

## 1999 in Review

# Year had share of heartbreak -- ask Heffron

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adversity, the team went on to defend their Halton crown and then took three individual medals and a second-place team finish at OFSAA.

### Biggest heartbreak

E.C. Drury High's Kevin Heffron looked to have captured provincial wrestling gold until it was argued that the buzzer was sounded one second early in the finals. The match continued into sudden death and went in his Brampton Centennial opponent's favour — but only after another protest and lengthy delay.

### Going out in style

Milton Maverick Jim Leworthy capped a long and illustrious coaching career in local lacrosse by striking silver at the Founder's Cup in August. His retirement — which came at the same time as his three big hometown veterans (Andrew Hartholt, Jim Leworthy Jr. and Graham Darling) finished up their junior careers — couldn't have been much sweeter.

### Bowled over

Milton Lawn Bowling Club's fearsome foursome struck gold at provincials and went on to capture bronze at the Canadian Championships. This marked the first time the local club ever had a national medal-winning team at this level of lawn bowling.

### Rivalry revived

Miltonian Jeff Seeds being traded from his hometown Merchants to Georgetown was the initial spark that re-ignited a heated and competitive rivalry between the neighbouring junior hockey clubs. The Raiders' emergence as a legitimate contender had a lot to do with it, but having a talented and outspoken star at the centre of attention made it all the more interesting.

### Straight shooters

Susan and Alex Barrie — a local mother and son — each struck silver at the national archery championships. After finishing fourth the previous two years, 12-year-old Alex was a model of accuracy and consistency this time around — as was his mother, who made her national debut one to remember.

### Best surprise

Though perhaps not that shocking with highly gifted Dan McBride in the mix, Bishop Reding's varsity football team arriving as a regional contender certainly wasn't expected — but definitely welcomed after a previous fall without any gridiron action due to a teachers' labour dispute.

### Worst surprise

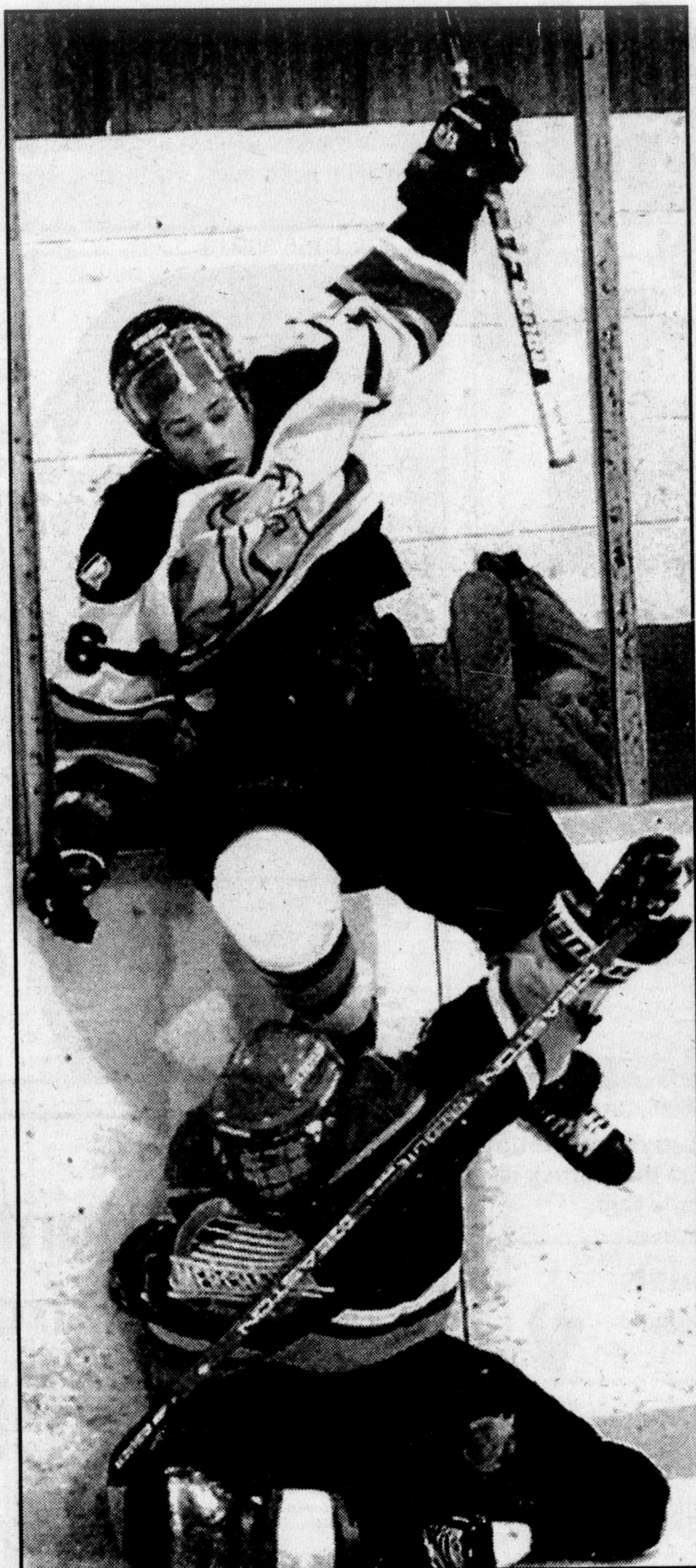
The cancellation of the annual Beaver Tournament. Once again, this wasn't an absolute shock to that many — but certainly a disappointing surprise.

