

Milton duo help lead Elmira to ECAC title

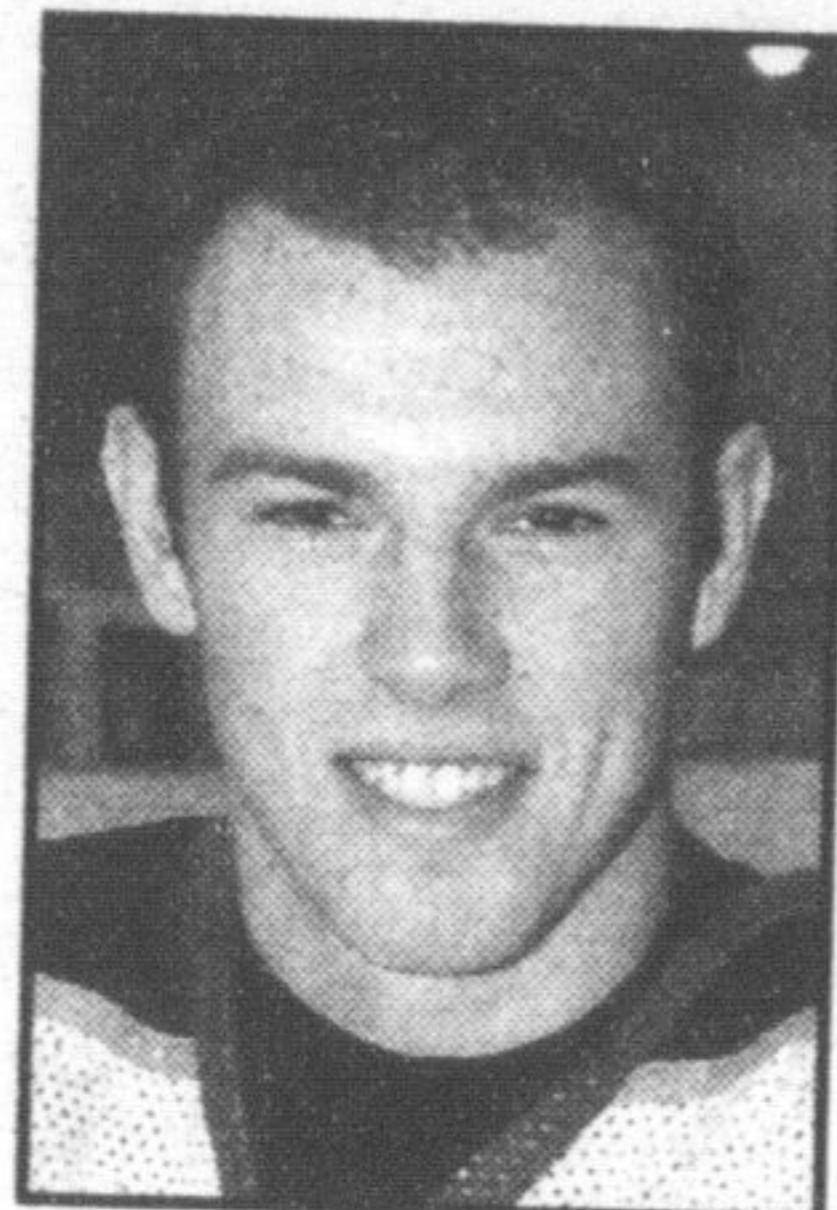
Mission accomplished. Former Milton Merchant captain Craig Macdonald had high hopes of winning the ECAC Division 3 title when he returned to Elmira College in late December.

And if that meant exacting a little revenge to RIT for last year's championship loss, so much the better.

