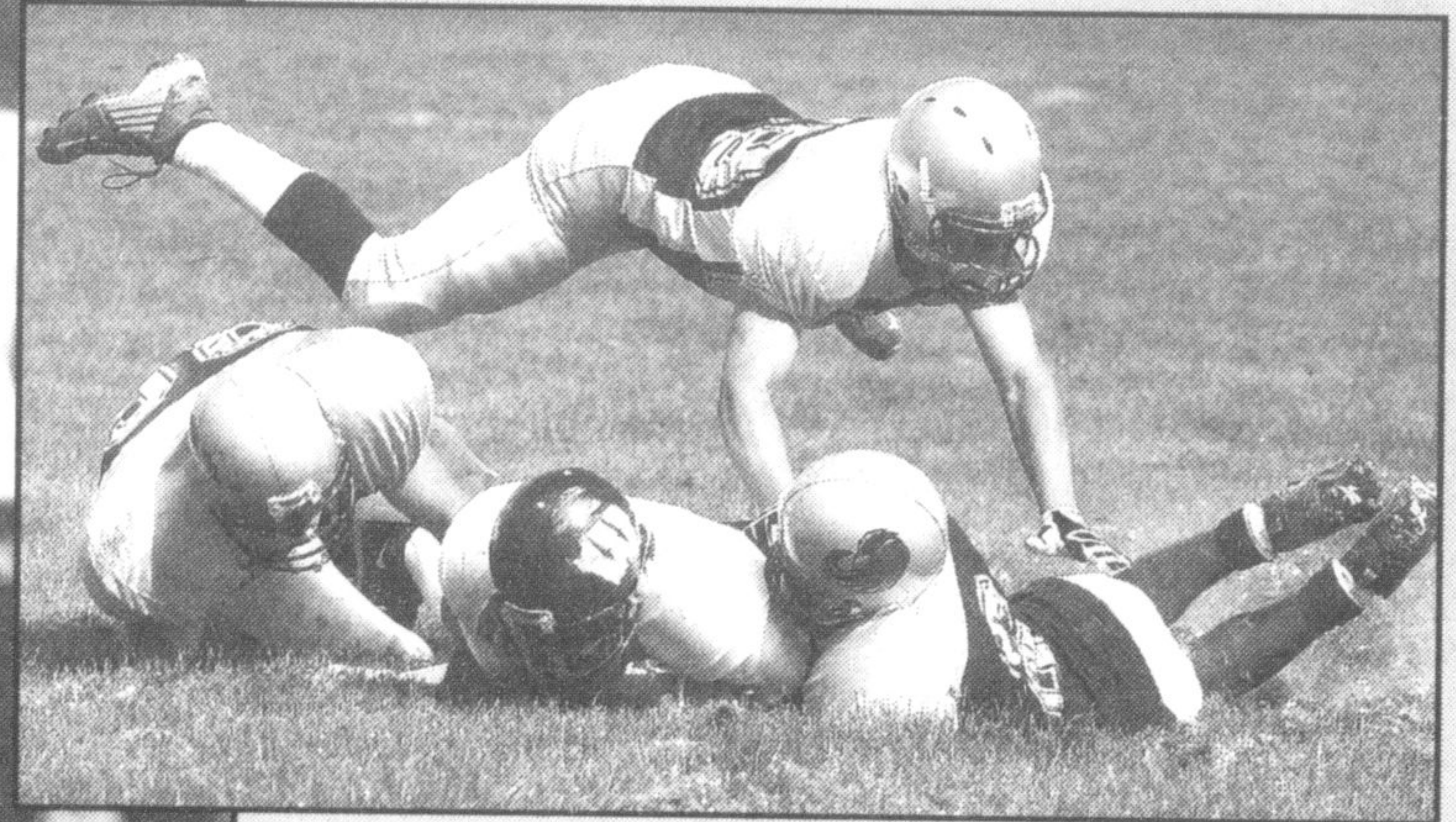




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Tough day on the gridiron

A Milton Marauder rusher (at left) gets hauled down by a couple of Mississauga defenders, while three Marauders (above) ground an opposing ball carrier Saturday afternoon at Milton District High School. The Marauders were toppled 36-13. For full results, see page 24.

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IceHawks edge Georgetown for consolation title

Milton prospects exact revenge against Raiders

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
The Champion

Milton's Jr. A hockey club sure didn't waste any time exacting a measure of revenge against Georgetown.

