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Reding's junior boys downed in regional finals

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The Champion

Bishop Reding's junior boys soccer squad couldn't capitalize on a second chance, so they had to settle for second best.

After falling to Oakville's Q.E. Park Eagles 3-1 in overtime during the regional semifinals, the local lads made a quick return to the playoff picture when Loyola was disqualified for its use of an illegal player.

Consequently, BR and Iroquois Ridge were thrown back into the hunt for a second semifinal clash — with the winner squaring off against Q.E. Park for the Halton crown at Burlington's Sherwood Park Wednesday.

The Eagles earned the championship entry — but their championship hopes were eventually dashed as the highly touted Eagles, whose ranks included several top rep players, netted two late goals in the rematch and came away with a second straight 3-1 victory.

Netminder Phil Foley weathered a second-half storm, turning aside seven shots, before Q.E. Park regained its lead on a huge transitional play and then added some insurance on a bottom right corner deposit just a couple of minutes later.

BR's bid for a successful title defense

gained new life midway through the second half when Dave Wynne — extending his goal-scoring streak to five games — evened the count by sinking a 15-footer on a beauty set-up by Mario Sabatini.

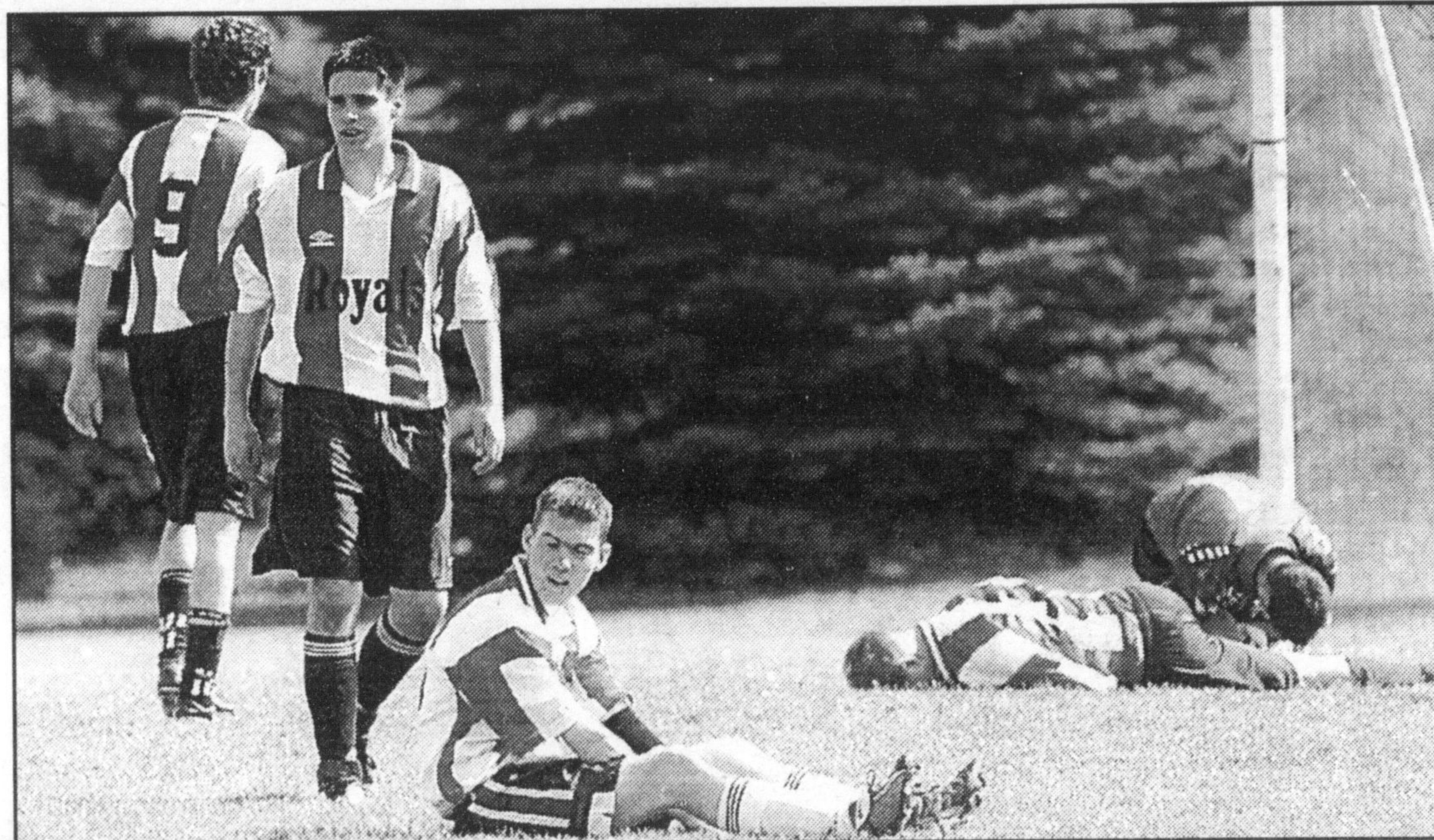
Also figuring in the equalizer with a neutral zone take away was Mike Banks — whose defensive zone coverage kept things close early on when the Royals struggled to gain momentum.

The Eagles took their first of two leads with about eight minutes to go in the opening half, when Foley couldn't quite handle an authoritative blast from close range.

Also delivering standout performances for Reding Wednesday afternoon were Jason Ferriera, Dan Sonsini and Rory Johnston — who had two major scoring chances down the stretch including one that sailed just over the crossbar.

