



Margaret Nicholson

## Margaret's far from disabled

By PAUL WILLIAMS

It's not surprising that 13-year-old Margaret Nicholson enjoys swimming, playing volleyball and participating in track and field.

It is also not uncommon to hear that the Lyndwood Public School grade eight student has reached a high degree of proficiency in the sports in which she competes. Mississauga has, after all, dozens of athletes who are good at what they do.

What is unusual about Margaret is that she attained success despite being born with only one leg. The Mississauga youngster won a silver medal at the Ontario Games for the Physically Disabled in Brantford Saturday and Sunday.

Despite being one of the youngest competitors at the games, Nicholson beat a late challenge to place second in the 100 metre freestyle swimming event. The high placing earns her a trip to Edmonton in August for the Canada Games for the Physically Disabled.

She will compete in seven events in Edmonton. She will swim in the breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, freestyle and relay events. She will compete in a track and field running event, high jump and the long jump.

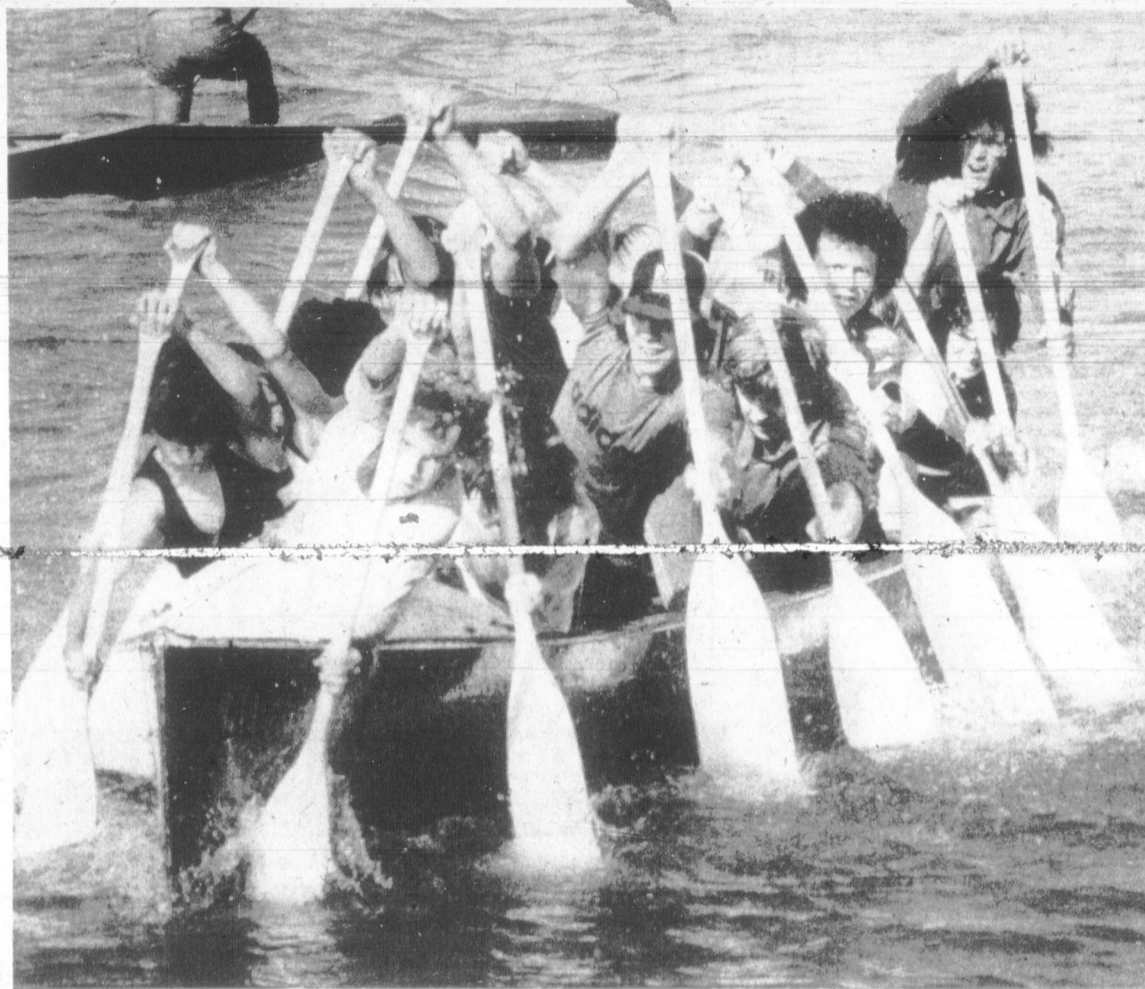
"The parks and recreation program at Glenforest Secondary School gets full credit for how well Margaret is doing," says her father, Frank. "They put in a lot of time and effort into their programs."

