

# Boys first male to win award since 1993

It's appropriate that a man named Boys becomes the first male in four years to win the Robinson-Kelleher Memorial Award as Belleville's athlete of the year.

Boys, 22, the Loyalist College all-Canadian volleyball star, snaps a string of three straight wins by female athletes in the city: marathon swimmer Paula Stephanson in 1996, NCAA golfer Kristen MacLaren in 1995 and national karate champion Jennifer Lee in 1994.

Boys is also the first volleyballer to win the award. In fact, since the award was reinstated in 1985 by the late Al Kelleher, only two sports have been recognized twice: distance running by Ian Carswell in 1993 and Michelle Foley in 1985, and karate — both by Lee (the only repeat winner) in 1994 and 1992.

Members of Belleville's sports media choose the winner through an annual voting process. For 1997, Boys was an almost unanimous choice.

Others who received votes from the panel include:

—**Yoko Dozono**, 1997 national and international karate medallist.

—**Kory Cooper**, Belleville Bulls 1996-97 OHL All-Star goaltender.

—**Kenzo Dozono**, member of the Belleville Sports Hall of Fame and 1997 SKIF karate world champion.

—**Harold Townsend**, four-time Canadian Masters men's waterski champ.

—**Liam Revell**, championship distance runner in track and field and cross-country in 1997.

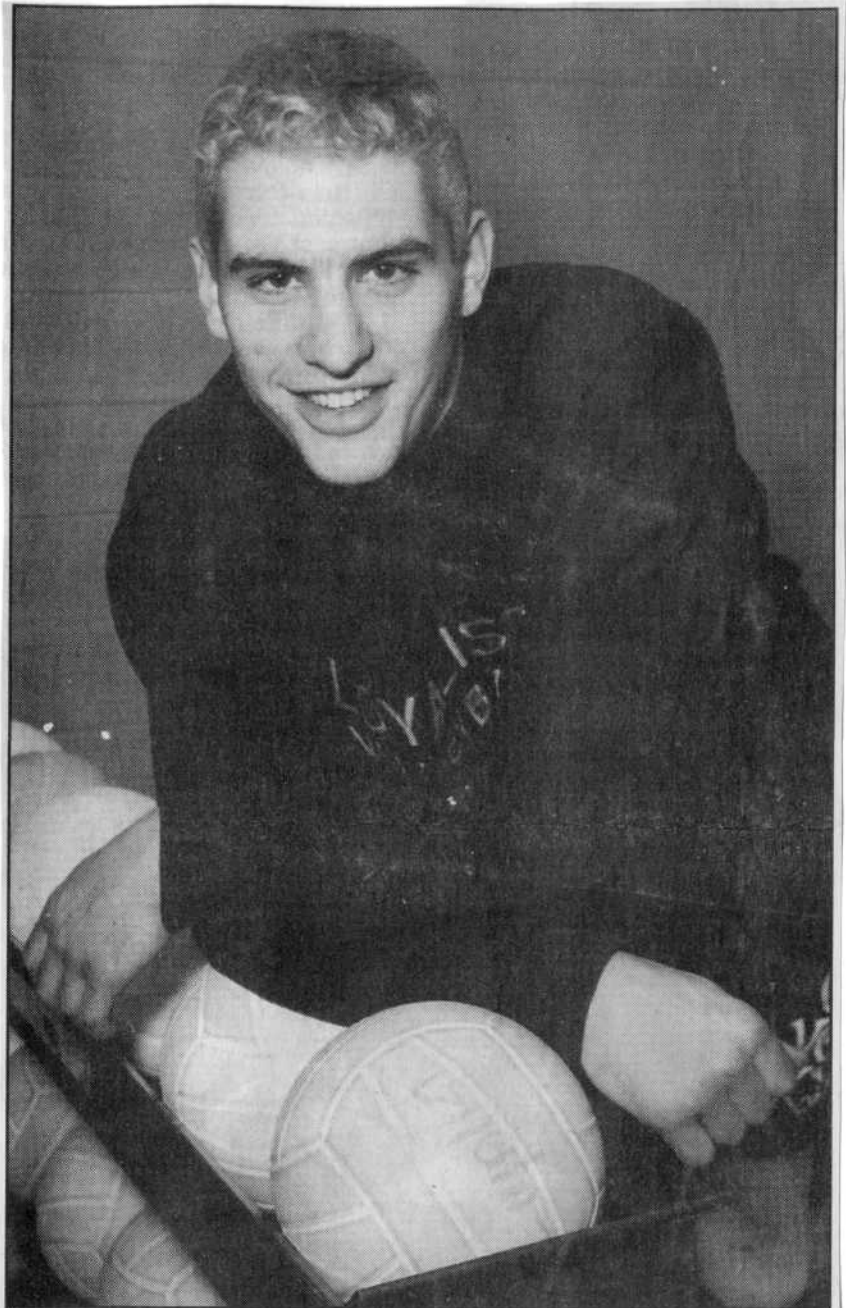
—**Kim Whaley**, the No. 1 ranked female dart player in Canada last year.

—**Ian Carswell**, Harvard University distance runner who won the Robinson-Kelleher Award in 1993.

—**Jim Midgley**, Belleville Bulls forward and 1997 gold medal second baseman for Ontario at the Canada Summer Games.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** To be eligible for the Robinson-Kelleher Award, athletes must reside in, or receive mail at, a Belleville address during the year under consideration.

BOYS, Todd



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Loyalist Lancer all-Canadian volleyballer Todd Boys.

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