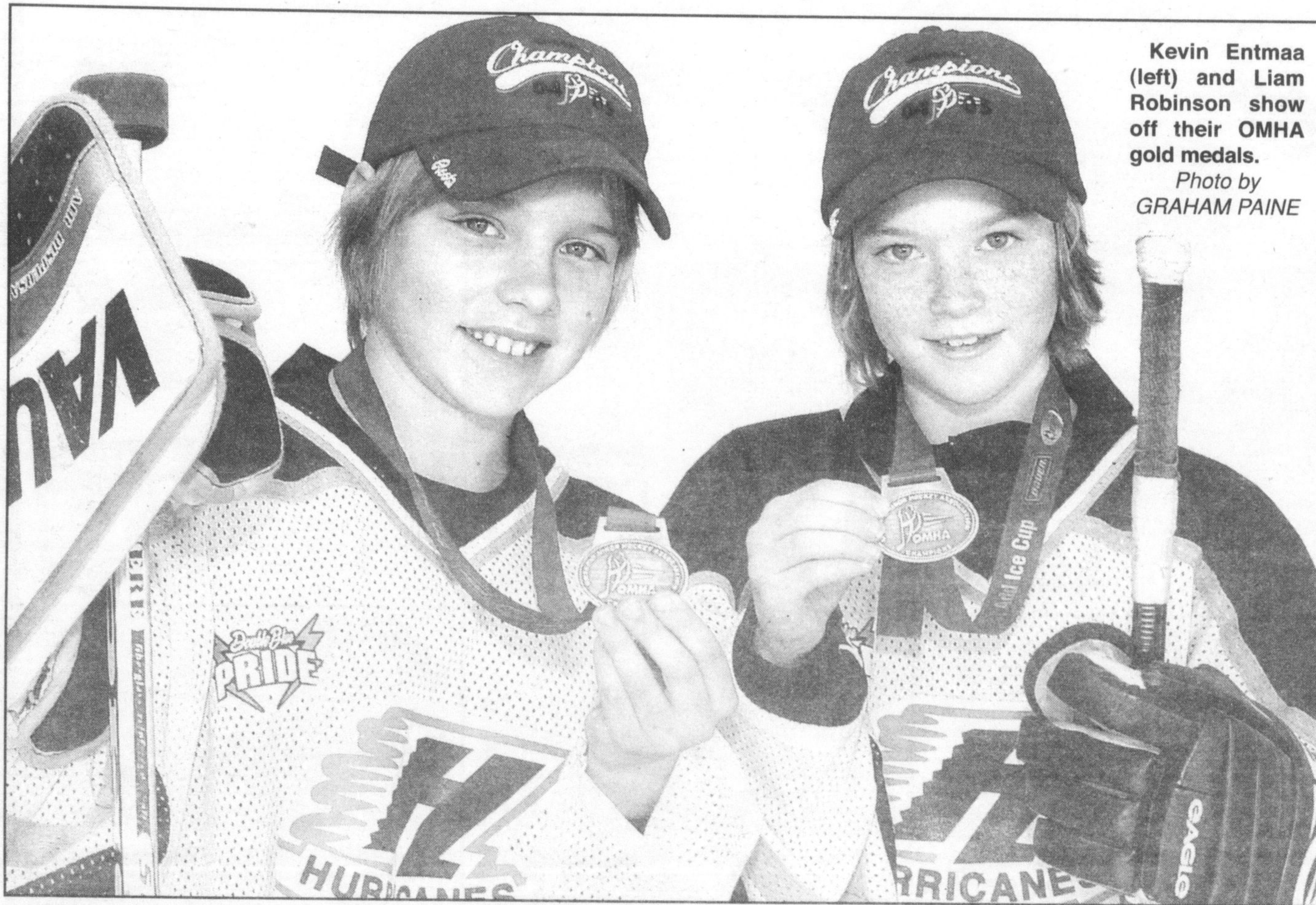


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## Local duo help 'Canes to OMHA gold



Kevin Entmaa (left) and Liam Robinson show off their OMHA gold medals.  
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Halton's AAA atoms have reached the innermost sanctum of provincial play, thanks in no small part to the efforts of two Miltonians.