Nicholson logged 650 lengths in the Glenforest pool this winter. Today she begins another new venture.

She begins training with the Mississauga Aquatic Club (TOMAC) under head coach George Smith.

She has a nine-year-old brother. "He's a soccer player but he thinks his sister is great," says Nicholson.

She will be joined in Edmonton by Mississaugan Mike O'Brien, who set a world record in a wheel-chair race at the Ontario games Saturday. O'Brien is also the statistician for the Mississauga Raiders of the Central Ontario Football League.



Paddle cry

War canoes and many of the more peaceful varieties of canoe will dominate the waterways on the Credit River Saturday at the Mississauga Canoe Club's 18th annual regatta. Races get underway at 10 a.m. with competitors expected from as far away as North Bay.

## Team tennis tournament starts July 3

Mississauga's first Junior team tennis championships will be held July 3 to 9 at the Ontario Racquet Club.

The Mississauga Times, in co-operation with the Ontario Racquet Club, will sponsor the tournament involving juniors from all of Mississauga's community tennis clubs.

Every club in Mississauga has been invited to send a team of four boys and four girls to the week-long Mississauga Times Junior Team Tennis Tournament. Each club can send a team in the under 12, under 14, under 16 and under 18 age categories.

All players must be residents of Mississauga and unranked nationally or provincially within the last four years.

"The key to this tournament is participation," says tournament director Ron Thornbury. "That's why it's closed to unranked players. This will give those players who normally don't compete in tournaments an opportunity to do so."

"It will also generate a good, competitive relationship among Mississauga's tennis clubs. It's something that ties all of Mississauga clubs together."

Thornbury does not think that the tournament will detract from the Mississauga-Gulf Oil Junior championships, held each August.

"There's room for more tournaments in Mississauga," he says. "If anything, this will help the Gulf tournament because it will develop interest in Junior tennis."

The tournament starts Sunday, July 3 at the Ontario Racquet Club with an Olympic-style presentation of teams.

Elimination rounds will continue throughout the week, with both championship and consolation events. The finals are slated for Saturday, July 9.

The championship team will receive gold medals and the distinctive Mississauga Times Trophy. The winning club will also receive a pennant for its clubhouse.

The runners-up will receive silver medals and a pennant while the consolation champions receive bronze medals and a pennant.

All presentations will take place following the final matches. Each member of the three top teams will be presented with medals. The captain will receive the pennant and trophy.

In addition, all players competing in the tournament will receive certificates noting their participation. The tournament will be held annually.

Deadline for entries is Wednesday, June 29.

## Doty anchors team to fifth place finish

The national sprint relay team anchored by Mississauga's Cole Doty placed fifth in an international meet at Bourges, France last weekend.

The U.S. team won the 4 x 100 metre in 39.30 seconds. France was second.

Doty teamed with Hugh Spooner of Toronto, Bob Martin of Paris and Hugh Fraser of Ottawa to turn in a time of 40.44 seconds, despite a heavy rain.

In a 4 x 200 metre relay, the Canadians placed third. Fraser, Martin, Doty and Dan Biocci had a time of 1:25.4.

The Canadian B team of Spooner, Leighton Hope, Brian Saunders and Dacre Bowen was fourth.

Doty was a late addition to the sprint relay team. He replaced the ailing Marv Nash on Wednesday.

## Girls' lacrosse final no picnic

By TOM MALONEY

Among other reasons, coach Trevor Reid switched from boys' lacrosse to girls' lacrosse because the pressure to win is not as prevalent. But watching him guide his favored Cherokees in the Bantam final against the Apaches in the Mississauga Girls' Lacrosse Association tournament at Huron Park Sunday, one would not get the impression that things have changed much.

The underdog Erindale Apaches, surprised everybody in the arena as they held on for a 6-5 victory. Reid lost his voice half way through the contest.

