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## Milton high schools' best

# Langille named MD's Male Athlete of the Year

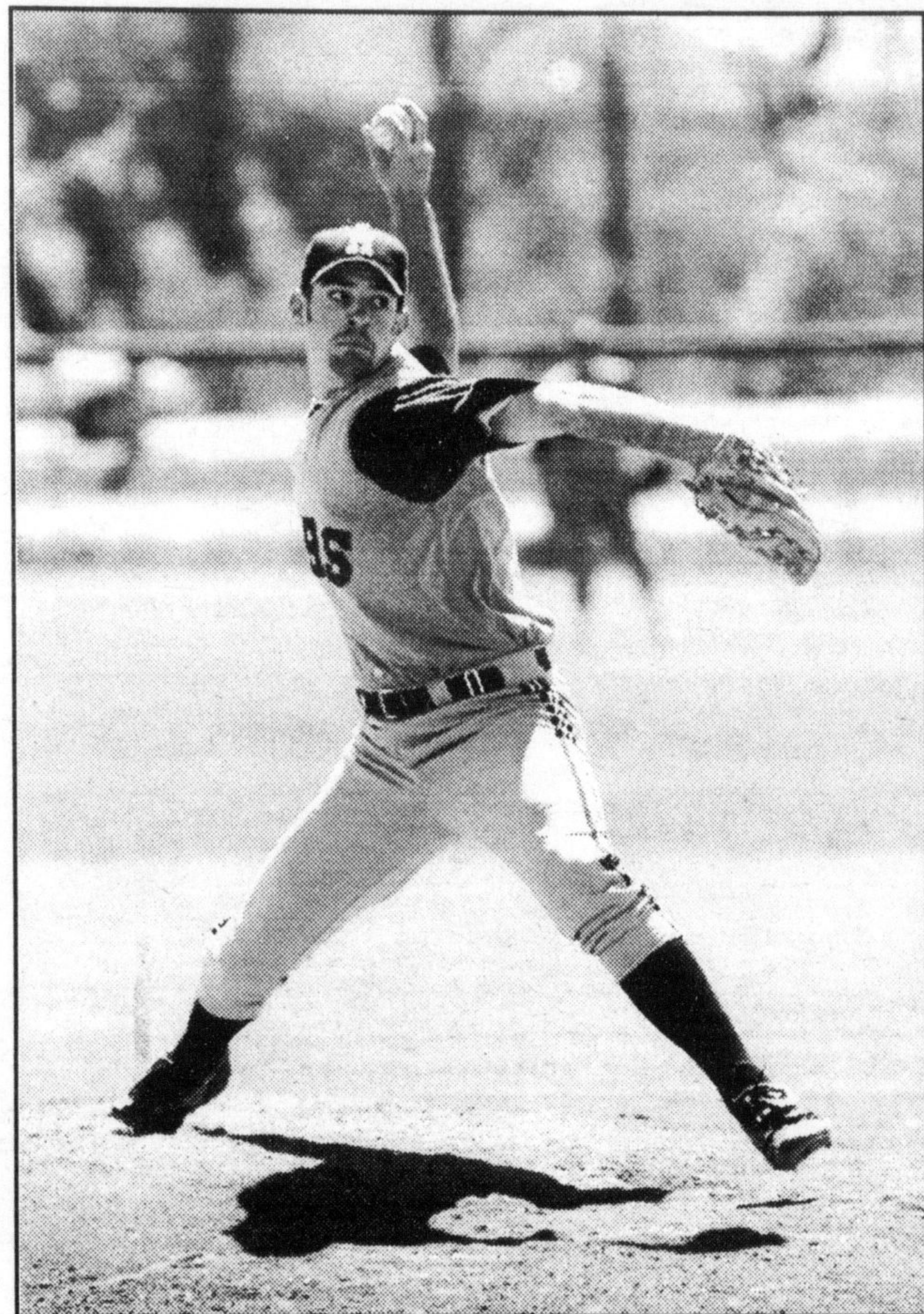


Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Pitcher Jeff Langille demonstrates the form that earned him the nod as his school's top male athlete.