Goaltender Kevin Entmaa and well-rounded winger Liam Robinson made substantial contributions to the Hurricanes' gold-medal run last weekend at the OMHA championships in Whitby.

The impact duo helped Halton go undefeated and book passage to the all-Ontario finals, slated for April 8 to 10 in Ajax/Pickering.

Entmaa backstopped the Hurricanes to three of five wins last weekend, including a 4-0 first-round shutout of the defending champion hosts and a 7-2 title rout of the Burlington Eagles — who'd had a particularly tough battle with Whitby the night before and had little left for the stretch drive Sunday afternoon.

As a result, Halton was able to strike early and put things away in the second period. Entmaa came up big when needed, while Robinson's fierce neutral-zone play kept Burlington off balance and under wraps for most of the finals.

"This is Liam's first year at AAA, and he's made a great transition. He's a real sparkplug — somebody who goes out there and mucks it up. His energy's contagious," said head coach Henry Fung, whose charges claimed OMHA bronze last spring. "And Kevin's part of what I consider the best goaltending tandem in the league. It's a real luxury to be able to rotate him and Ryan Clouter and have the guys confident no matter who's behind them."

A second-year Hurricane, Entmaa was also between the pipes for a 5-3 win over York-Simcoe in round three, during which he turned back a flurry of powerplay opportunities to earn second-star status.

That encounter also saw Robinson open the scoring with a huge break past a defender and fake deposit. He assisted on another goal in round three and followed that up with a pair of helpers in the Hurricanes' 7-3 pasting of Peterborough in their round-robin finale.

Narrowly averting injury from a crushing head-on check in the tournament opener, Robinson was among the team's most reliable two-way players in Whitby — winning numerous battles along the boards to either initiate scoring opportunities or prevent them. "He helps get everyone else going," explained Fung.

Halton edged Burlington 4-3 in round two, but offered no such drama in the return engagement Sunday. Noted Fung, "I think they were pretty tired from the night before, rallying to win 8-7, and quite honestly I think we have a deeper team than them."

Now standing in the Hurricanes' path to OHF gold next weekend are the Toronto Marlies, Mississauga Rebels and Elgin-Middlesex of the Alliance.

## Gleed's Frozen Four hopes nixed in OT

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Jon Gleed's Big Red suffered big-time heart-break in Minneapolis Sunday afternoon.

In front of 9,054 fans at Mariucci Arena, Milton's junior defenceman and his Cornell University teammates fell agonizingly short of clearing the last remaining hurdle to Frozen Four play — losing 2-1 in overtime to the hometown favourite Minnesota Gophers.

In addition to a hostile crowd and stiff competition, one might argue that the Big Red had fate working against them as well, since Barry Tallackson's rebound deposit four-and-a-half minutes into sudden death set up the first-ever single conference Frozen Four.

Minnesota will join fellow WCHA contenders Colorado College, Denver and North Dakota next weekend in Columbus, Ohio.

To say the very least, Sunday's loss was a bitter pill to swallow for Gleed and company — especially after weathering a rash of penalties

early on and matching Minnesota in quality scoring chances through the extra session.

