

Past year chocked full of sporting success

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securing a national medal — losing a marathon match to eventual champion Sherbrooke of Quebec in the semifinals and then falling in three games to Calgary's Mount Royal in the bronze-medal show-down. Goodearle was simply sensational in a close-but-no-cigar rally against Sherbrooke — delivering 18 kills and a whole mess of playmaking highlights to push the semifinal to the limit.

World-class showings

Water-skier Paul Macdonald and triathlete Harry Barnes each finished fifth at their respective world championships — with Macdonald posting Canada's best-ever showing in the men's open class in Australia and Barnes cracking the top five in his men's 50-59 division in Portugal.

Three cheers for Milton

Re-establishing themselves as a powerhouse program, locally-based Super Cheer Scorpion teams earned two golds and two silvers at the provincial championships, and then followed that up with two silvers and a pair of bronze medals in national competition.

Dynamite debut

In her first appearance at the provincial gymnastics championships, 10-year-old Milton Springer Maddie Bannock struck gold on vault in the Tryo 1 division with a 9.5 performance.

Golden girls — Part 2

Milton hockey players Laura Lighthall, Alyson Cochrane and Brooke Hartwick all captured provincial gold with their respective teams — Lighthall doing so with the Brampton Canadette 'AA' midgets, Cochrane with the Burlington Barracuda 'A' novices and Hartwick with the Halton Hills Twister 'C' bantams.

Dawg-gone impressive

The Madd Dawgs' second entry midget boys basketball team was only seeded eighth for the OBA championships, but wound up winning the whole shebang — punctuating their title drive with a comeback decision over Midland.

Mavs finished in Milton

Following a dismal 2-18 season that was mired with poor player support and a lack of financial backing, the Jr. B Mavericks announced that they would not be back in town next season — and later made an agreement to move to Cambridge.

Making waves

While disappointed at not booking passage to Athens, swimmer star Jennifer Porenta certainly held her own at the Olympic Trials — reaching the finals in all three of her freestyle events, and claiming bronze in the 100m with a 57.03s finish.

Up to par

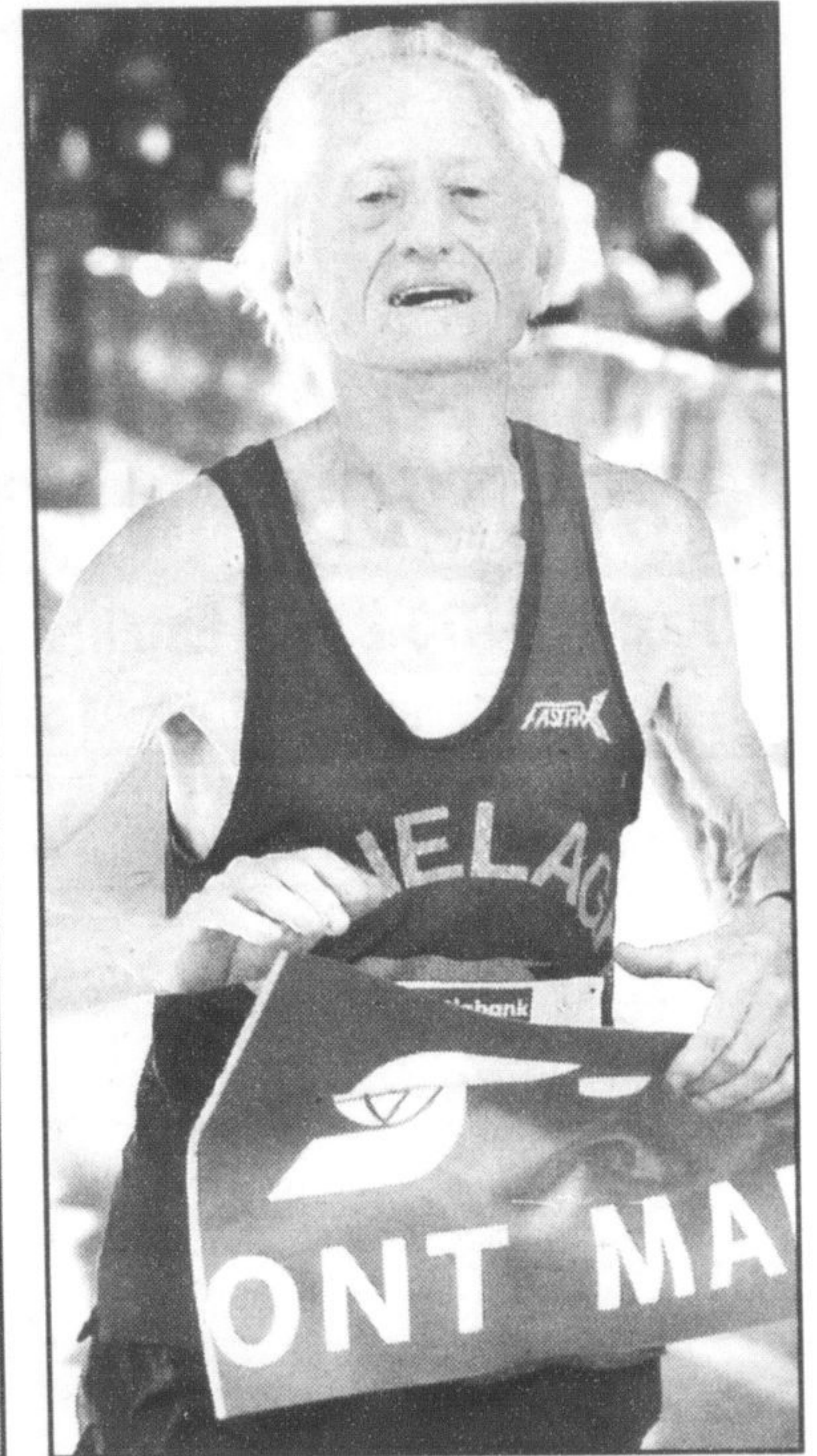
Long-time golf instructor Danny King enjoyed big success on the links — highlighting his summer by finishing in a three-way tie for first at the CPGA Member Qualifier and later prevailing at the final round of the Great Lakes Tour Platinum Series.

