

Miltonian skips men's triples team to Ontario gold

Twenty-two-year-old Mee among the youngest players to skip team to a provincial championship

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At the tender age of 22, Miltonian David Mee isn't exactly a prototypical candidate for lawn bowling prosperity.

But in a sport where participants — much less champions — are generally much older, the local babyface broke rank recently at the novice provincials in Woodstock.

Building on a gold-medal district victory with partners Sandy Aguanno and Roy Harwood of Port Credit, Mee skipped his men's triples team to top honours in Ontario.

He's among the youngest competitors to ever win the provincials.

"It felt really great, definitely the highlight of my year," said the local champ, a five-year veteran of the Milton Lawn Bowling Club.

Team Mee's title drive looked to be in jeopardy midway through the finals against Midland. Seven points against in just a couple of ends erased a commanding lead and put the game back up for grabs.

But the eventual winners nailed down two more points in the final frame to triumph 12-11.

While the gold-medal round was no doubt exciting, it paled in comparison to the drama delivered during

semifinal play with Niagara Falls — when Mee and company battled back from a seemingly insurmountable 10-2 deficit in the final few ends.

With about as much do-or-die pressure as is possible weighing on them, the first-year partners rose to the challenge — with Aguanno making a three-point trail back shot and Mee quickly adding a fourth to spark a remarkable rally.

A 14-11 comeback win was the end result.

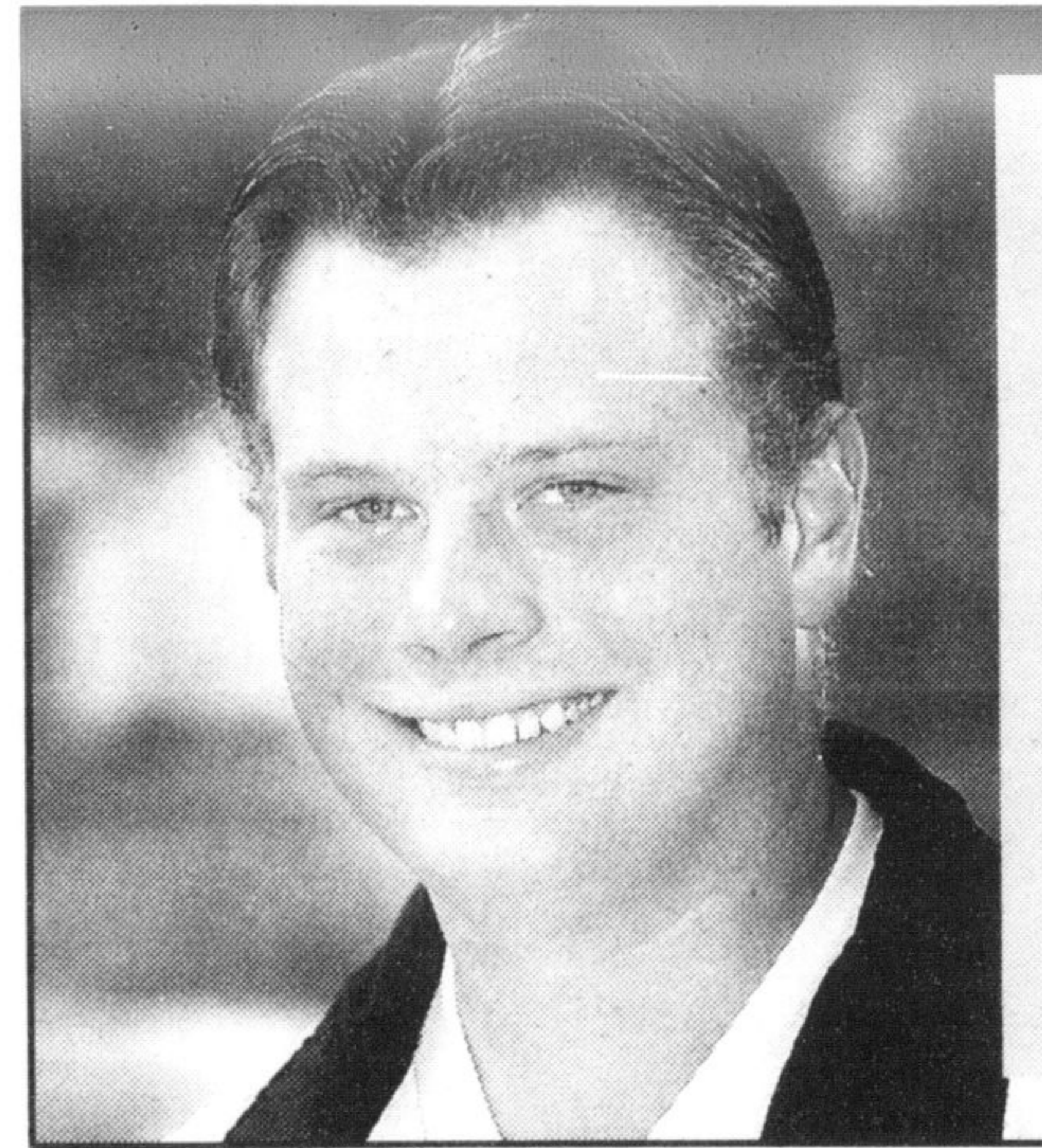
"That was definitely the turning point of the tournament. It (rally) really threw them for a loop," recalled Mee.

The gold medalists began day-two's single elimination playdowns with a 15-10 decision over Heritage Green.

They established an early lead and basically controlled the entire game, as they did in opening day triumphs against Cheslea and Coborne Park.

Team Mee's only provincial defeat came at the hands of Etobicoke, in a meaningless contest after they'd already advanced to the elite eight round.

Their Ontario win followed a near-perfect district championship run that was punctuated with a tie-breaking victory in the finals.



Miltonian David Mee didn't let youth stand in the way of his provincial championship campaign recently in Woodstock — where he skipped his men's triples team to a near perfect record including a 3-0 showing on day two to clinch the Ontario crown. His squad sealed the deal with a 12-11 victory over Midland.

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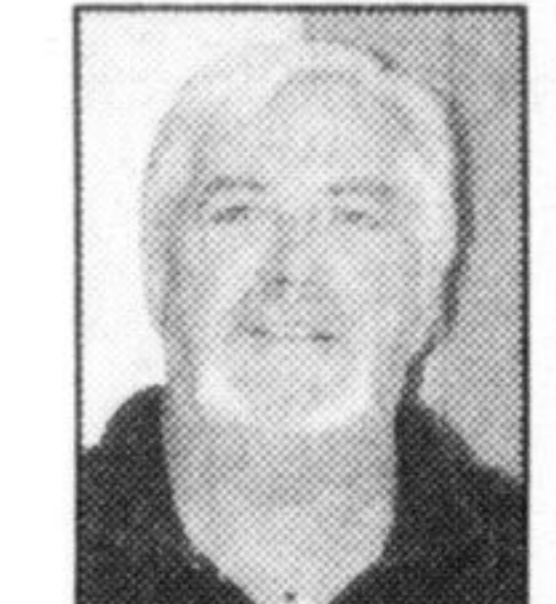




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