the memory.

He said he's extremely happy in St. Louis, and will likely sign a new contract with the Blues after his current pact expires. He has one more year, followed by an option year, remaining on his current deal.

As for the Blues' playoff run this spring, Joseph said he was disappointed the team didn't go further. "If you don't win the Stanley Cup, it means you lost your last game," he philosophized. "We lost our last game, it wasn't how we would have liked it."

Joseph acknowledged the Blues did have a good run, however, especially considering the team's sluggish beginning to the 1992-93 season. He suggested the Blues may have been somewhat spent after fighting so hard just to qualify for post season play and that next season may be different. "We did come from a long way back. It took all we had just to make the playoffs. We jelled after the first half this year. If we can pick up where we left off this fall we'll be okay."

Joseph, who admitted his loyalties lay with the Leafs as a kid growing up in Sharon, said it was a huge thrill just to play against the players he once looked up to. "As a kid,

you idolize the guys in the NHL. The biggest thrill for me was just to play in the NHL against the players I idolized."

As for his charges during the series with the Maple Leafs that the Toronto forwards were "running" him, he simply shrugged. "We got beat by a good team. They played hard, and we played hard. They went to the net, and that's what you have to do to win."

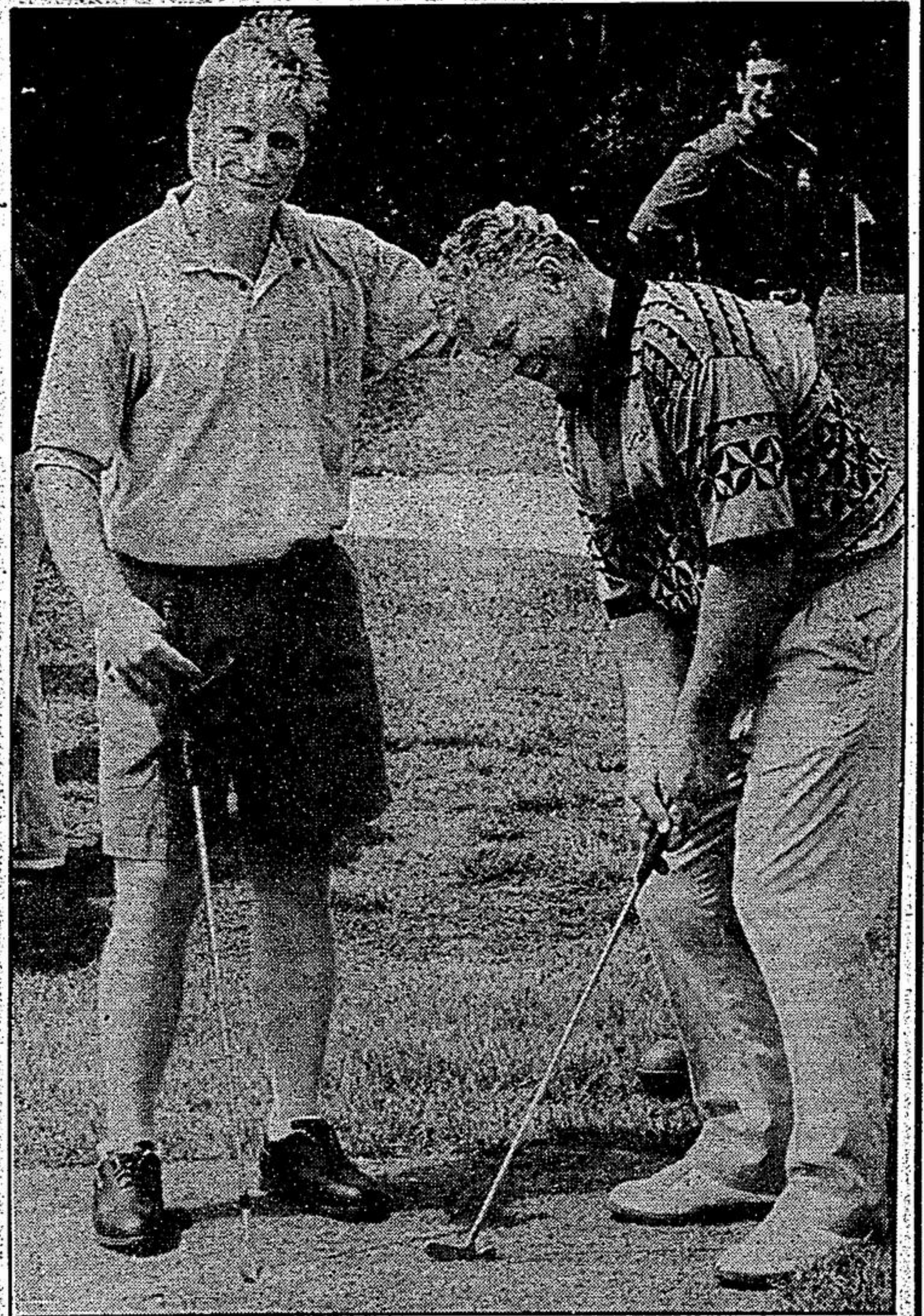
Joseph said he thought it was great for hockey to see the Leafs back in the chase after such a long drought. "The fans around here have been starved for a good team for so long. It's good for the game in this area to have the Leafs winning again."