Bowling over the competition

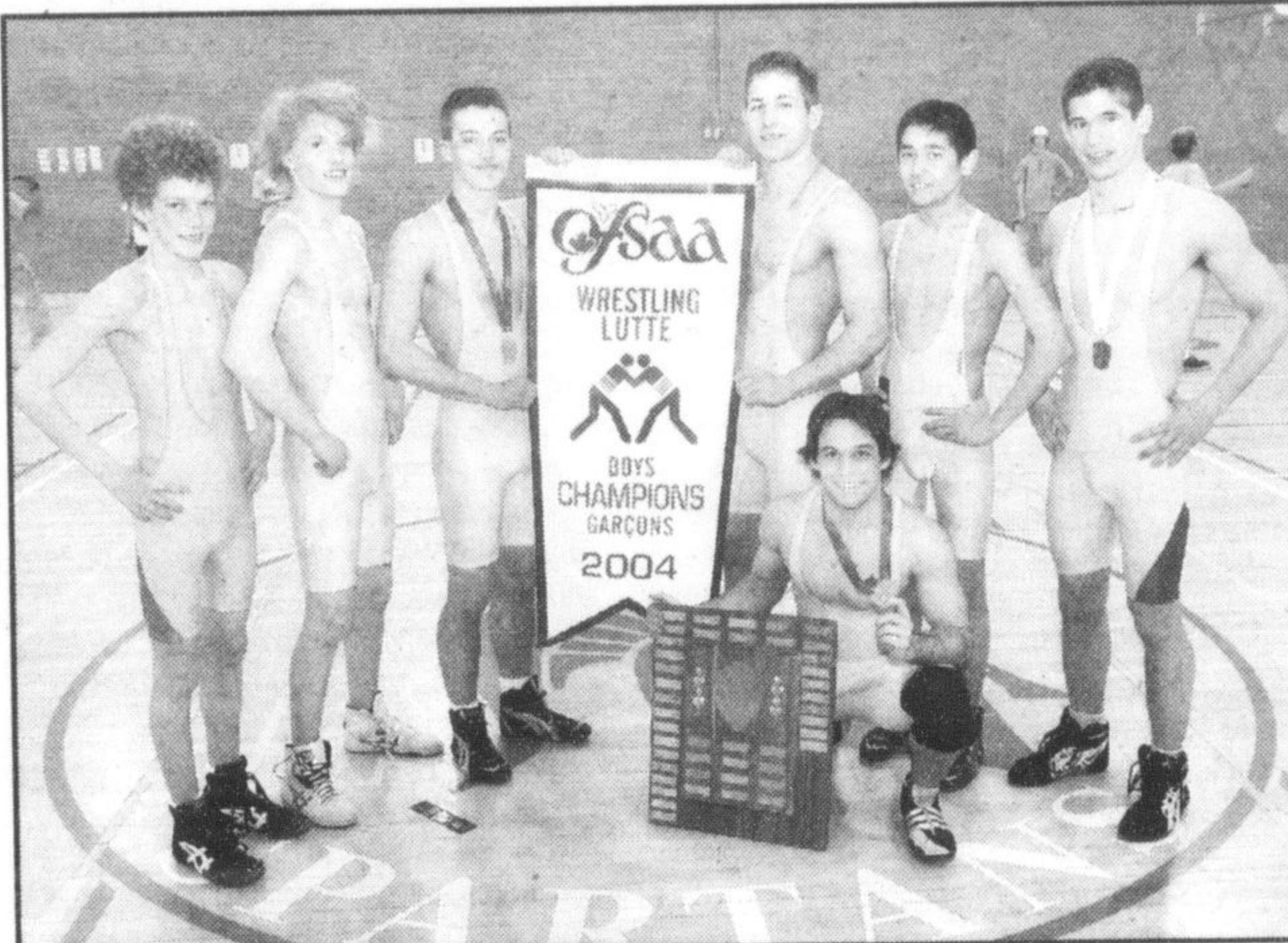
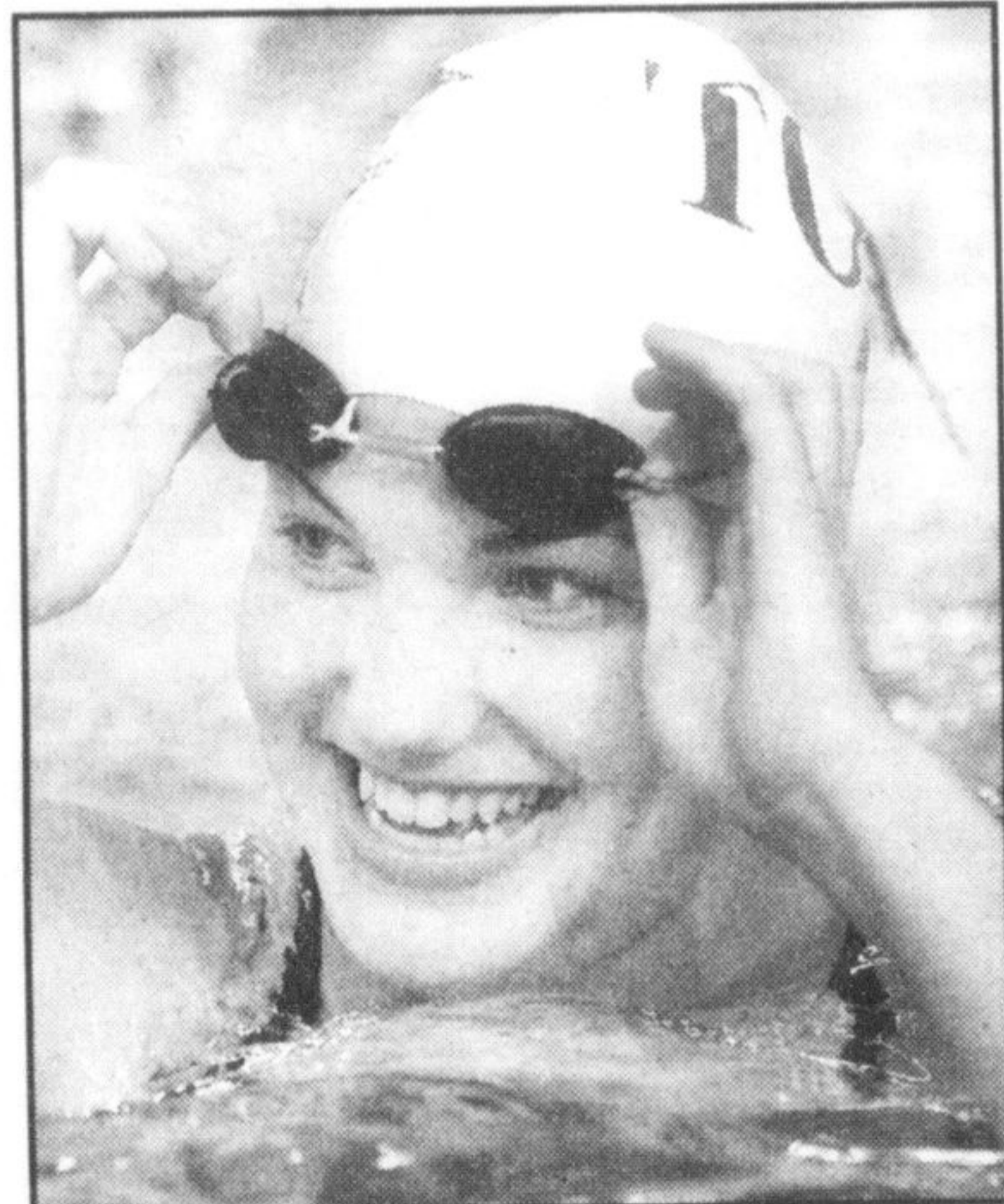
Local skips David Anderson and Laura Seed led their respective teams to silver-medal performances at the Ontario Lawn Bowling Pairs Championships, each earning berths to the nationals in the process.

