

# Hoy running wild for W.I. Dick

Brad Hoy's running rampage continues. While victory is by no means a new thing for Campbellville's 13-year-old racer, he's been particularly prosperous this school year for the W.I. Dick Wildcats.

Monday he added the latest chapter to a wildly successful season, delivering a three-event sweep at the Ortwin Track and Field Meet at Oakville's Iroquois Ridge High School Monday.

His golden performances — in the longer distance races — powered the Wildcats to a silver-medal finish in the intermediate boys division and fourth-place honours overall.

This follows a regional relay-winning effort the previous week — during which he anchored the W.I. Dick 4x100m squad to one of the school's biggest sporting moments in recent memory — and the Halton cross-country triumph he secured last fall.

Mirroring last spring's Ortwin Meet sweep, Hoy made significant improvements in all three events. He turned back all challengers in the 400m (1:02.97), 800m (2:29.65) and 1,500m (5:11) —

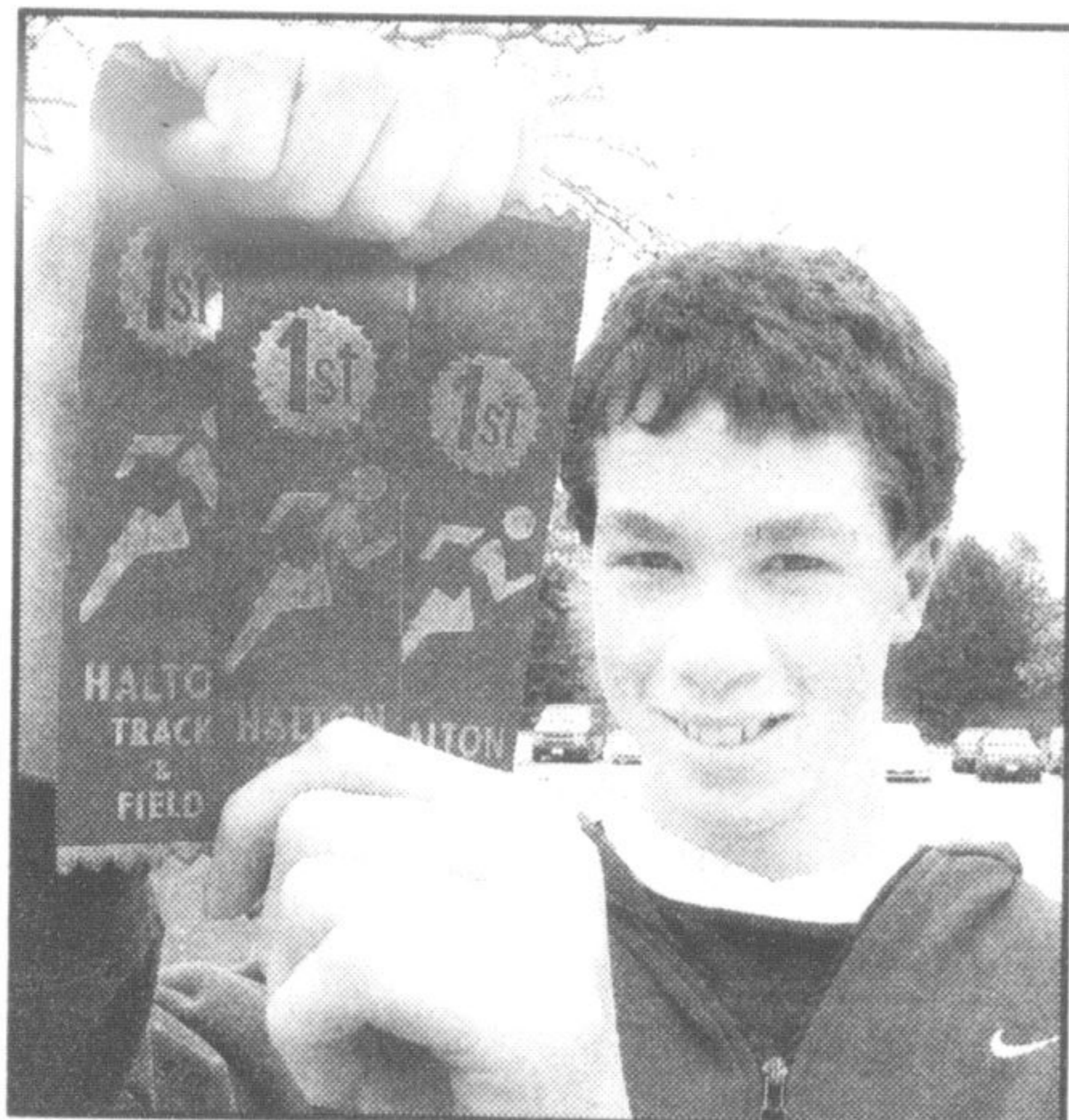


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**Brad Hoy shows off the first-place ribbons he secured during a three-race sweep in Oakville Monday.**