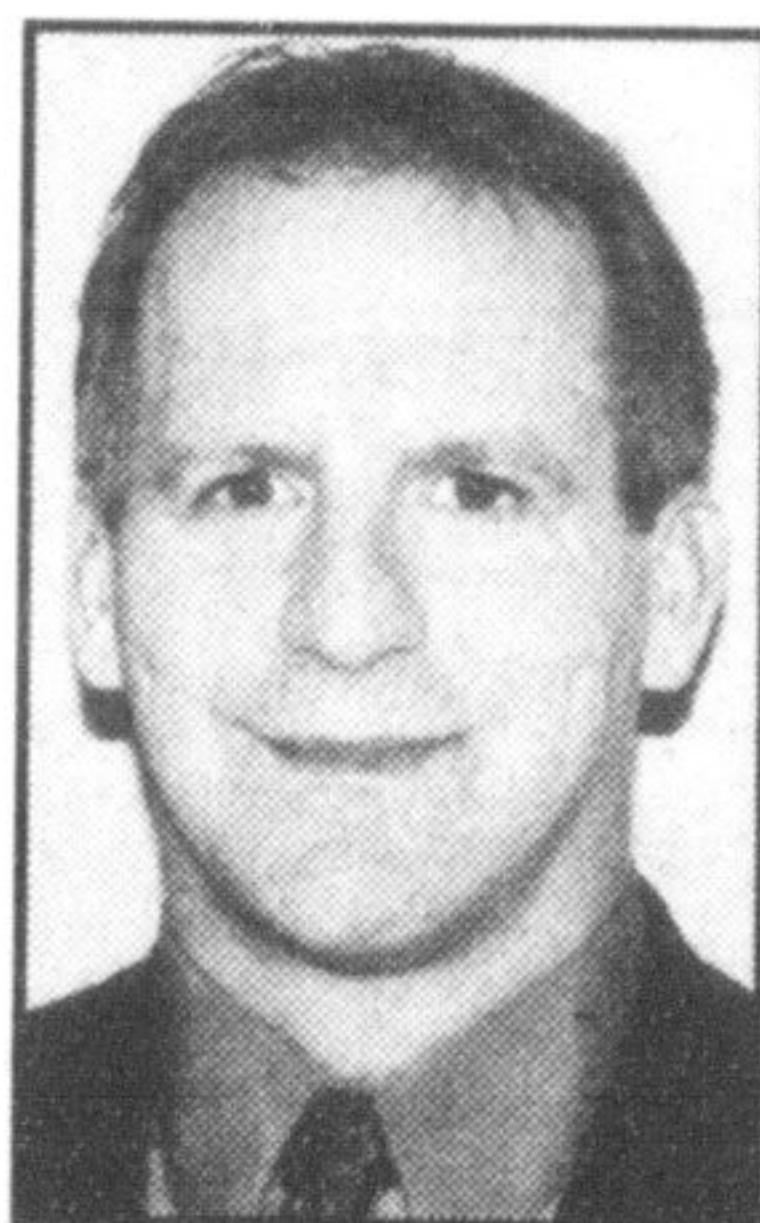
In their first available opportunity for pay-back against the team that vanquished them in the conference finals this past spring, the IceHawks (formerly the Merchants) eclipsed the Raiders 5-4 in a consolation finals shoot-out at the University of Guelph Tuesday evening.

Toronto Young Nats midget grad Julian

Sarraino made the winning deposit to punctuate an overall 3-1 record for the Milton prospects at the annual OHA Referee School Tournament.

The IceHawks surrendered four powerplay goals in the opening frame to their north Halton rivals, but overcame their shaky start and enjoyed two-and-a-half shutout periods from Evan Cannavici of the minor midget Mississauga Rebels.

The consolation finals win was the second straight for the local juniors — who like last year went 2-1 in round robin play and secured the



George Dupont



Tom McCarthy

tournament's secondary title with a narrow decision over a West Division opponent.

Milton toppled Elmira (7-1) and Mississauga (6-1) before getting whitewashed by Aurora 2-0 Monday night.

Tuesday's victory came less than two weeks after the official hiring of head coach and general manager George Dupont, who suggested as many as 10 players from the prospects tournament could suit up for the IceHawks this fall.

About 15 of them are expected to be at the main camp in August.

"We're going to be even younger than last year," said Dupont, who'll be assisted by returnee Jeff Battah and former NHLer Tom McCarthy this coming season. "I'm not sure we'll even have a 20-year-old (on the team)."