## Mavs self-destruct

The Milton Jr. B Mavericks are intent on doing things the hard way.

With a one-point lead on Guelph for the fourth and final Founder's Cup playoff spot, they had a golden opportunity to widen the gap Wednesday night in Elora against the lowly Mohawks.

Instead, they gift-wrapped an 11-7 decision for the home team.

A lack of shooting and overall effort, plus a rash of penalties, once again exacerbated a shortened lineup.

"It's the same thing that's been happening the past two weeks," said head coach Jim Leworthy.

"Their heads aren't in it," Sitting out were Graham Darling, Shane McConnell and Adam Cunningham — whose

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By STEVE LeBLANC

Special to The Champion

Jeff Langille's athletic highlights are hitting closer and closer to home.

In 1995, the multi-sport competitor accompanied fellow Milton District High School students to Hungary to take part in the World Jr. Basketball Championships.

Last year he helped the Mustang baseball team earn a trip to SkyDome, where they captured the Bob Prentice/Blue Jay Cup.

The 19-year-old's latest accolade came just recently on local soil, as MD's Student Athletic Association named him Male Athlete of the Year.

"It felt great. It's good to be recognized for what you do," said Langille, who transferred over from E.C. Drury in grade 11.

Leading the senior boys basketball team for a final season, Langille recorded an average of 22 points and six rebounds per game at point guard and earned all-star status in Halton Region.

On the field, he batted .482 and turned in sound pitching to help MD's baseball team through a rebuilding year. Between these two seasons, he competed with both the tennis and badminton teams.

"Playing in Hungary and SkyDome were the highlights of my high school career. This (winning athlete of the year honours) is more personal, though. It's all those things put together," he said.

Langille will now take his basketball talents to Brock University, where he will play with the men's varsity team and take recreation and leisure studies.

### Sprenger top female

Topping the MD female class was fellow OAC graduate Sylvia Sprenger, whose brother Victor won the male award last year.

Sylvia's best efforts came in badminton. She and mixed doubles partner Andrew Hartholt made it all the way to the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) finals where they placed among the best in the province.

The 18-year-old also ran cross-country, was a co-captain with the senior volleyball squad and finished out the school year with the senior softball team — helping them to the Halton quarter-finals. Her 1996/97 efforts earned her a senior letter.

Bishop Reding honours best

Nicole Chuchmach and Sabrina Mascarin split the votes for Female Athlete of the Year at Bishop Reding this month.

Captain of the basketball team, 19-year-old Chuchmach led the Royals to the Halton semi-finals. She was also captain of the soccer team, curled for a second straight year and earned athlete of the week recognition with the badminton crew.

She was an assistant coach with the volleyball team as well.

Mascarin averaged 16 points a game with the BR hoopsters, and later played middle and served as captain for the volleyball team. She, too, played badminton.

Her commitment to sports was equally impressive behind the scenes, where she finished up a lengthy term on the student athletic association.