"In the game against Brantford I was yelling so loud that the whole arena could hear me," admitted Reid. "I get really excited but some of my enthusiasm goes to my girls, I think."

Despite the tempers, Reid is staying with girls lacrosse because it is much more fun to coach than the boys' competition. He coached a Cawthra Paperweight boys' team last year but decided to leave after the "win at all costs" attitude of the parents sickened him during a play-off series with Clarkston.

"There is a rivalry there," said Reid. "The fathers were coming up to me and telling me to do anything I could to beat them (Clarkston). The fathers fought with each other and some of the mothers were crying in the stands."

Cherokee coach Don Boyd attributed the upset to hustle and the strong goaltending of Cindy Gow. Donna Henny and Becky Clements scored twice with Kelly Sanderson and Stacey Boyd adding singles for the Cherokees.

Cleo Van Gerneden, with two, and Karen Hartem, Joan Bender and Christine Cameron took care of the Apache scoring.

Peterborough took the Juvenile championship as Diana Drury scored three goals and assisted on three others in the 8-3 victory over Etobicoke.

In the Juvenile consolation championship the Indians defeated the Mohawks 7-3 in an all-Mississauga final. Charlene MacArthur led the Indians with four goals. Debbie McCarroll scored twice and Tammy Wilk added a single.

The Chippewas won the consolation Bantam championship with a 13-1 win over Elora. Sharon Beaudet with four and Linda Bates with the hat trick led the Chippewas, who got pairs of goals from Nicole Boutillier and Andrea Walsh and singles from Denise Snow and Kelly Herron.

Beaches won the round robin Novice division, securing the title with a 3-0 whitewash of the Hurons. The Iroquois finished second.

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## Erindale Tykes Mercy-ful

The Erindale Tyke All-Star team successfully defended its Wilfrong Tyke Invitational Tournament championship with a 10-8 win over Brampton Sunday.

Erindale has won the prestigious tournament, featuring teams from Rexdale and Peterborough, for three consecutive years.

Carlton Mercy of Erindale scored 16 goals in three games and was awarded the Most Valuable Player Award for his effort. Mercy scored eight goals in the final game.

"He came up very big for us in the last game," said Erindale coach Steve Haveron. "There is nothing he can't do. He is probably the best Tyke player in Canada and certainly the best in Ontario."

Erindale, which is receiving tournament and exhibition invitations from throughout Ontario, defeated Brampton 10-8 in a 7-3 decision over Brampton Sunday.

Mercy scored five times against Peterborough. Randy Stephenson picked up the hat trick. Tom Bottrell scored twice and Bobby Linoux once.

Mercy led all scorers against Beaches with three and was aided by Bottrell with two, and Linoux and Stephenson with one each.

Bottrell and Linoux added the singles in the final. Two Erindale teams met in the final of the Paperweight 'B' division. The Little Rascals took a slim 3-2 victory over the Screamin' Demons.

## Hot Quebec duo kills Cobblestone

Two hot girls did in Cobblestone Courts at the Nestea Eastern Canadian Junior team tennis championships Sunday in Ottawa.

Led by 18-year-old Helen Pelletier and Junior Suzanne Boivin, Quebec City's Montcalm Tennis Club defeated Cobblestone 4-3 to advance to the national final in Vancouver Saturday.

The Quebec girls combined to win all three women's matches and Pelletier teamed with Jacques Desjardins to win the decisive mixed doubles match over Judith Pridham, and Glenn Michibata.

Michibata and Bill Cowan won the boys' matches in straight sets but that wasn't enough to avert defeat.

"Pelletier happened to play well," says coach Don Steele. "On another day she might not have done as well but this weekend she was hot."

Pelletier defeated Pridham, national under 16 champion, 6-3, 7-5. She teamed with Desjardins to defeat Pridham and Michibata 4-6, 7-6, 7-5 and teamed with Boivin to tie the series 3-3.

Pelletier and Boivin won the girls' doubles by defeating Pridham and Fatima Ravat 6-4, 6-4.

Boivin defeated Ravat 6-4, 6-4. Michibata demolished Louis Despres 6-1, 6-0 and Cowan beat Desjardins 6-2, 6-1.

Cobblestone defeated Maritime representative New Glasgow 6-0 to advance against Montcalm.