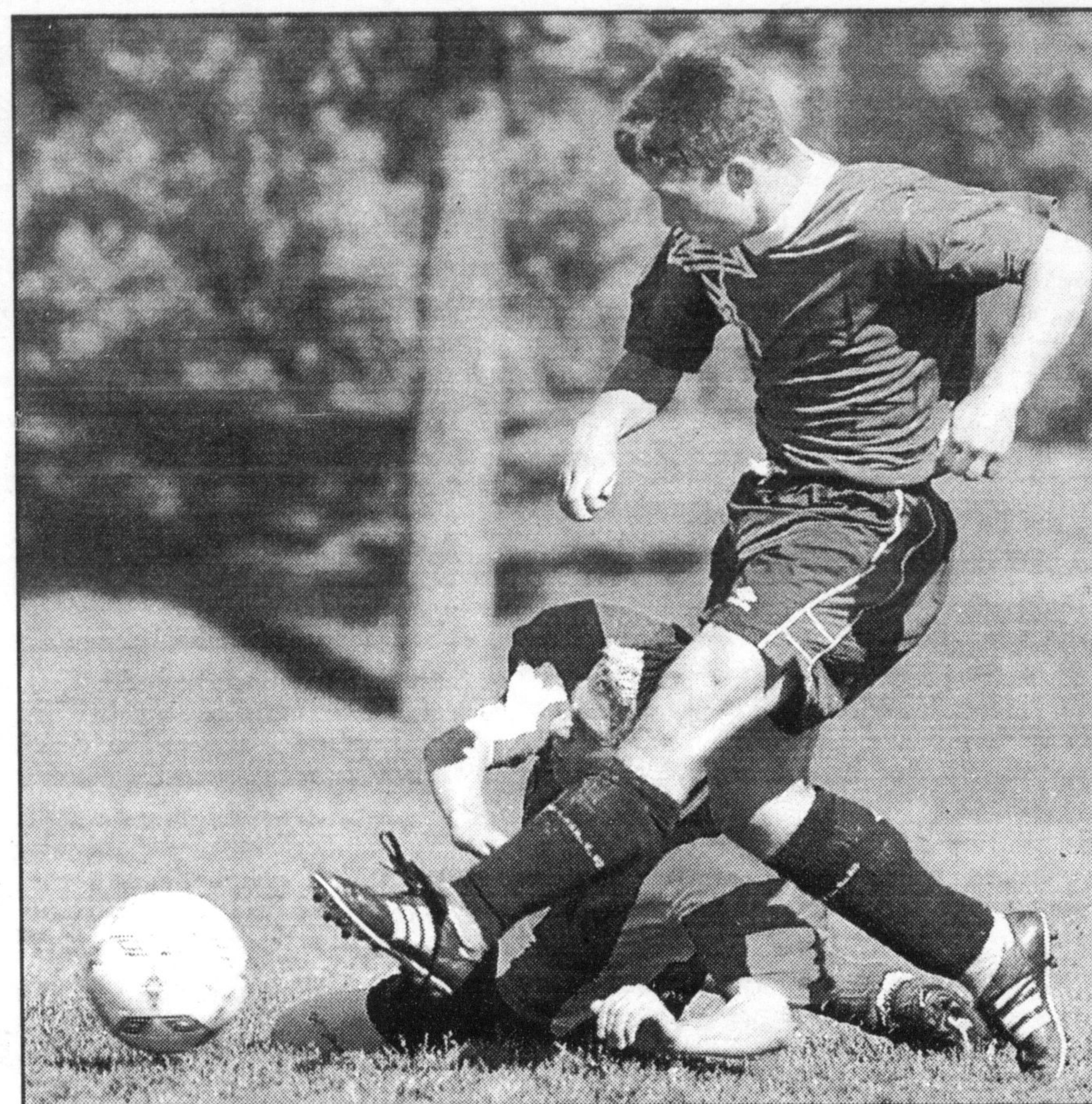
Two days earlier at Sherwood Park, BR disposed of Iroquois Ridge 3-1 in the make-up semifinals. Wynne, Johnston and Mike Adecock were the marksmen.

Meanwhile, Reding's senior boys began battling for the provincial crown yesterday and finish up round robin play against Kitchener's Resurrection this morning at Mohawk College. Sixteen teams are competing at the All-Ontario OFSAA championships, which continue through tomorrow afternoon in Hamilton.



Bishop Reding junior soccer players (above) look a little dejected after surrendering goal number two while this unidentified Royal (right) is tripped up during battle with a Q.E. Park Eagle opponent during the Halton Regional championships at Burlington's Sherwood Park Wednesday afternoon. Reding gave up two late goals and lost the finals 3-1.

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Ferrier golden at meet

Gary Ferrier was a triple threat at the Halton Track and Field Wallace Meet Tuesday.

The Sam Sherratt School athlete enjoyed a hefty hardware haul at the competition — securing first-place honours among senior boys in the 100m (12.24s), 200m (26.68s) and long jump (5.54m).

He also helped the senior boys relay team take top spot with a convincing win over runner-up Q.E. Park.

Kassandra Rudder stood out among the junior girls by winning both the 100m and 200m runs with times of

13.84 and 31.29 seconds respectively.

Sam Sherratt had three other multi-medalists on the day. Andrew Walls raced to second spot in both the junior boys 200m and 400m — clocking in at 30.88s and 1:12.31 — while senior boys competitor Jesse Rashotte delivered silver-medal performances in the high jump and triple jump, with respective leaps of 1.50m and 9.21m.

Meanwhile, Jake Demarsh tied for second in the intermediate boys high jump — by clearing 1.35m — and managed a 4.75m effort that was good enough for third in the long jump.

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