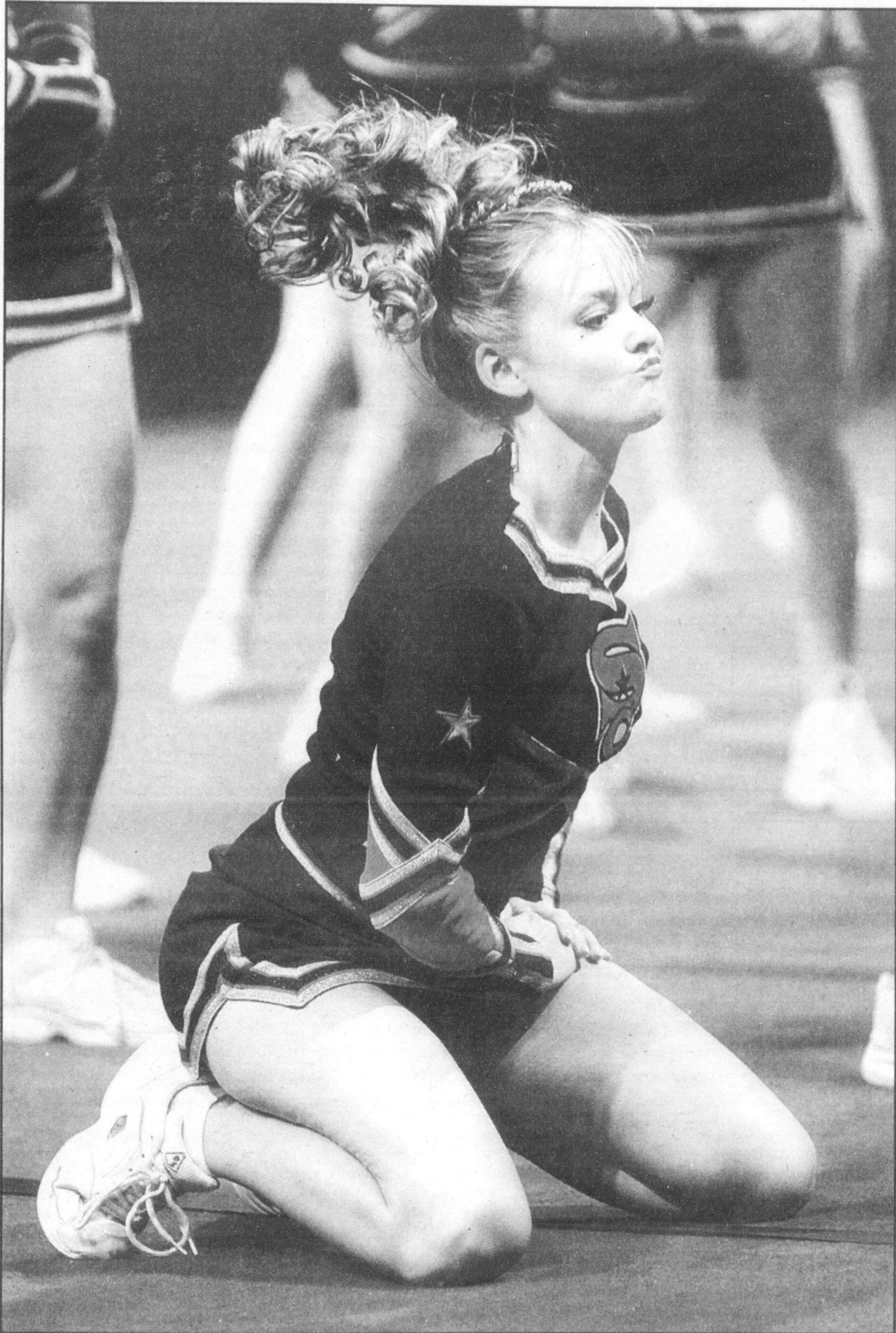


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Super Cheer stunt seniors simply golden



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Taylor Richard of the Super Cheer senior travel team competes Saturday evening at the Hershey Centre. Inset left, members of the senior stunt team — including (from left) Genevieve Van Der Breggen, Sam English, Laine MacDonald and Amy Williams — celebrate their national triumph.

Foursome lead local cheerleading group at Canadian championships

Call it a golden upgrade. Turning back a dozen challengers at the second annual national cheerleading championships at Mississauga's Hershey Centre Saturday afternoon, the Super Cheer senior stunt team improved on last year's silver-medal showing — taking top honours.

Facing a big field of competitors this time around, Sam English, Laine MacDonald, Genevieve Van Der Breggen and Amy Williams delivered a routine with some of the trickiest stunts possible — the bow and arrow and stretch full — and executed them with textbook efficiency.