The holiday showcase had been a big part of the sports community for a quarter of a century, so seeing it nixed was truly an upset.

### Bashing brothers

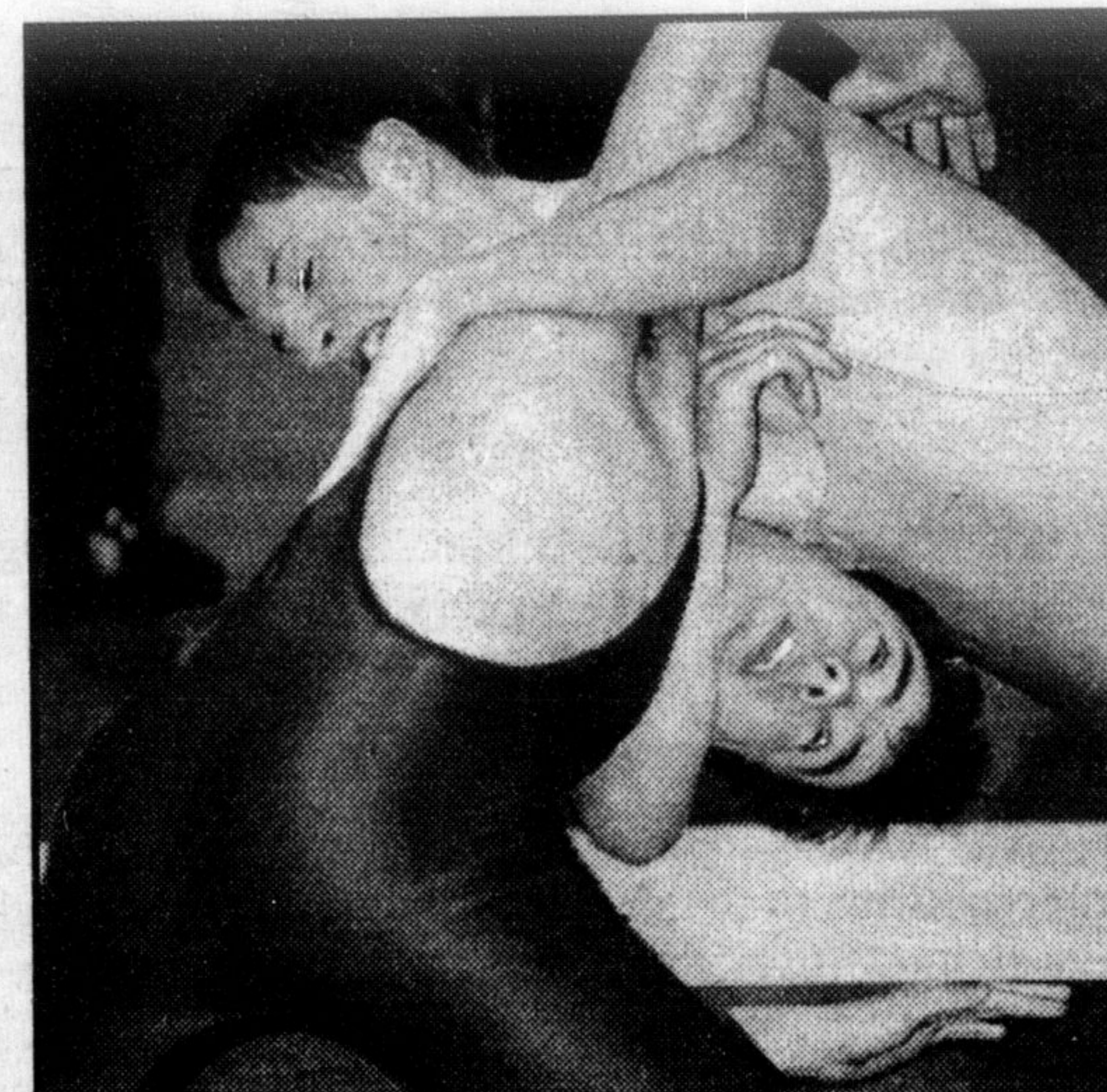
Twin brothers Jeremy and Shayne Ridley led the NCAA's Ball State University Cardinals to their first ever regular season league baseball championship in the Mid-American Conference (MAC). Unfortunately their heavy hitting efforts didn't translate into victory come playoff time.

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✓ Jeff Seeds' (left) trade from the Merchants to Raiders reignited a heated rivalry between the neighbouring hockey clubs. Meanwhile, E.C. Drury Spartan Kevin Heffron (right, on top) led the school's wrestling team to another sensational season.

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