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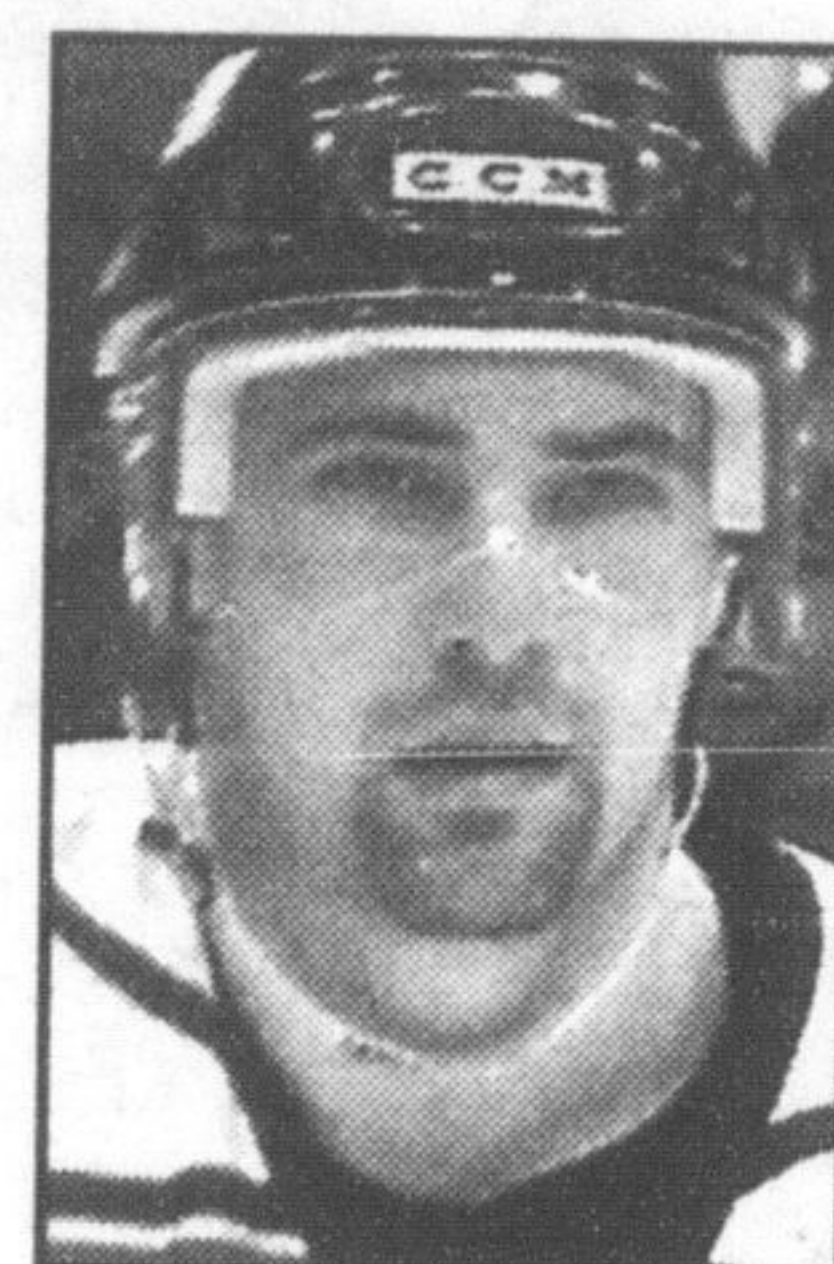
## Bertoli on fire since return from torn ligament injury

Scott Bertoli had already been a prominent entry in the Trenton Titans' record book heading into this month, holding the all-time franchise mark in a number of categories including assists and total points.

On March 5, Milton's ECHL mainstay added the club's all-time goal-scoring benchmark to his resume — eclipsing Cail MacLean's 79 tallies with two deposits in a 4-3 shoot-out loss to Reading. Three nights later he notched number 81, his 17th this season, to help shade Wheeling 3-2.

This recent milestone follows another record-setting mark set last month when Bertoli put together an 18-game point-scoring streak to beat his old individual and team standard of 15, established during his rookie campaign in 1999-2000.

Needless to say, the 25-year-old left winger has been mighty productive since his January 3 return from a



Scott Bertoli

torn ulnar ligament injury, sustained about a month into the season.