Coming through in the clutch

With Under-15 national basketball gold



Above left, Mike O'Shea shows the Grey Cup to his son's friends at St. Peter's School after winning it for a third time with the Toronto Argonauts. Above, Ed Whitlock breaks his own world age-class record in the marathon in Toronto. At left, the E.C. Drury wrestling team proudly displays their fifth straight OFSAA team title. At far left, Jennifer Porenta flashes a smile after a strong showing at the Olympic Trials. Below, Kirsty Goodearle blocks a shot at the national college volleyball championships.



on the line in Halifax, 6'5" power forward Al Alilovic scored a dozen points — including a pair of free throws with just three-and-a-half minutes remaining — to help fuel Ontario's 69-65 triumph over British Columbia.

Oh so close — Part 2

The Senior Red Sox looked poised to deliver some championship pay-back in the Ontario 'B' finals against host Corunna, but surrendered a 3-0 lead in the second-last inning — with a disastrous stretch of shaky pitching and defense — and lost 7-3.

Golden girls — Part 3

Lawn bowlers Linda Baron, Donna Coulter and Amanda Walton — who's only 13 years old — took top honours in the novice ladies district championships on their home field in Milton.

Packin' a whallop

Finally joining the professional boxing ranks after a 10-month layoff, 27-year-old welterweight Matt Hart looked mighty impressive in scoring a unanimous decision over Winnipeg's Corey Houston in his debut at a jammed-packed Mississauga Grand Banquet Hall.

Making history, again

Capitalizing on ideal weather conditions and a quicker than expected start in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, 73-year-old Ed Whitlock shattered his own world age class marathon mark by more than four minutes — clocking in at 2:54.49. This marked the second time in as many years that he became the planet's

only 70-and-over runner to complete a marathon in under three hours.

He's a real hit

Neil Teague continued a highly-decorated softball career with another Ontario championship with his Binbrook Easton Brewers — going 4-for-4 in the finals to help sink South Essex 14-12 — as well as a solid showing at the world qualifying PIF-Air Vancances Transat Tournament with his SunTest/Tanel 360 squad.

Running wild

W.I. Dick's senior boys clawed their way to top honours at the All-Halton Track and Field Meet, while the Wildcats' junior boys did likewise at the All-Halton Cross Country Meet.

Oh so close — Part 3

Tight end Sean Postma and left tackle Matt O'Meara came within a quarter of claiming their fifth and fourth Yates Cup respectively with the McMaster Marauders, but wound up losing 31-19 to the top-ranked Wilfrid Laurier.

Rockin' the house

Local curlers Don Paradine, Brian Coan, Jim Curley and Henry Stanley won the Halton-Peel Masters Championships, topping a field of 32 teams with five straight wins over a three-day bonspiel.

Horse around

Harness driver Luc Ouellette capped a successful first year on the Woodbine Entertainment Group circuit with a national O'Brien nomination for Driver of the Year.

