

# Heartbreaking finish for local all-star duo

*Questionable end to round robin play means Milton pair fail to advance to semifinals*

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Controversy reared its ugly head in minor bantam boys baseball play during last weekend's Ontario Summer Games in Clarington.

And a couple of local teens were among those who suffered from it.

Miltonians David Aggio and Liam Tennant — 14 and 13-years-old respectively — were part of the Central Ontario Baseball Association (COBA) all-star squad that competed in the 10-team tournament.

Rebounding from a lacklustre start, the duo and their COBA counterparts were within three runs of qualifying for the semifinals when their final round robin contest reached its time limit and was called.

### Questionable conclusion

This in itself would not have been cause for debate had the game started on time — but that wasn't the case, since a number of Inter County team players arrived late.

COBA took the six-inning clash 2-1, but would have needed to score three more times in order to win a runs-for-and-against tiebreaker and advance in their division.

With a couple of runners aboard when the game was cut short, their chances of doing that appeared strong.

"It was pretty disappointing," said Liam, who along

with David was hand-picked for the all-star team.

"They really should have let us play the full seven innings."

A heartbreaking finish aside, Milton's players each enjoyed a fairly impressive showing — at least over the second half of their team's four-game round robin stretch.

Liam was particularly sharp at both second base and shortstop, helping turn two double plays in a 9-1 romp of Windsor's Sun Parlour. He also drove in the first run, on a line-drive single up the middle, in the victory over Inter Country.

### Solid on the mound

Meanwhile, David pitched the first five innings of the latter win — giving up just three hits and striking out four batters along the way.

"My bat wasn't really there, but I had a much better effort with my pitching and catching," said David, who last summer was picked up by a Burlington team that captured silver at the national championships in PEI.

Unfortunately, Milton's players and their teammates were a little slow out of the gate and fell to both Eastern Ontario (2-1) and London (6-2) in games one and two.

The two locals play for the Milton Red Sox' combined minor/major bantam team, that has earned an automatic berth to the Ontario Baseball Association "A" division championships on Labour Day weekend.