A big reason why Trenton is now firmly entrenched in the playoff picture after a rather lacklustre opening half, Bertoli has amassed 12 goals and 28 assists since coming back — for season totals of 17 and 37 respectively — and over an especially prosperous stretch had points in 22 of 23 games.

He was named Trenton's Player of the Week for the March 3 to 9 period — collecting three goals and four assists during that span.

Tuesday he had a pair of assists to help his Titans trim Richmond 4-3 in overtime and improve to 34-20-9, pushing them into a tie for second place in their division.

Trenton looks to maintain its winning ways tomorrow night versus red-hot Johnstown.

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## Midget selects bring home gold

The Milton midget selects needed a couple of periods to shift out of neutral at last weekend's single-A Aylmer Tournament.

But once they did, there was no stopping their drive to the championship.

Fortifying their efforts following a slow start and subsequent 1-1 tie with London last Friday night, the Winterhawks engineered three consecutive wins to clinch the title.

The midget selects — a team put together just two-and-a-half months ago — gave up just one goal per game and cemented their unbeaten run with a 3-1 decision over Paris Sunday evening.

Milton put their fellow finalists away with two deposits in the last six minutes of play.

The eventual champs spent most of the third period shorthanded, but held opposing snipers at bay with exceptional defense and sharp goaltending from Eric Bortlis.

"Eric was incredible," said head coach Dennis Christo. "We were

shorthanded pretty much the whole third period, but we kept it together and played smart."

Brent Timbers and Sam Tomlinson sank Paris with third-period markers, while championship-game first star Jeff Webber notched the initial tally.

Stephen Kays offered a spirited performance and earned third-star honours.

### Delivered in the clutch

Milton's gold-medal victory followed a do-or-die triumph over Fergus Sunday morning.

Needing to win all three periods as well as the game to advance, the Winterhawks thumped Fergus 6-1.

Kays delivered a hat-trick, while also standing out with a pair of goals and two assists was Tomlinson.

Nick Vipond aided in the convincing win with a couple of helpers, while Timbers was the other marksman.

Corey Clarkson was rock-solid

between the pipes.

He and Bortlis were equally effective through the first two rounds — with the stalemate against London followed by a 4-1 victory over Tillsonburg Saturday morning.

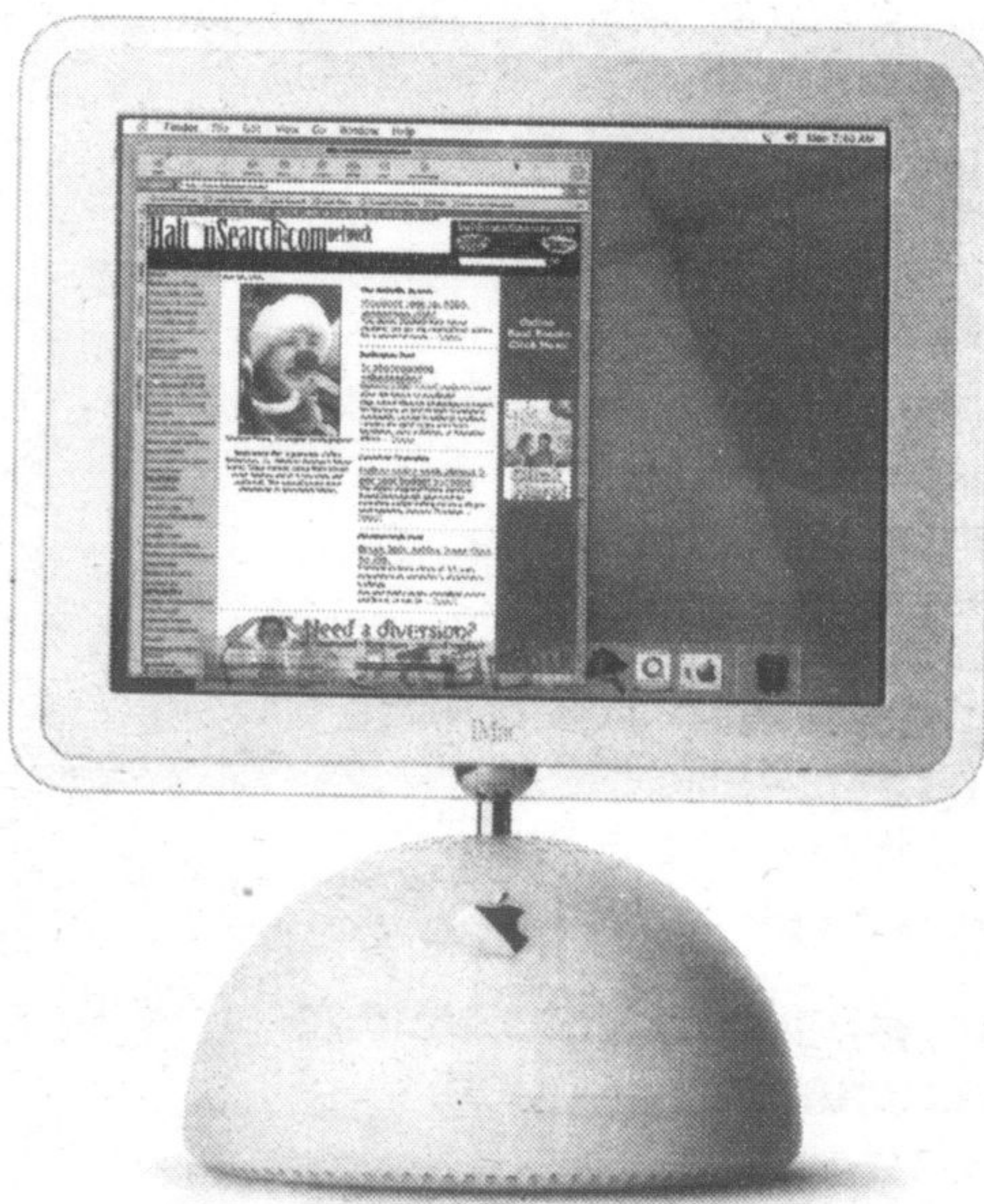
The tandem partners split the work and gave near-flawless performances to leave the door open for the eventual title triumph.