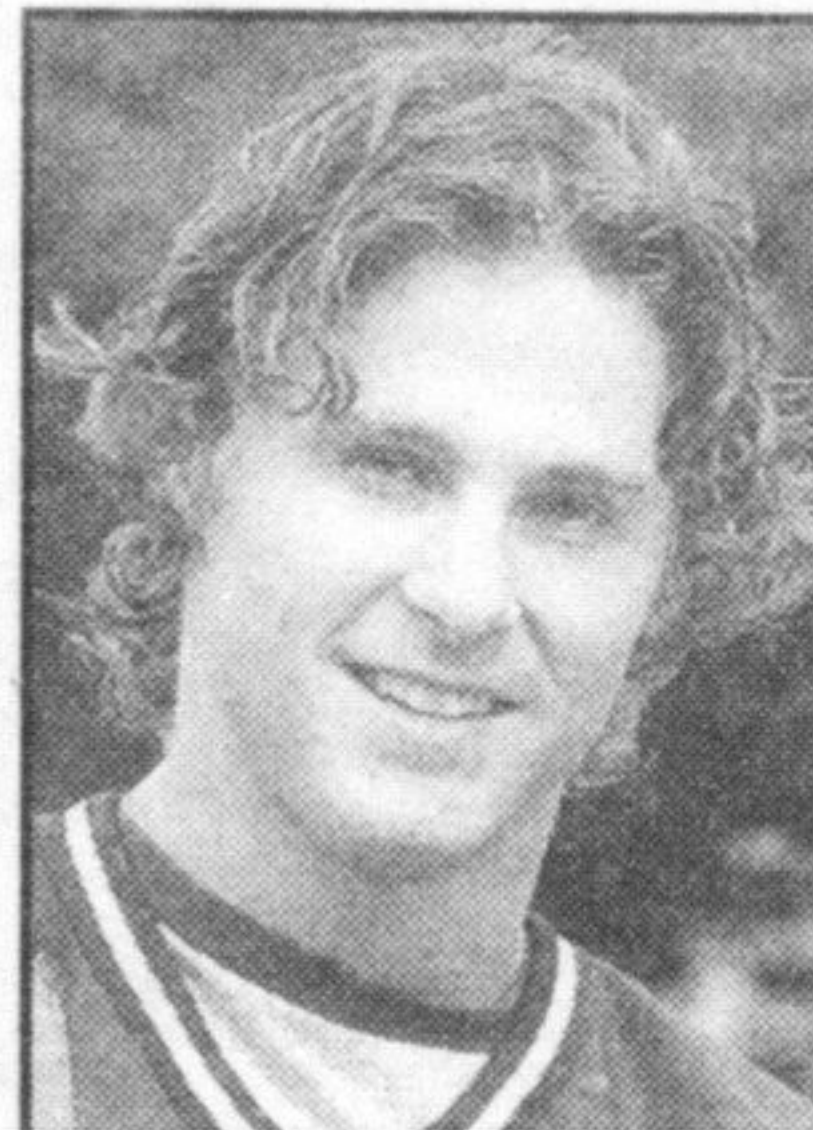
"I actually thought we outplayed them in overtime," said the 20-year-old blueliner, who as a healthy scratch freshman watched his Big Red reach the Frozen Four two years ago.

"We had a couple of golden opportunities to put it away."

But in the end it was the Gophers who managed to do that, capitalizing on what proved to be a disastrous breakdown by Cornell.

Recalled Gleed, "I saw it materializing from the bench — the forecheck and then Tallackson having two whacks at it all alone in front. It was tough to watch."

However, the former Provincial Jr. A League all-star couldn't have been too disappointed



Jon Gleed

about his individual performance at the NCAA's West Regional playdowns — particularly in game one Saturday evening.

Out for all three of the Big Red's goals and setting up the second with a well-placed outlet pass to Cam Abbott, Gleed helped Cornell rally from a two-goal deficit to trim Ohio State 3-2.

He wasn't out for any of the goals against in either game last weekend, and helped minimize the damage from some slow starts in Minneapolis.

"I thought I played pretty well. I wasn't disappointed with my personal efforts, just the end result. And playing in front of 9,000-plus fans on consecutive days was certainly a great experience."

So will the Big Red be back in Frozen Four contention next season?

"We lose some key seniors like Mike Knoepfli (from Georgetown), but we've got seven juniors and eight sophomores returning, so anything's possible," suggested Gleed, in a cautiously optimistic tone.

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