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## Butcher's OFSAA medal hopes come to fruition Friday

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*The Champion*

Ian Butcher would be hard-pressed to argue the old adage that every cloud has a silver lining.

Amid a heavy downpour and bone-chilling temperatures at Etobicoke Centennial Stadium Friday, Bishop Reding's midget boys 400 metre ace put the finishing touches on a fabulous freshman season by securing silver at OFSAA.

Persevering through an ill-timed cold and adverse weather conditions, the 14-year-old wonder clocked in at 52.77 seconds to become the school's first provincial medalist since 1996 — when Shawnda Marques took bronze in the junior girls long jump.

"I was really happy to medal (at OFSAA)," remarked Butcher, who still has another year of midget eligibility ahead of him. "It was a great way to start my high school career."

His OFSAA medal hopes looked a bit bleak during preliminary competition the

previous afternoon, when he managed just a 53.78s finish that was seventh best overall.

But Butcher's confidence never waned. "I was still feeling pretty sick and was just happy to make the finals," he explained.

Back to near health the next morning, he delivered both a strong start and his finest finish of the year during the rain-soaked main event — that kept him and other top runners from posting personal records.

"It was drizzling, misty and freezing — just brutal out there," BR's silver medalist said. "You could see your breath it was so cold."

Battling the elements, he finished less than half a second behind St. Christopher's Mike Mott — whose lead narrowed significantly over the final 100m.

"Ten more metres and I'd have won it," suggested Butcher.

His 52.77 effort was just shy of a personal best mark established one week earlier during the South Regional Championships at Hamilton's McMaster University, where he won in 52.5 seconds.

Meanwhile, Michelle Doell had a tough go in the junior girls' 800m Saturday. She faded down the stretch during morning heat competition and finished in a disappointing 2:31 — which kept her out of the finals.

"I'm not sure just why, but I had no power over the last leg," said Doell, following her second trip to OFSAA in three years. "And it wasn't the weather, which was about as good as it got all weekend. It was just an off day (for me)."

Equaling her 2:24.9 South Regional performance would have put Doell in the finals, but would still have been far short of a medal.