Matt Freckleton scored the lone goal in the opening-round draw, while Tomlinson tallied twice against Tillsonburg. Chipping in with singles were Nick Folco and John Labella.

Vipond, Falco, Timbers, Kyle Scott and Chris Hill combined for some suffocating defense throughout the tournament.

Rounding out the championship squad were Anthony Perruzza, Darren Yorke, Dan Christo and Andy Seto. Assisting Dennis Christo on the bench this year is Larry Scott.

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## Cheerleaders give stellar debut at West Regionals

*Juniors top the field, seniors take the bronze*

The Super Cheer All-Stars sure know how to make a good first impression.

The Milton-based cheerleading program debuted at the recent Central West Regional Championships at York University and delivered two medal-winning performances — including a golden effort by the junior squad.

Comprised of girls from grades 4 to 8 — all from Milton — the younger contingent performed well above par to turn back all challengers.

"They did excellent. They hadn't done that great in practice but really shined at York," said Melissa Mataseje, who began the Super Cheer program last spring with husband Andy Cecchini. "They really performed well under pressure."

A technically-sound, cohesive performance allowed the first-time competitors to prevail, and set the bar high for future endeavours.

Making up the championship team were

Kayla Banks, Justina Beaulieu, Jessica Beaulieu, Chelsea Bennett, Kat Campbell-Conlon, April Chappel, Breanna Clancy, Sarah Clark, Kaitlin Davidson, Rebecca Dias, Stephanie Dubois, Alina Ferguson, Elyse Garbutt, Emily Goncz, Crea Henry, Stevie Koot, Victoria Morrow, Christine Nellis, Carleigh Nicholas, Sloan Phillips, Deidre Scholtz, Makayla Tosh, Amber Vos and Chelsea Williams.

Meanwhile, Super Cheer's seniors — made up of members from Milton and other Halton-area communities — grabbed third-place honours in their division.

This solid showing follows a memorable trip overseas for eight local members of the group, who were chosen to take part in Hong Kong Tourism Board's annual Chinese New Year's Parade February 1.

Part of both the globe-trotting and bronze-medal contingents were Cailyn Drijber, Laine MacDonald, Natalie MacMillan, Ashleigh McGuinness, Kristine Morrow, Katie O'Reilly, Lyndsay Richardson and Alicia Robinson. The two teams will be back in action in late April at the Ontario championships in Kitchener.