Their victory came over top opponents such as Sarnia's YMCA Phoenix and Black Widow of Ottawa.

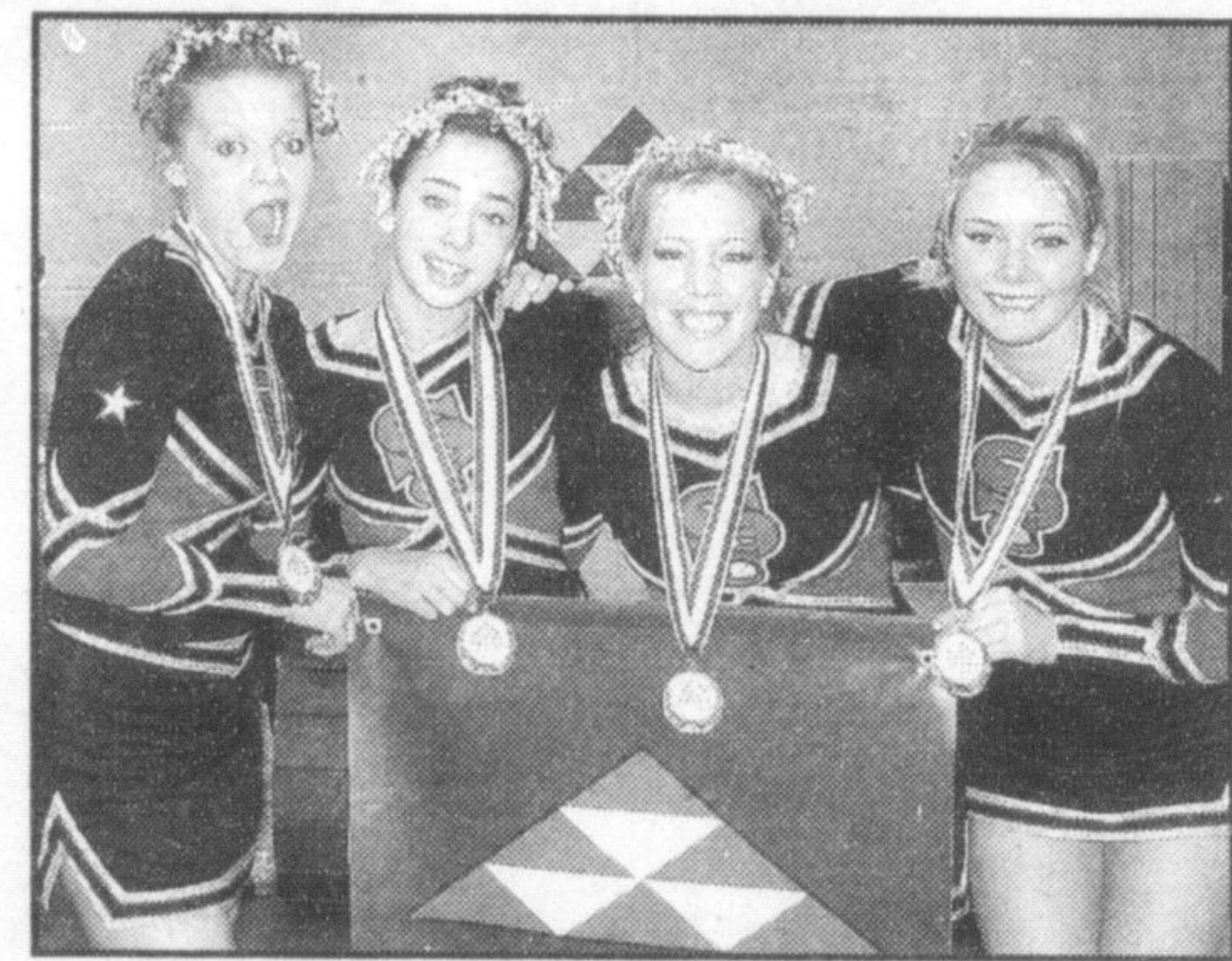
"There were some really strong high school and all-star teams in there, but our girls did great," said co-coach Melissa Cecchini, who guides the local cheerleading program alongside husband Andy.

Enjoying another top-three national showing this spring was Milton's 35-member senior travel team, who captured bronze to go along with the silver secured last year.

The Super Cheer seniors cracked the top

three in an eight-team division despite Sunday's round-two injury to Ashleigh McGuiness. That was due to an exceptionally-strong opening day performance.

The seniors' bronze-medal showing was even more impressive given that they had a significant turnover this year — with a number of junior graduates replacing the outgoing seniors. And the fact that they upstaged two of their archrivals, the Vipers of London and Mississauga's Cobras, made it that much sweet-



er. Said Cecchini, "It's a fairly young team with a lot of grade 9 and 10s, so to take third was a welcomed surprise."

