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READY TO RIDE: Elite level BMXers Tim (left) and Chris DaSilva — each ranked first in the province in their respective age groups — are gearing up for the new season. They'll enjoy a major financial shot in the arm this year through Ontario's Quest for Gold funding, a program designed to keep top athletes competing for Ontario.

lwasa-Madge golden at national trials

Kevin Iwasa-Madge finds himself in some highly select company these days, after a successful trip out west last weekend.

Going 4-0 in Sunday's national team trials in Edmonton, the 16-year-old Miltonian became only the second E.C. Drury High School wrestler to ever make the national team and the first to win the trials.

A two-time OFSAA participant, the 54 kg. Spartan reigned supreme in the cadet class punctuating his golden performance with a 2-1, 2-0 decision over Strathcona, Alberta's Nicholas Raimonelo.

That capped a day-long trend for Iwasa-Madge, whose exceptional defence resulted in just two points against him for all four victories, the first of which was over the defending national cadet champ from Regina.

With Sunday's perfect record — which gave him a team record 15 medals for the season — Iwasa-Madge will compete at July's Canada Cup in Guelph and then head to

Cuba for a training camp and series of competitions.

Equally impressive but not quite as fortunate during the juvenile championships earlier in the weekend, he finished fifth capping his efforts with a razor-thin 2-1, 2-1 triumph.

Also bringing home a national medal was recent OFSAA champ Alan Moffat, who struck silver in the 58 kg. juvenile divi-

One of the most improved wrestlers around over the past year, the 17-year-old Drury grappler wasn't quite able to truly test himself in the finals against eventual champ Vincent Cormier of New Brunswick.

Taken down awkwardly in the early stages of the match, Moffat sustained a separated shoulder and was subsequently pinned by the heavily-favoured Maritimer.

Pending a speedy recovery, as the Ontario champ and top Ontario finisher last weekend, Moffat is a leading contender to be selected to Team Ontario for the Commonwealth Championships this summer in Scotland.

He reached last weekend's final with two victories, whitewashing shutout Saskatchewan opponent in straight 6-0 decisions and then getting past Ontario's Ryan Lee 3-0, 2-0.

Rookie Bobby Fillman, 14, rounded out Drury's national championship contingent with a seventh-place showing in a highlycompetitive 42 kg. cadet class.

The OFSAA bronze medalist fell a splitsecond short of reaching the medal round, as he was awarded a third-round match-winning point secured at the buzzer against Regina's Thomas Ostepowich that was overturned by the mat judge. The decision was protested, but the Spartans' appeal was denied.

Anderson IceHawks' new coach

Excited by Milton's new development status

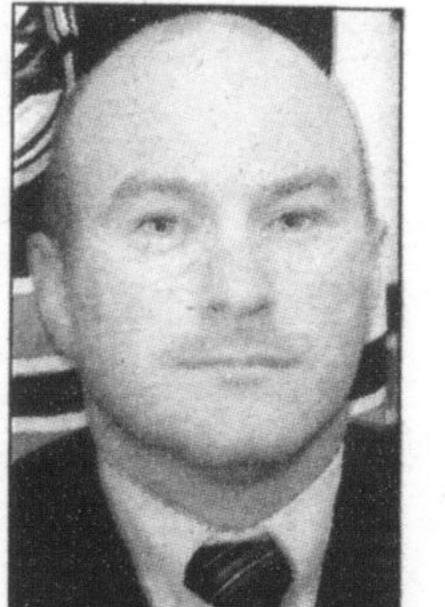
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here'll be a mighty familiar face behind the IceHawks' bench this fall.

A two-time assistant coach here in

1995-96 and 2003 - and one of the most recognizable names in the Provincial Jr. League's Western Conference — Jay Anderson is now board Milton's new head coach.