shedding two, five and six seconds respectively off his 2002 finishes.

Age-class teammates Curtis Rashotte and Ryan Williams factored heavily into the intermediate Wildcats' silver-medal showing as well.

Rashotte had the best long jump of the

day — leaping 4.79 metres — and was second best in the 100m, while Williams won the triple jump with a 9.45m effort.

Meanwhile, W.I. Dick's junior girls had the best collective showing at the meet — outdistancing runners-up E.J. James and Falgarwood to take top honours.

This was due in large part to a two-win day by Jessica Wallace, who shone on both the track and field with victories in the 400m (1:12.13) and triple jump (8:35m).

Kaitlin Shuvera placed second in the 200m and 400m, and struck bronze in the 100m, while matching that silver-medal count in the field — playing runner-up in triple jump and shot-put — was Tory McCutchen.

Laura Prusha rounded out the individual-win total for W.I. Dick, topping the 1,500m intermediate girls field.

Among the senior girls, Kym Baker showed strongly with second-place efforts in the 100 and 400m.

Fellow Wildcats Matt Clark, Elyse Garbutt, Megan Greaves, Brent Page, Alan Posavad, Julianne Posavad and Geoff Strank secured top-three finishes as well.

# One play, one fumble and my career on the gridiron came to a quick end

I was wrong. It wasn't about getting a chance to do something I missed out on 30 years ago. It wasn't about relating my training camp experiences with the Milton Marauders. It wasn't about getting to play in a game.

I didn't know what it was until after it was all over and done.

First though, I have to tell you about my football debut.

It took me three days until I finally started laughing about it, and then I couldn't stop.

I got my chance midway through the fourth quarter in the exhibition game against Belleville.

It's a game we could have won because we were the better team, although the final score was 12-9.

Quarterback Matt MacPhail called the play in the huddle, the simplest play in the whole playbook.

All I pretty much had to do was go in a straight line and not keel over. I'd practiced this play before, and I hadn't fumbled the ball for weeks. I knew what I was supposed to do.

Once the ball was snapped, I forgot absolutely everything. I looked ahead and saw a huge hole had been opened up by the offensive line.

A tank could get through it. I started running toward the hole but forgot one very important thing — the football. I never had control of it and Belleville recovered it deep in our own territory.

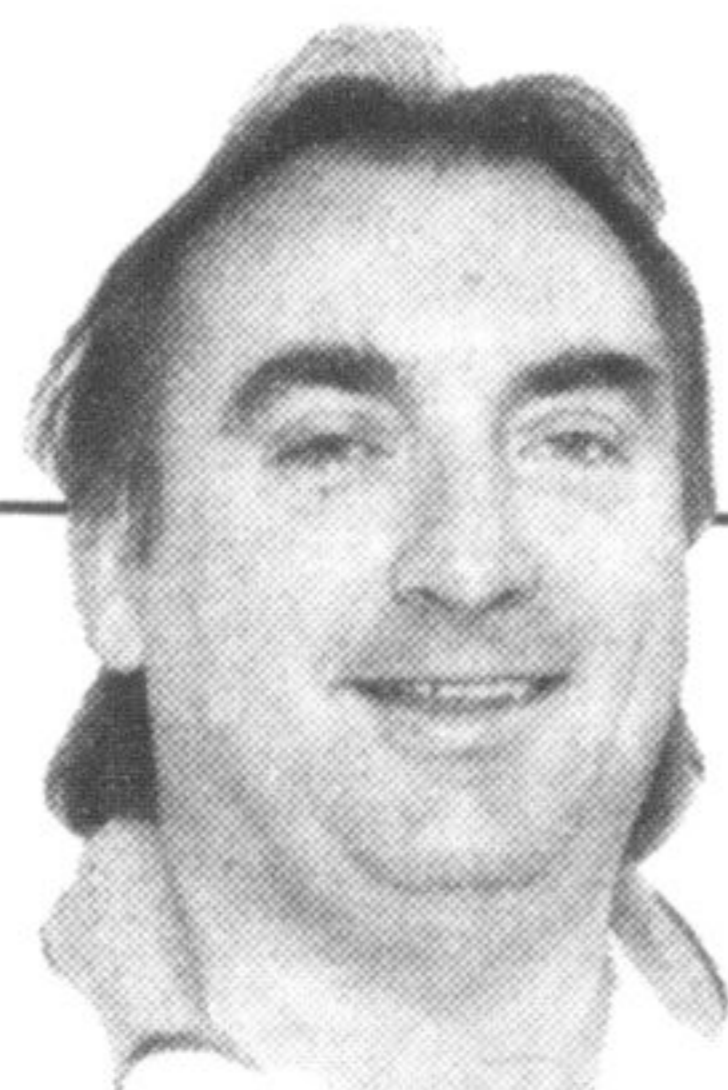
You can't imagine how badly I felt. I wanted to tell the coach and my teammates how sorry I was for letting them down. I felt sick — one play, one fumble. Career over.