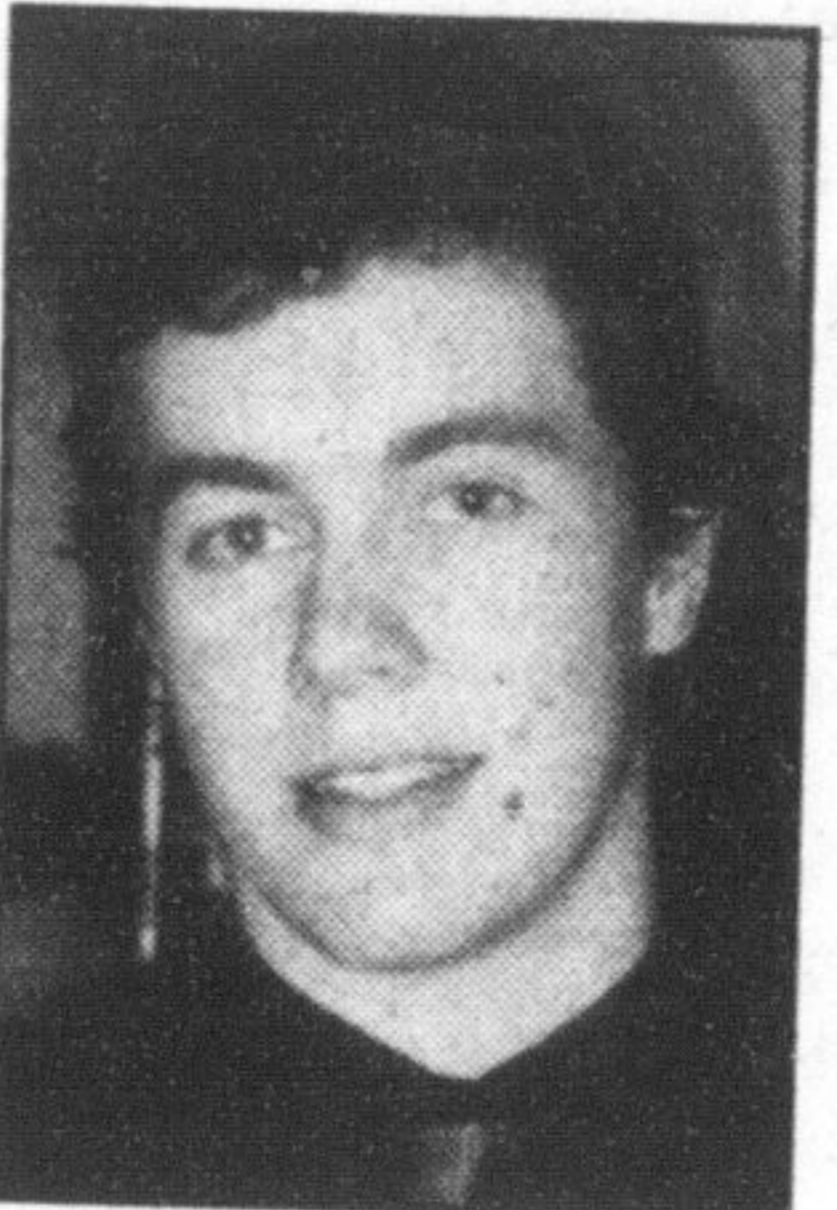
As it turned out, Macdonald and fellow Miltonian Jarrett Konkle — both sophomore forwards — enjoyed a golden pay-back over RIT March 15.

The 4-3 victory was especially sweet for Konkle since he potted a third-period game winner to clinch the ECAC crown and send Elmira into the NCAA tournament in Northfield, Vermont.

"That was one of our goals



Craig Macdonald



Jarrett Konkle

this year, to get to the national tournament. And it felt great to beat RIT. It's such a huge rivalry with them every year," said Macdonald, who had a goal and two assists to help beat Manhattanville 5-3 March 14 and put his team in the ECAC finals.

Unfortunately, Elmira hit their peak in the ECAC title game.

One weekend later in Vermont, Elmira would fall apart in the third period and drop a 5-1 decision to second seed Middlebury in the quarter-finals.

A win would have allowed the two local players to face fellow Miltonian Bryan Gent and his Oswego Lakers in the semifinals. Gent's squad won that game but was edged 2-1 in the national finals to host Norwich.

Battle of the Badges set for Apr. 13 at Memorial

There'll be an awful lot of police presence at Milton Memorial Arena April 13.

But don't worry folks, it's not in anticipation of having to defuse any on-ice skirmishes.

Instead, officers will be the ones lacing up the skates as Eddie Shack's Battle of the Badges is set to hit the local barn for a 4 p.m. showdown.

Halton's finest will square off against their peers from Toronto, with Shack — among the NHL's most personable alumni — donning the zebra stripes to oversee all

the action.

Assisting him as linesmen will be former NHLers Jack Valiquette and Mark Napier, both of whom enjoyed lengthy tenures in hockey's innermost sanctum.

Proceeds from the Sunday afternoon contest will benefit Halton Crime Stoppers.

Tickets cost \$12.50 each, or \$44 for a family of four. Tickets are available at Sports Traders on Thompson Road, or at the door on the day of the game.

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