Pelletier collected four RBI with a homerun and a single while Elio Viola drove in two with a homerun and a double.

The other homerun was by Ray Delegrade and the remaining double by Ken Carey.

John Edgar sat back and enjoyed it all, travelling out to the mound during interruptions in the hitting display to extend his record to 3-1.

Gary Nickerson, who has not lost a league game since 1975, scattered nine hits as the Sabres clubbed Brampton 10-2.

Elio Viola led the 10 hits attack with a double and single to drive in four wins. Ken Carey homered, Kozloski drove in a run with a triple and Pretty doubled.

The Sabres host Dundas Friday night at Huron Park and meet first place Lesaside in the same place Sunday at 2 p.m.

Mississauga travels to Oakville Monday to take on the club they are battling for second place.

## Sabre bats explode for two victories

The Mississauga Ashland Oil Sabres continued to belt the ball last week as they got back on the winning trail with landslide victories over Brampton and Campbellville.

The Sabres combined six home runs and five doubles to thrash Campbellville 17-3 in the small Campbellville park.

Cec Kozloski led the barrage with two homeruns and two doubles to drive in five runs.

Wayne Gillespie drove in two more with a homerun, double and single Oral

## Hungaria hits bottom

For most of the young Mississauga Hungaria players, traveling to Montreal for a National Soccer League game was the longest trip of their soccer careers.

It was also the most futile. Hungaria was bombed by the heretofore unheard of score of 9-4. That was the most goals scored in a NSL game this season.

Mississauga trotted onto the field for the game before over 1,000 noisy fans after a long road trip. They didn't have time to warm up.

Jimmy Killy scored three times for the Mississauga side. John Torontali with his first of the season, rounded out the scoring.

# Rudi's rocky road to get the Bears to Germany

Rudi Koerber is breathing a little easier these days, although his respiration rate probably won't return to normal until at least July 21.

That's the day Koerber and his band of Mississauga Bears board a plane at Toronto International Airport and head for a three-week soccer playing tour of West Germany. With the team's much-awaited date less than a month away, Koerber is just starting to see the light at the end of the runway.

When Koerber announced earlier this year that he was planning on taking his team to Europe, things looked great for his team. In addition to fielding one of the strongest Junior B outfits in the National Soccer League, Koerber was relatively certain there would be few roadblocks between his team and the trip to Germany.

Then things started to go sour. Koerber found that he and his

players were virtually alone in their pursuit of a European trip. Koerber couldn't even recruit a manager and is



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which he had hoped would supply his club with \$4,000 or so, had a ceiling of \$1,500. He also found that Wintario's speed in processing grant applications made the postal service look fast.

To make matters worse, one of his top players was lured to another team. He asked the Mississauga Recreation and Parks Department for a few mementos to distribute around Germany. He received no co-operation.

The crushing blow came last week when the Bears' best defensive player, fullback Andy Schroeter, broke his ankle stumbling over a pothole at Huron Park.

But thanks to hard work by Koerber and his players and some generous donations from local businessmen, all is set.

"Things are going slowly, but it seems that every day we come across new funds," says Koerber. "Ad sales

on the program are starting to pick up. The boys made \$900 delivering pamphlets and last week a few businesses made donations.

"Ruscher Realty, for one, gave us \$500 which helps immensely. We could use another five months, but things are working out."

There was a time when Koerber considered cancelling the entire trip. "We had to pay the air fare 72 days before the flight," he says. "That was \$8,000 and we weren't very close to that. But we'd decided beforehand that the trip would probably cost every boy \$300 so I collected that months before we left, rather than the day before."

"Hopefully we'll raise enough to cut that cost down. But even if it does cost every boy \$300, it's still a bargain. You don't get three weeks in Germany for \$300 at too many travel agencies."

Koerber plans on playing 12 games in Germany, with the rest of the time being spent watching and talking with some of the top soccer teams in the country.

"It'll be a great education for everyone," he says. "And we'll be competitive. Don't think that just because we're playing European teams we're going to get clobbered. We'll hold our own."

Things brightened when the defecting player changed his mind and returned.

Thanks to the city's public relations department the Bears will present German teams with various mementos of Mississauga.

"The name of Mississauga will be known in Germany," Koerber says.

"It's been a lot of work and it'll be a lot more work once we're over there. But I'm sure it'll be worth it."