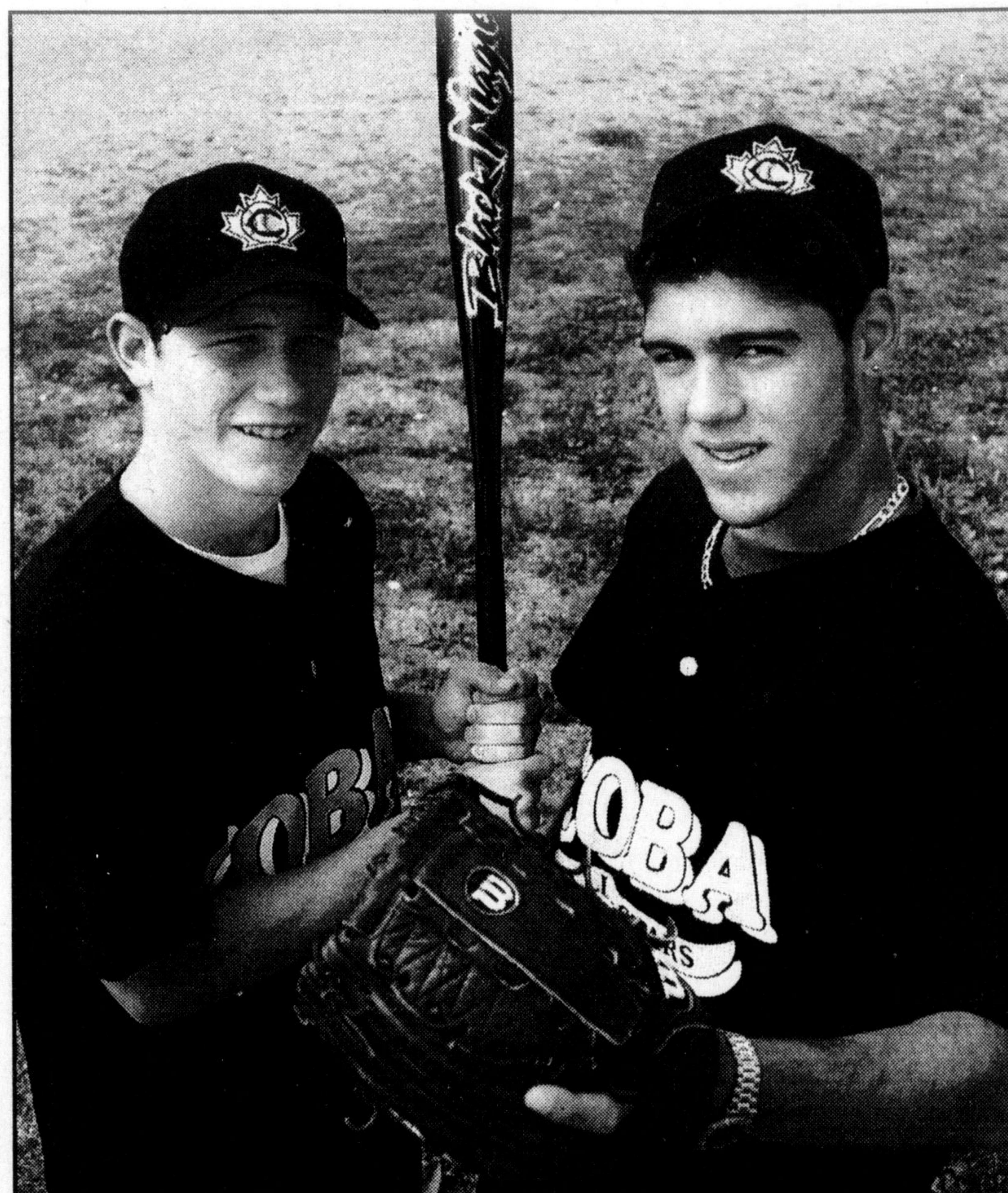


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Miltonians Liam Tennant (left) and David Aggio were part of the COBA all-star team which competed at last weekend's Ontario Summer Games.

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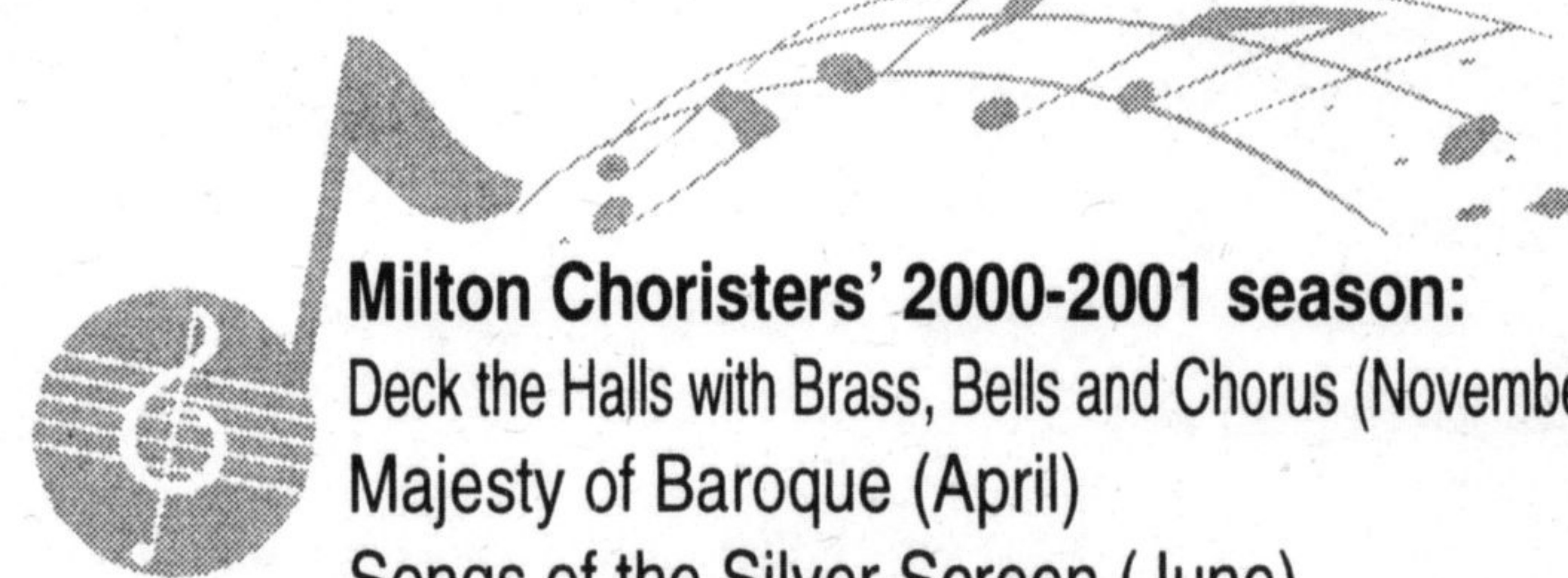
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