The 38-year-old



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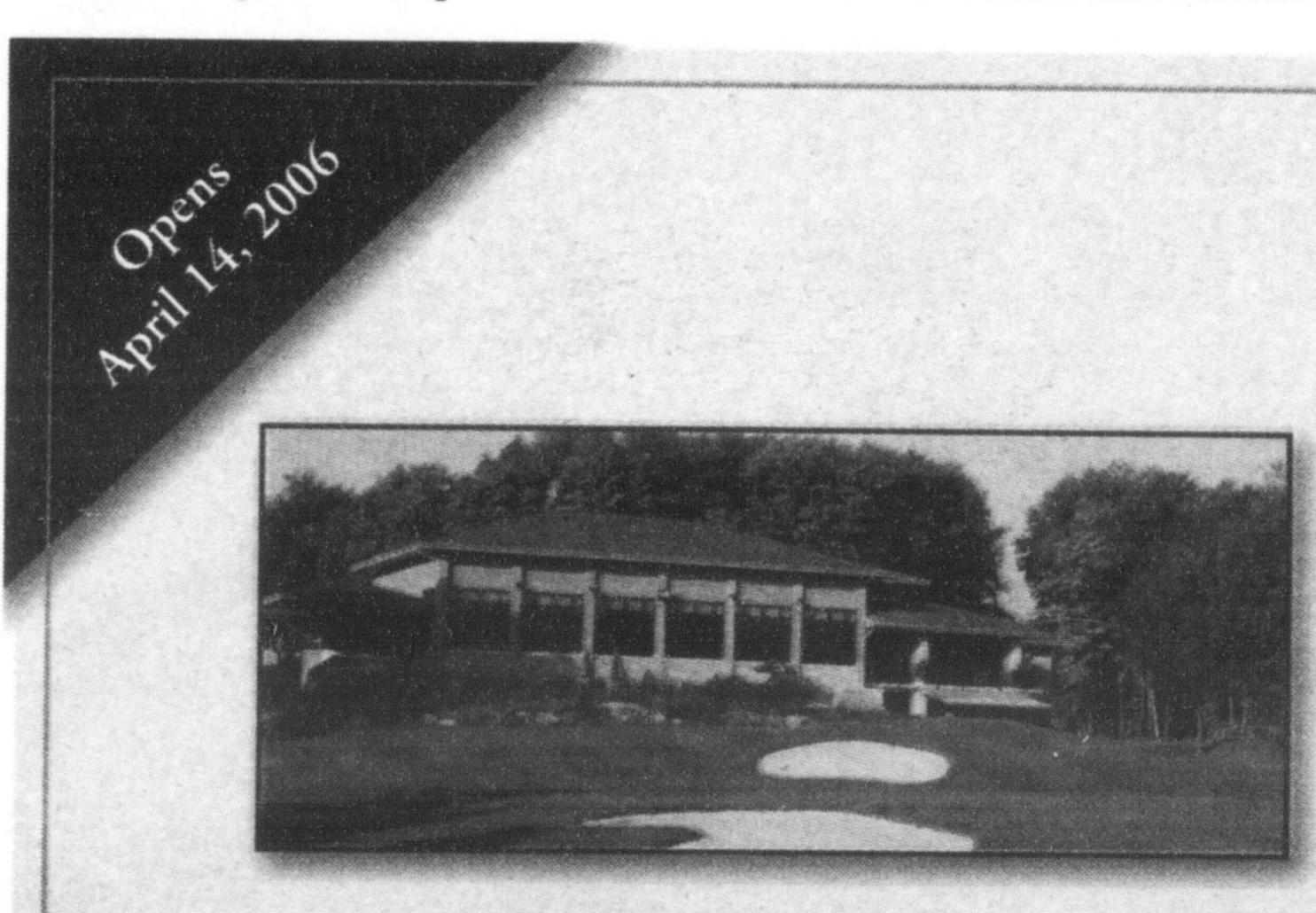
Georgetown resident — who just wrapped up a sixth stint with his hometown Raiders accepted the position Tuesday.

Just a day earlier it was announced that he'd declined to return to Georgetown. This was due to a change in rank for general manager Jack Moon - who's also parted ways with the Raiders, which as of press time were still in the process of being purchased by Campbellville's Rick Heinz.

"It feels good, I've been trying to get here (Milton) a few times," said Anderson, who's coached in the West off and on for the better part of two decades now and was the division's 2001/02 Coach of the Year — during a rather successful rebuilding period with the Oakville Blades.

Overseeing operations for Milton since their affiliation with the IceDogs announced last month, Mississauga general manager Dave Brown said with Anderson the IceHawks get a proven 'development' coach.

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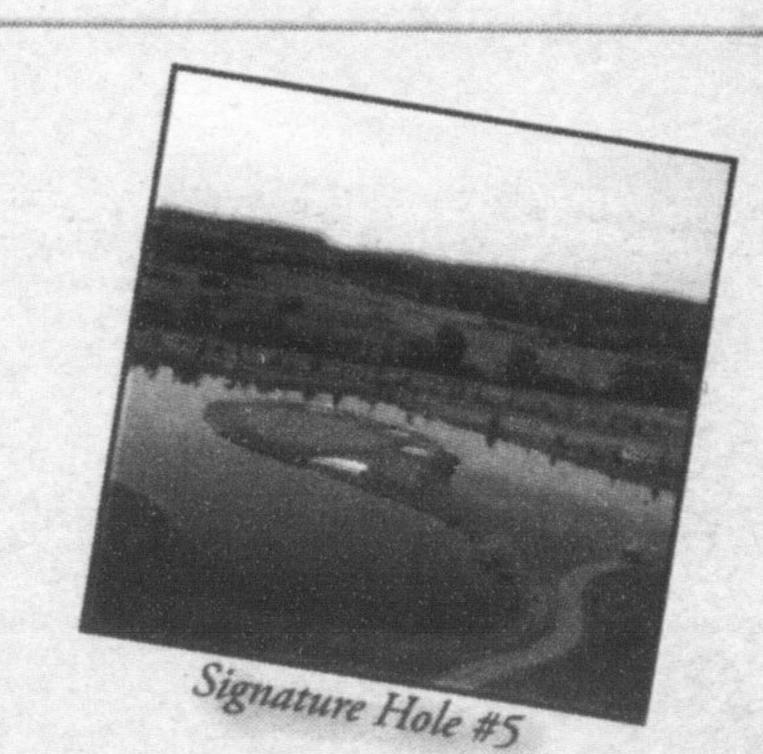
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