Placing ahead of the Super Cheer seniors were Oakville's Cheer Force and Sarnia's YMCA Phoenix.

Rounding out Milton's efforts at the nationals were the 31-member junior travel team and the junior stunt squad — comprised of Emily Goncz, Cassie Johnson, Stephanie Proulx and Amanda Steedy. Both groups finished fourth.

Super Cheer teams compete at this weekend's Welland Spring Classic and close out the season next weekend at the Canada's Wonderland showcase.

Duo start RBC Sunday

The Georgetown Raiders and their two Milton-area players — defenceman Dan Rogers and centre Rob Sgarbossa — begin Royal Bank Cup play Sunday evening in Weyburn, Saskatchewan.

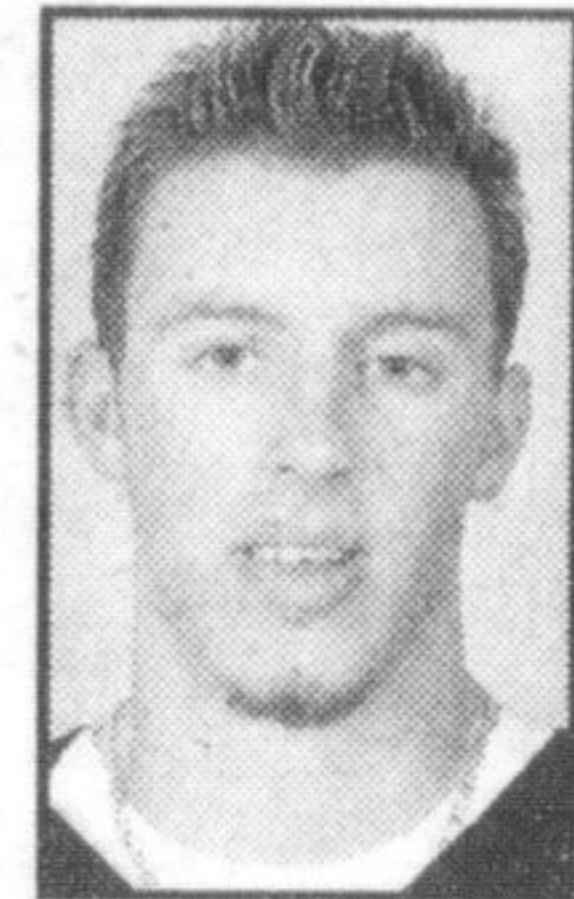
As usual, local junior fans can read about the duo's national championship run with the Raiders in The Champion.

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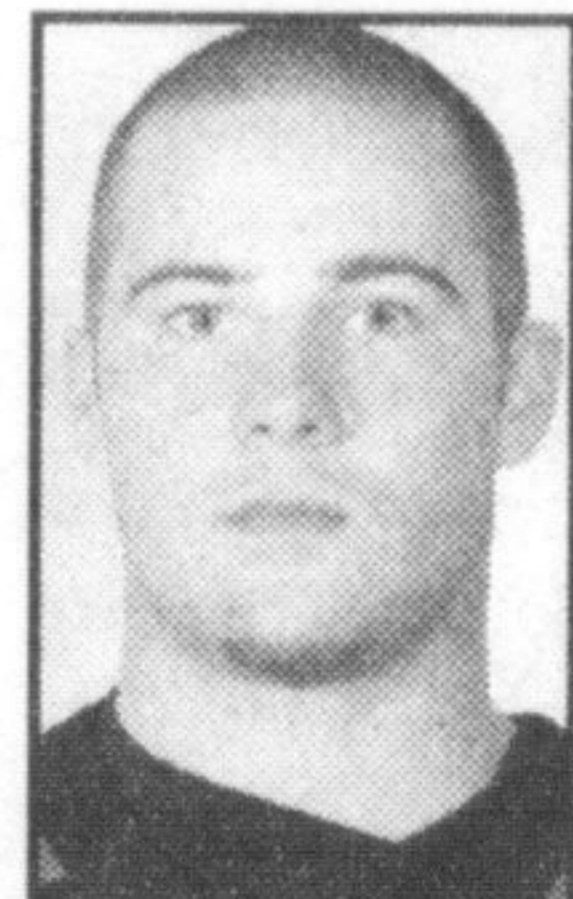
be filing stories shortly after each game, which can be viewed at www.independentfreepress.com.

The Raiders kick off the Royal Bank Cup against the host Red Wings and continue with tilts against the Atlantic champion Hawkesbury Hawks Monday evening, Western champion Portage Terriers Wednesday afternoon and Pacific champion Camrose Kodiaks Thursday afternoon.

The Royal Bank Cup semifinals and finals will be played next weekend.



Rob Sgarbossa



Dan Rogers



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