A four-sport competitor, Zach Parent was named male athlete

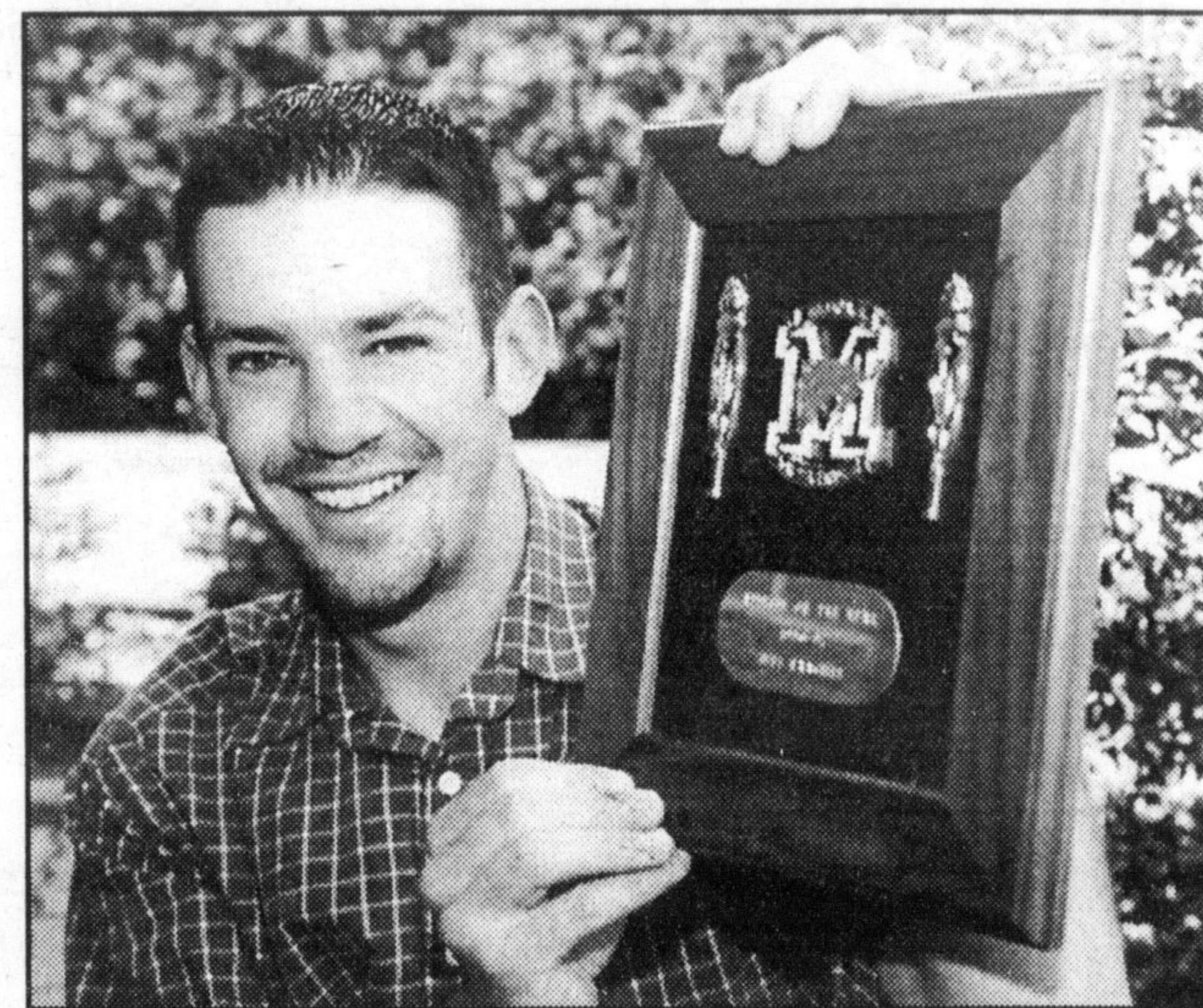


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Milton District High School athlete Jeff Langille was all smiles after earning his school's plaque as Male Athlete of the Year.

of the year. He earned the distinction through efforts in volleyball, basketball, soccer and badminton.

"My brother Matt is a former winner as well. I'm glad to be on the wall with him," said Parent.

### Baynton, Roy share award

It was the boys who earned the split-vote at E.C. Drury, where Tom Baynton and Steve Roy were co-winners of Athlete of the Year.

A former Jr. A Merchant, 18-year-old Baynton shone with the Spartan hockey team. Scoring 65 points in 40 games, he anchored the first-line and helped EC to one of their best seasons ever.

He finished fifth at Haltons and 15th at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) finals in cross-country and won the Georgetown Badminton Tournament with mixed doubles partner Tiffany Kishita.

For his part, 19-year-old Roy was an ace shooting guard with the basketball team. He scored 43 points in a single league game against Iroquois Ridge.

He played power with the volleyball squad and pitched for the baseball team.

"Tom and I are best friends, so it was really nice to win the award with him," Roy explained.

Kelly Ivens was the female athlete of the year for Drury. Her 1996/97 resume included final stints with both the basketball and volleyball teams as well as badminton.

She not only provided skill with all three teams but just as much leadership.

"It was a big surprise because there are so many talented female athletes at this school," said Ivens, of winning the award.

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