

Novice Mavericks get the last laugh

Revenge is seldom as sweet — and never as rewarding — as it was for the Milton novice lacrosse team at the recent Kitchener Tournament.

Earning the last laugh after a 6-5 loss suffered 24 hours earlier, the Mavericks rallied from a first-period deficit and edged the host team 5-4 in the championship finals.

Providing the heroics in the tournament finale was Jeff Kitchen, who fired home the winning shot with just three-and-a-half minutes remaining.

Assisting on the play were Scott Collard and Matt Lenardon.

It was the only goal of the third period, and followed a spirited second-period campaign by the visitors.

While his teammates shone at the other end of the floor, netminder Nate Grenke was absolutely outstanding in the cage, stopping no less than three breakaways down the stretch. He received ample defensive help from Robbie Hunt.

"The guys stayed focused and finished off their plays all weekend. They just

weren't going to lose," said head coach John Reid, whose team has now won two straight tournament titles. "In addition to great offense and goaltending, Matt Chuchmach offered strong leadership and inspiration on the bench."

Collard, Kitchen and Lenardon picked up second-period goals to anchor the comeback while Creighton Reid dented twine as well.

The win came with just 11 runners, as Chris Flemington and Elgin Reid couldn't make Sunday's matches. The two did show strongly in early tournament play.

Milton started the weekend showcase by beating Guelph 8-6, before their heart-breaking loss to Kitchener the following afternoon. From there they rebounded to trounce Orillia 5-2 and Orangeville 7-4, to qualify for the finals.

Turning in sound performances for the winning crew were Eric Taylor, Chris Pedulla, Conor Ferguson and Ashley Rutz.

The novice Mavericks will close out their season August 15, 16 and 17 at the provincial championships in Hamilton. They'll battle the likes of Brampton, Peterborough and Whitby.

A dry spell for these rep boys

A recent scoring drought has left the Milton Optimist-Snickers high and dry in South Region Soccer League (SRSL) cup playdown action.

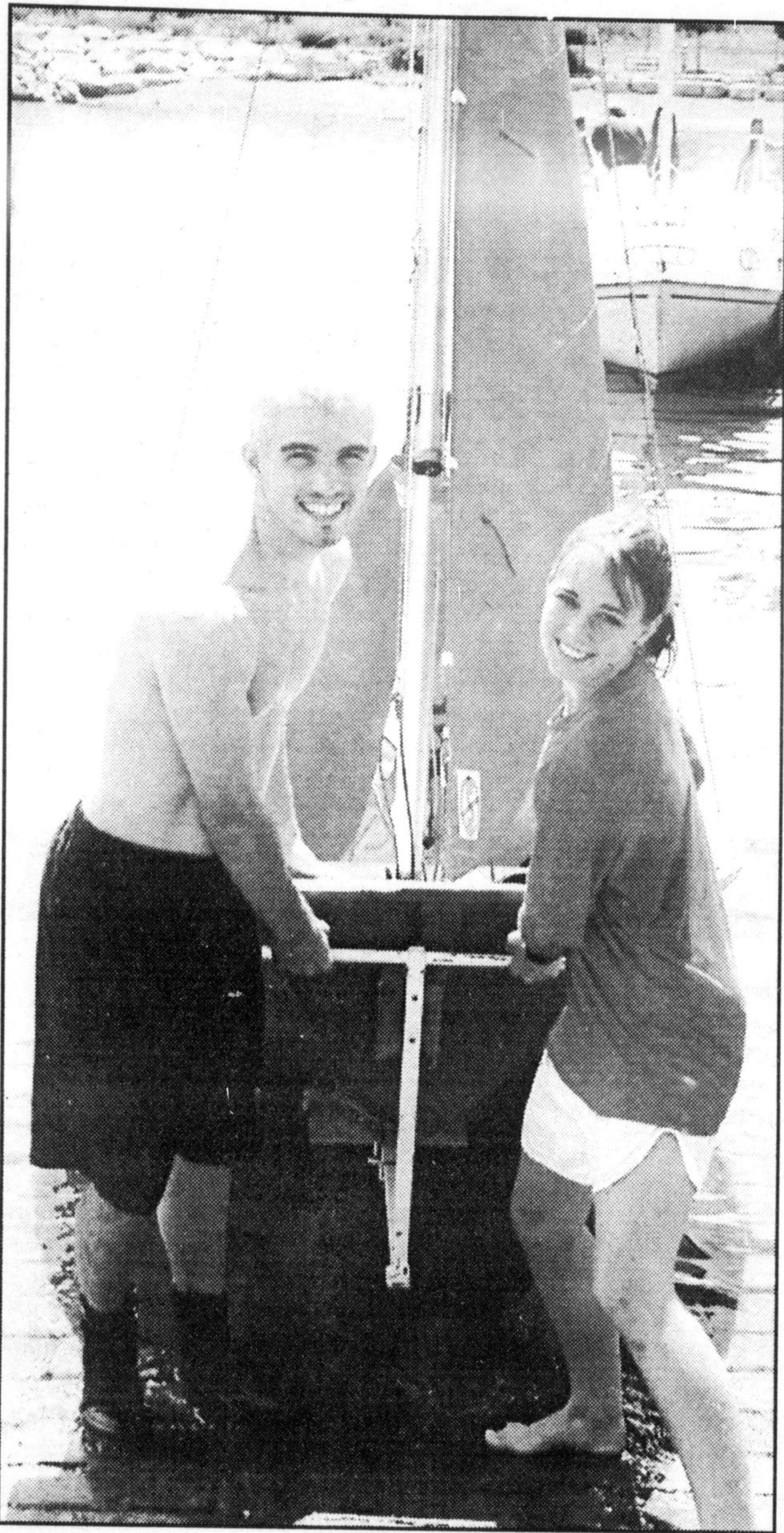
Unable to dent the twine on a recent night in Cambridge, the under-10 boys soccer squad fell 2-0 to the feisty Lynx.

Forward Jessie Swain and midfield brother Ryan led a spirited yet unproduc-

tive campaign, with key defensive efforts coming from Brandon Fragomeni and Daniel Whyte.

The Magic's south Halton opponents tagged three early goals and paced themselves to a 4-0 triumph.

Contributing strong performances in the midfield were Daniel Casa and Sean Ward.



Andrew (left) and Fiona Silcock of Milton will take on the world's best in their sailing class on the St. Lawrence River near Kingston in early August.

It reflects well on both of them

The 1997 World Mirror Sailing Championships will have a local flavour in Andrew and Fiona Silcock.

The two Milton teens are aiming at a top 30 finish next week when they tackle the St. Lawrence River near Kingston.

The five-day, 10-race regatta runs from August 4 to 8. Canada will be represented by seven, two-person teams. Each team sails a 10-foot wooden boat, with races lasting around two hours each.

The Silcocks qualified for the upcoming Worlds last season with an overall third place showing on the national circuit. They have been racing for the past four years.

Their main competition is expected to come from Ireland and Great Britain — who both showed strongly at the 1995 World Championships in Wales.

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