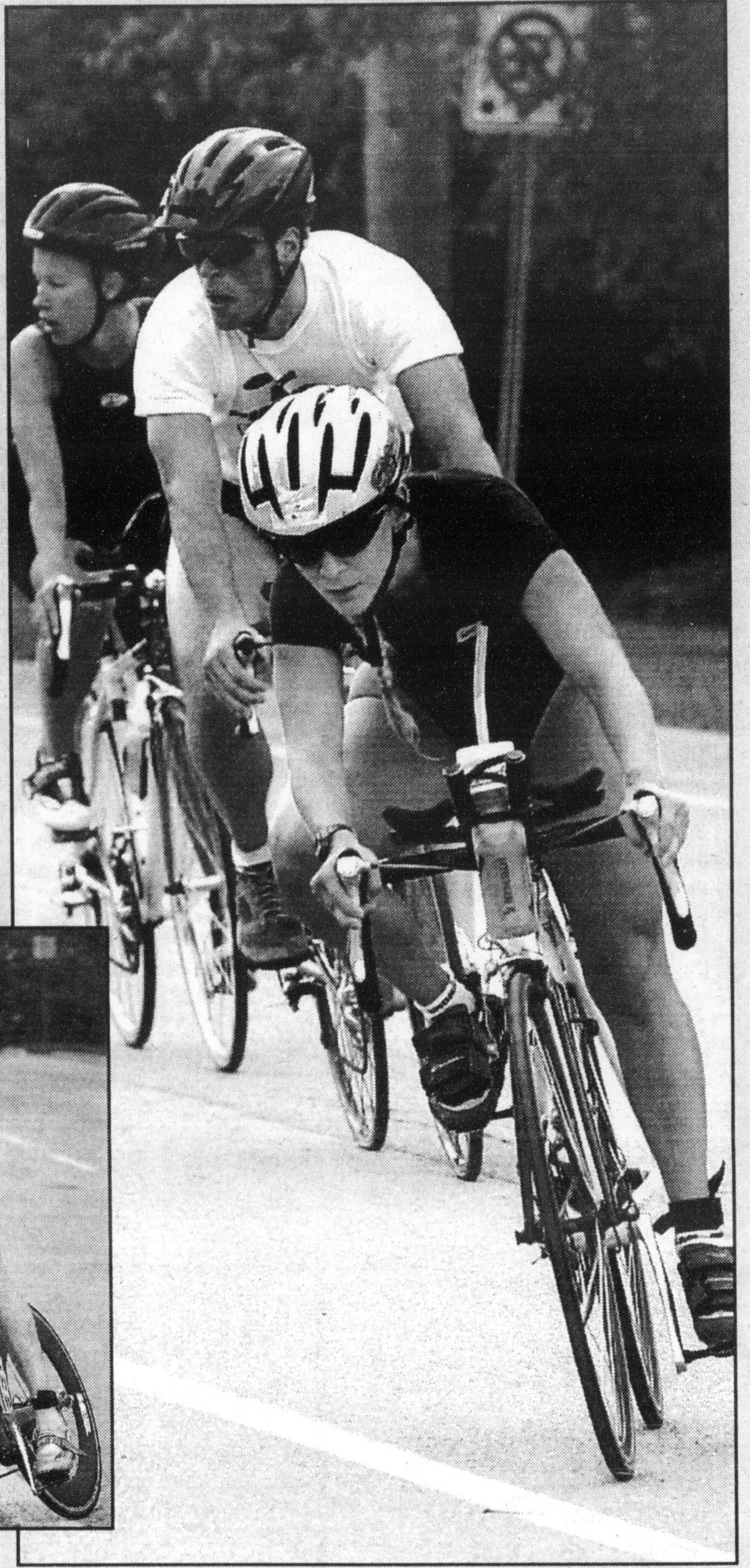
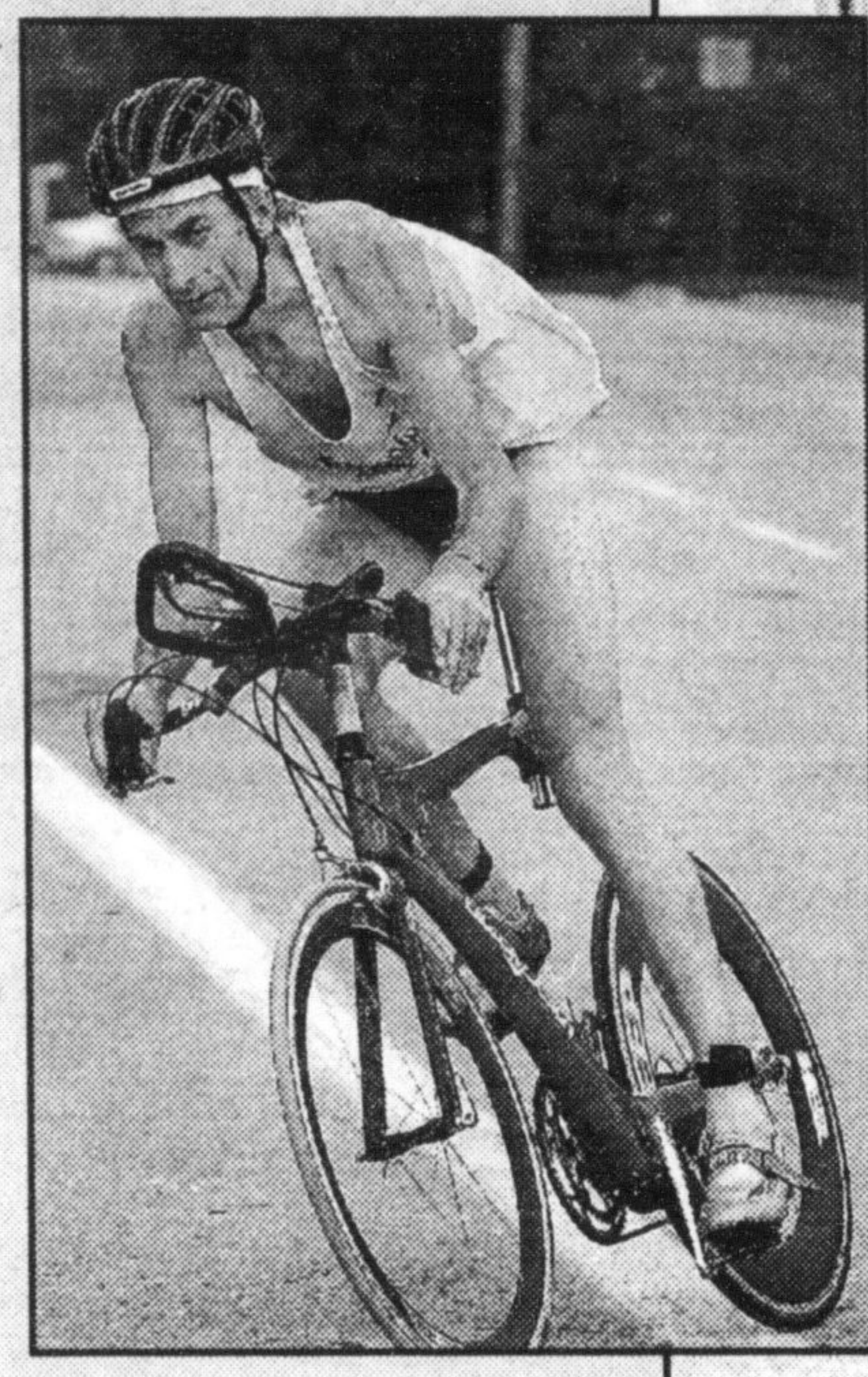


Ian Butcher

## On the move

Campbellville's Harry Barnes (bottom) along with a host of other racers take part in the cycling portion of Sunday's Subaru Triathlon at Kelso Conservation Area while (below) this little pooch watches from the comfort of his owner's car. See Friday's Champion for full results on the race.

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## Sign up for soccer camp

Milton Youth Soccer will once again be hosting its Kick-It Soccer Camp this summer at Lions Sport Park.

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