



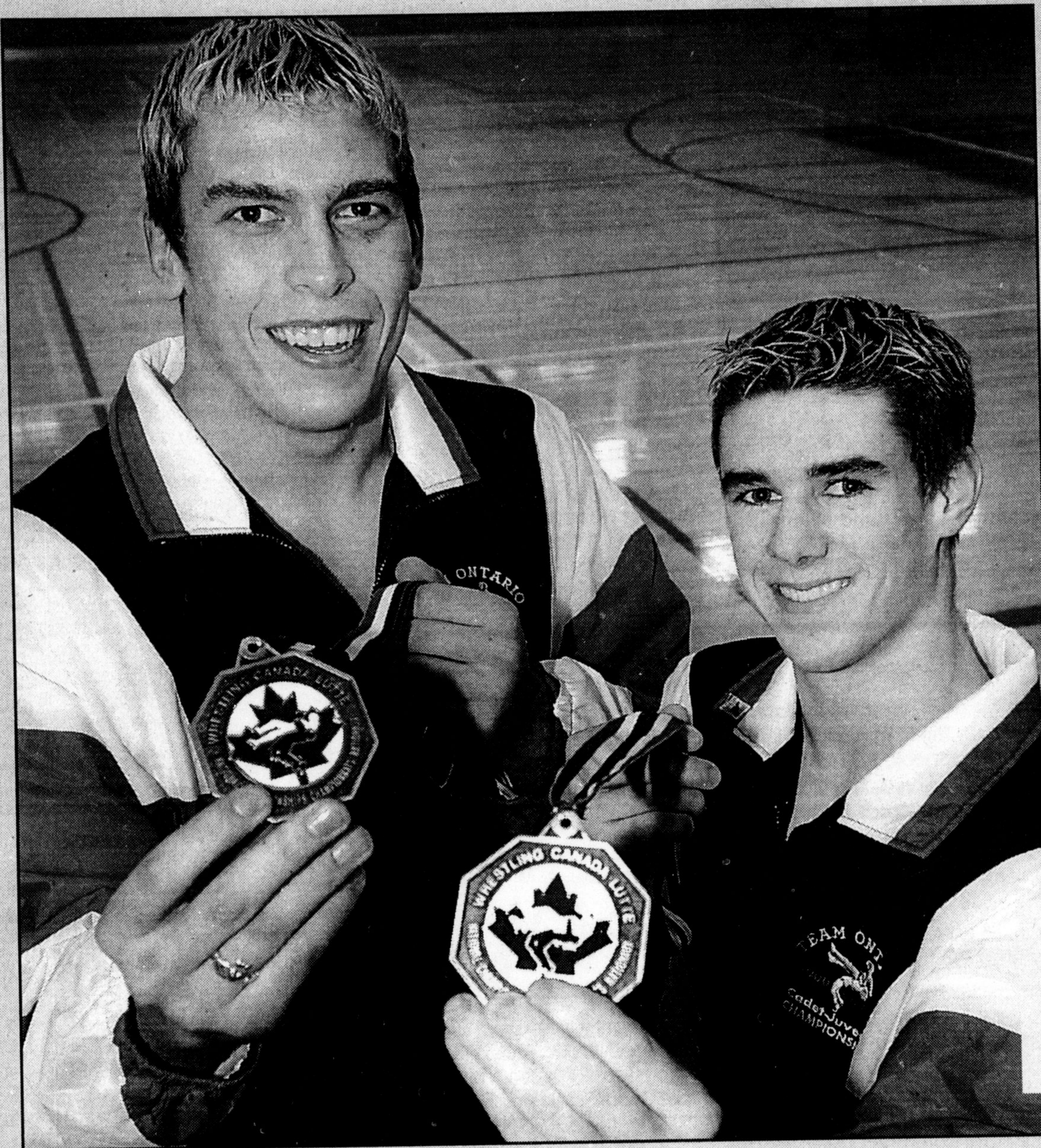
# SPORTS

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## ✓ Storybook season ends with national medals for E.C. Drury's outstanding wrestling team



As if it wasn't enough for Drury wrestlers to achieve major prominence at the local and provincial levels. Now they've gone and done it nationally.

The storybook season ended with three top-five finishes and two medals at the National Juvenile/Cadet Championships in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

John McCart was the Canadian champion in the 105-kg Juvenile division, while Chris Holmes achieved national standing with a silver in the Juvenile division and Rob Petherick placed fifth in the Cadet division in his first national championship.

For McCart, it was his fourth consecutive Canadian gold medal.

He went 4-0 at the nationals to extend his season record to 40-2, with 11 medals, nine of them gold.

The defending champion had to earn his title in a tough weight class, defeating opponents from Quebec, Saskatchewan and Alberta, before pinning a British Columbian wrestler in the final.

### Career performance

It was a career performance for Chris Holmes, just the fourth Drury wrestler to be a finalist in the National Juvenile division.

The provincial bronze medalist battled hard to win his first three matches, and made it into the finals where he was out-pointed by the Ontario gold medalist.

Holmes closed out his season record with a career high 39 wins and eight medals.

In the Cadet Division, both Jordan Lamb (63 kg) and Rob Petherick (48 kg) won matches, with Petherick posting an exciting 11-10 victory to take fifth place in his division.

Drury helped the Guelph Wrestling Club to a third-place club finish in the Juvenile Division, and Ontario to the provincial team title.

E.C. Drury wrestlers John McCart (left) won gold and Chris Holmes earned silver at the Nationals on the weekend. Overall, the team's storybook season ended with the two medals and three top-five finishes at the Juvenile/Cadet Championships in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

## ✓ Wheelihan earns ticket to Ivy League school

By **STEVE LeBLANC**  
*The Champion*

America's scholastic elite will soon have another local hockey player in its ranks. Merchant Mike Wheelihan — a Campbellville

resident and graduate of Bishop Reding Secondary School — recently landed a full ride to Dartmouth University.

Starting this fall, he'll become the third area native in just six years to study and play at an

Ivy League school.

Scott Bertoli recently graduated from Princeton, while Doug Janjevich is currently finishing up his junior year at Brown.

Since Ivy League schools don't offer tradition-

al athletic scholarships, Wheelihan's ticket to academia will be paid for via a financial aid package.

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