Among those standing out at the University of Guelph was Toronto Marlies forward Ryan McInerney — who collected five goals, including a huge split-the-defencemen deposit in the second period against Georgetown.

Also participating in the summer showcase — and expected to be at the main camp — were native Miltonians Mike Novak, Steve Ellison and Erick Lizon.

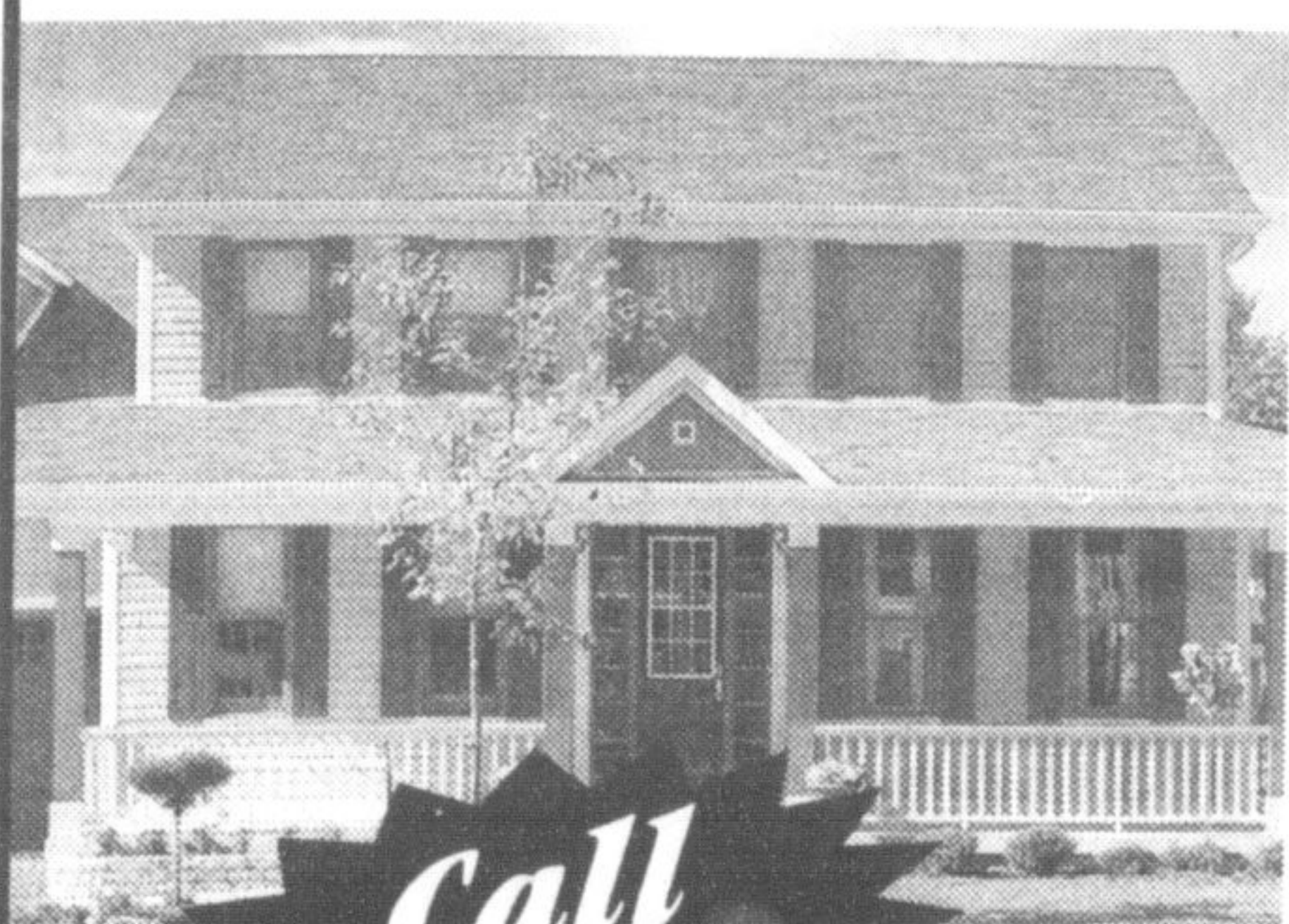
Aurora beat Brampton 5-3 in the OHA Referee Tournament championship finals.

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