The defense, however, which was unbelievable all game long, stopped Belleville, and I got another chance. The only thing I thought about was not dropping the ball again.

I was supposed to follow fullback Sean Faulkner to the left side to a hole he'd lead me through. The next time I saw him was in the dressing room.

I got the ball, held on for dear life and just went forward until I got hammered and knocked to the ground.

I looked down at my hands and the foot-



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ball was still there.

I had gained one yard.

A helmet had smashed into my hand trying to jar the ball loose, and a play later, I watched as a lump the size of a golf ball sprung up on my hand, and I came out of the game.

I thought it was broken for sure, but it was okay, although there's a suspicious-feeling bone still sticking up.

I'd say about 95 per cent of the players in the game suffered some kind of injury.

Incidentally, I should clear up a few misspellings from previous columns. Dan Johnson is the tight end, and it's Will Gearin, not Will Garrett.

Even though this whole experience was on my mind for the five weeks of training camp, I knew there was something missing that I wasn't thinking about.

I didn't realize it until the first night I wasn't at practice. Even though I believe it was the right decision to end it, I was miserable.

That's when I realized it wasn't about me after all, or what I could or couldn't do. It was about the team.

I missed the guys, I missed watching their progression and accomplishments, I missed having something useful to do with people you liked for two hours a night. Their successes were your own successes, their pain was your own pain — we were in it together.

I thought about continuing to play, at least in practice, but there's a limited time offer on recapturing your youth.

What you can do is enjoy every experience that comes along to the fullest. I don't know if that's something you learn with age, but it's something you can certainly pass on to younger people if they haven't thought about it.

Older people too, for that matter.

Tomorrow at 4 p.m. at Milton District High School, the Milton Marauders will open their second season and go for their first victory.

It's going to be the most satisfying win I ever had.

# Jr. Sox even record

Milton's Jr. Red Sox squared their season record with an embarrassment of riches in Guelph Tuesday evening — humbling the Royals 12-1.

The defending league and provincial champs — who've been plagued by rainouts in recent weeks — scored early and often to brush aside their hosts.

They surrendered just one measly hit in the eighth inning, by which time a 6-0 cushion offered little hope for a late-game turnaround. The Red Sox added insult to injury with a five-run ninth inning. A pitching-by-committee campaign saw Mike Volpe, Mike Grabauskas, Ryan Harper and Kevin Cooper all get in some work and combine to lift the Sox to 1-1.

Reese Davies was exceptional at shortstop, while he and fellow veteran Jordan Jeans had two hits apiece to lead a balanced attack at the plate.

Also standing out with three runs was slugger Nate Perrott. Milton's juniors hope to complete their season series against Guelph Sunday afternoon, with a double-header at Brian Best Park. Game one is set to start at noon.

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2	ST. PAULS	4	2	1	1	5
3	MILTON BIBLE	2	2	0	0	4
4	BOSTON	2	1	0	1	3
5	NEW LIFE "B"	3	1	1	1	3
6	SOUTH SIDE "1"	1	1	0	0	2
7	NEW LIFE "A"	2	1	1	0	2
8	ST. GEORGES	2	0	1	1	1
9	GRACE	1	0	1	0	0
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