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Another world class sports personality was in town this week as Newmarket race car driver Scott Goodyear helped open up Chariots Family Restaurant at the site of the old Deer Park Inn on Wednesday. The invitation-only grand opening luncheon included race industry officials, corporate types, Stouffville area contractors, and "select" local sports correspondents (myself not included).

Shakespeare the magician, who resides in the area, was master of ceremonies for the event. Maybe it was he who made my invitation disappear. Too bad. I would have loved to have been able to cover it.

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Photo/STEVE SOMERVILLE

St. Louis Blues' hockey player Brett Hull (left), and his father and former National Hockey League great, Bobby Hull, took to the Emerald Hills Golf and Country Club links on Monday to participate in the Noma Charity Celebrity Golf Classic. The one-day event was in support of the Sick Children's Hospital.

Maples pro Tom Aird says it's not a certainty that Leafs superstar Doug Gilmour will be on hand for this coming Tuesday's Metropolitan Toronto Police Amateur Athletes Association Golf Tournament, to be held at the Maples. Aird

told me Wednesday that while Gilmour is on the tournament committee, that doesn't mean he'll be here for sure.

For the sake of all the kids looking to be on hand for the 11 a.m. shotgun start, lets hope he is.

Stouffville youths kick up a storm

Jon Voss and Jason Brown each booted home a pair of goals to lift the Toronto Dominion Bank under-15 boys soccer team to a 6-2 win over Aurora in a recent Youth Soccer League contest.

Right winger Mike Owen keyed the Stouffville offensive attack, scoring a goal and feeding the TD forwards with passes. Andrew Hutchinson netted the sixth Stouffville marker.

The game remained tied at 1-1 after 10 minutes of the first half, after which time the Stouffville squad began its offensive thrust.

Coach Stuart McClean's Stouffville team roster includes three female players - Lillian

Boyd, Katie Scorrar, and Peggy Atkinson.

In other recent York Youth League games, the Cable Tech under-13 girls' team was edged 2-1 by Aurora, while the Progress Club under-11 girls outfit was blanked 9-0 by its Aurora opponent.

In other soccer news, the Ontario Soccer Association, in co-operation with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club (WSSC), will hold the 15th annual Soccer Camp Program at the Recreation Centre field next month.

The program, for boys and girls from the ages of six through 13, is scheduled for July 19-23.

Midgets suffer setback

Jodi Simms threw a complete game four hitter, but it still wasn't enough as her Ratcliff Lumber midget girls' rep softball team fell 4-1 to Willowdale in a game played at the town park Wednesday.

Anne Roy, Lindsay Upton, Stephanie Summerhill, and Andrea Crothers each had hits for Stouffville. The team received strong defensive performances from Karine Huffman, Katie White, Summerhill and Upton.

The midgets play their next home game on June 30 at the town park at 8:45 p.m. on diamond two.

It is to be an instructional camp, with Team Ontario coaches, nationally licensed instructors, professional coaches and players providing the participants with 25 hours of quality coaching.

For more information, please contact Joseph Caldeira at 640-4854.

The WSSC has announced it has succeeded in bringing the Richmond Hill Kick to town for an exhibition game in early July.

WSSC officials are hoping The Kick, a professional team playing in the Canadian National Soccer League, will be able to play July 3 as a part of the club's Strawberry Festival program.

WSSC youth players have all been issued 1993 The Kick Youth Passes, giving them free entry to all of the team's games.

Two WSSC teams have been invited to participate in the opening festivities at The Kick's home opener at the Richmond Green Sports Centre, Elgin Mills Rd at Leslie, Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Squirts claim silver

The Stouffville squirt girls' rep softball team won three of five games played to win the silver medal at the recent Aurora Diggers Tournament.

Stouffville edged Newmarket 10-9 in their opener, as pitcher Lianne McKay had six strikeouts and Marlee Johnson stroked three hits.

The squirts snuck past Aurora 7-6 in game two, as Amanda Crowder fanned 10 batters and hit a home run. Kristy Assinck had two hits.

Stouffville downed Barrie 4-3 in their next outing. Lynn Harrison notched 12 strikeouts.

The squirts then fell 10-9 to Cambridge, despite a three-hit effort by Kerri Sandiford.

In the championship final against Niagara Falls, Stouffville was victimized by a seventh-inning Falls comeback as they were defeated 14-11. Sandiford collected three hits.

Indians gain split

Pitcher Andrew Seith was a perfect five for five at the plate, and Jordan VanEsterik chipped in with four hits, to power the Stouffville minor mosquito Indians to an 18-14 win over Tottenham on June 7.

First baseman Dylan Harrison was impressive defensively as the Indians stretched their winning streak to three games.

But the win string was snapped six days later when the Indians dropped an 11-5

decision to the visitors from Alliston.

VanEsterik and Ryan Jackson each had contributed to the offence in a losing cause. Shawn Burns, Richard Mulder, Seith, Mike Hamilton, and Jeffrey Taylor all stood out defensively. Pitchers John Lyons and Michael Pennanen struck out seven batters between them.

The Indians play their home games Sundays at 6:30 p.m. on diamond four at the town park.