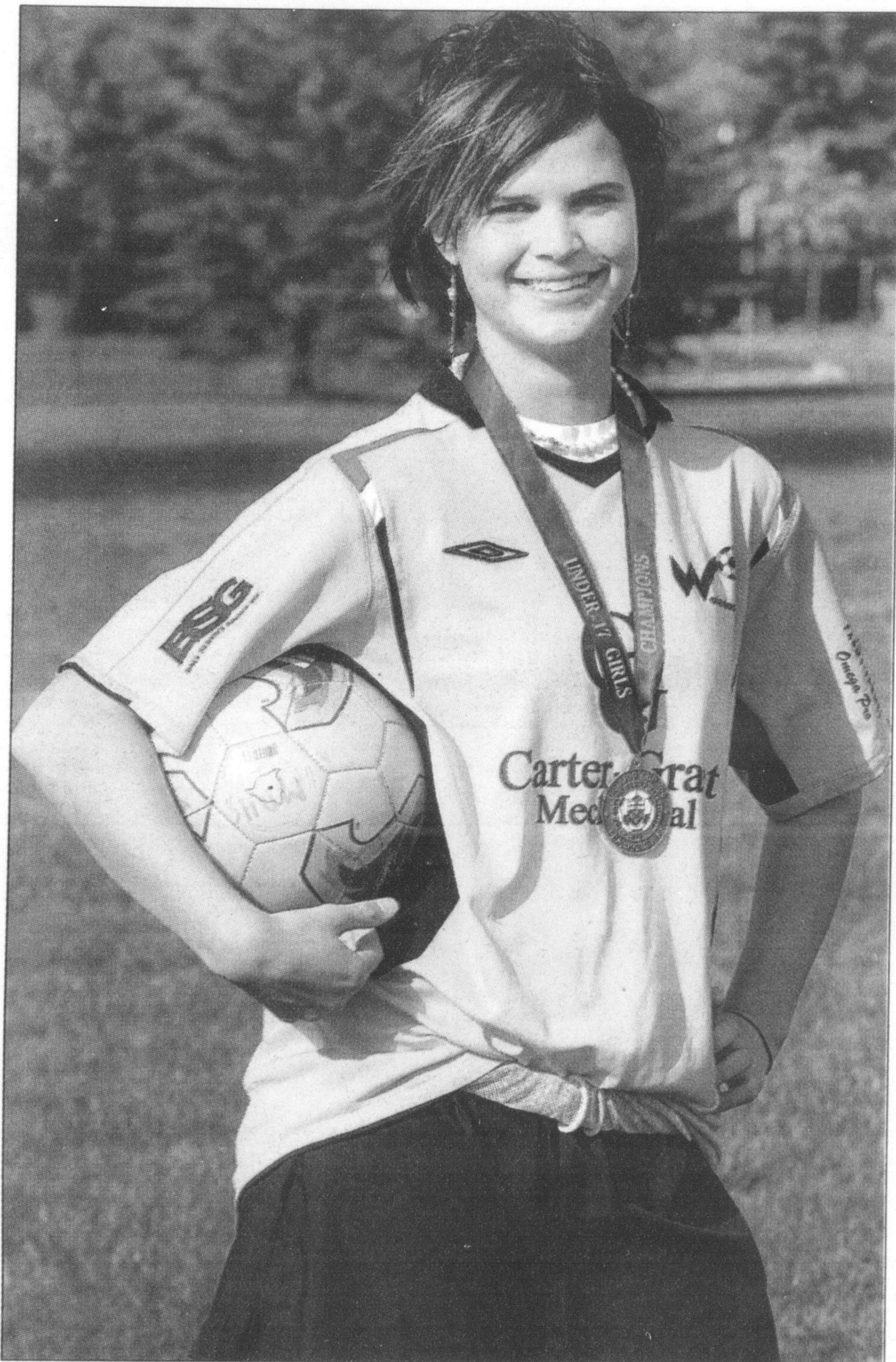


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GOLDEN GIRL: Milton District High School's Liz Clark proudly wears the gold medal she captured at the Ontario Cup championship recently in Vaughan, where she scored the only goal in her Under-17 Waterloo Hawks' 1-0 title victory over the Burlington Flash. She finished second in league scoring with 11 goals and is hoping to secure an NCAA Division 1 scholarship for next fall, with a number of schools already expressing interest.

Gleed to start year with AHL's Bulldogs

Defenceman's pro debut comes tonight at Copps

By Steve LeBlanc
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

Jon Gleed's game has gone to the 'Dogs, and he couldn't be happier about it. The 22-year-old Cornell University graduate begins his pro career tonight with the higher ranked of the two teams he could have been assigned to this fall — the American Hockey League's Hamilton Bulldogs.

A prolonged stay in steel-town remains in doubt, as the Montreal Canadiens' top farm team will be getting three defencemen back from injury sometime in the next month.

However, the Milton blueliner isn't focused on future what ifs — rather choosing to concentrate on the here and now, and in particular delivering a solid showing in front of family and friends tonight as the Bulldogs kick off 2006-07 regular-season play at Copps Coliseum against the Manitoba Moose.

Excited about tonight

"It'll be great having everyone there, but honestly I'm a little nervous about it (home opener) too," admitted Gleed, who this past summer signed a one-year (plus an option for a second), two-way deal with the Bulldogs and their East Coast Hockey League affiliate Cincinnati Cyclones.

While the six-foot-two-inch, 215 lbs. defenceman may be the beneficiary of a thinned-out blue-line these days, he's certainly done his part to crack the Bulldogs lineup.

Gleed looked awfully strong at the Canadiens' rookie camp this summer — particularly during the four-team prospects tournament, in which he was named an assistant captain. This earned him a somewhat surprising berth to their main camp, where he got into a pre-season game against Boston September 20 before being sent down to Hamilton the next day.

"That was great," he said, of competing in NHL exhibition play.

Building on that credible stretch with Montreal, Gleed has fared well thus far with the Bulldogs — particularly on the penalty kill. "I did a lot of that at Cornell and it could be my niche here, especially with all the obstruction penalties being called now," he suggested.

Pleased with Gleed's play

While not about to speculate on Gleed's chances of sticking around once the blueline is back to full strength, Hamilton assistant coach Ron Wilson said he likes what he's seen so far from Montreal's 2004 seventh round pick.

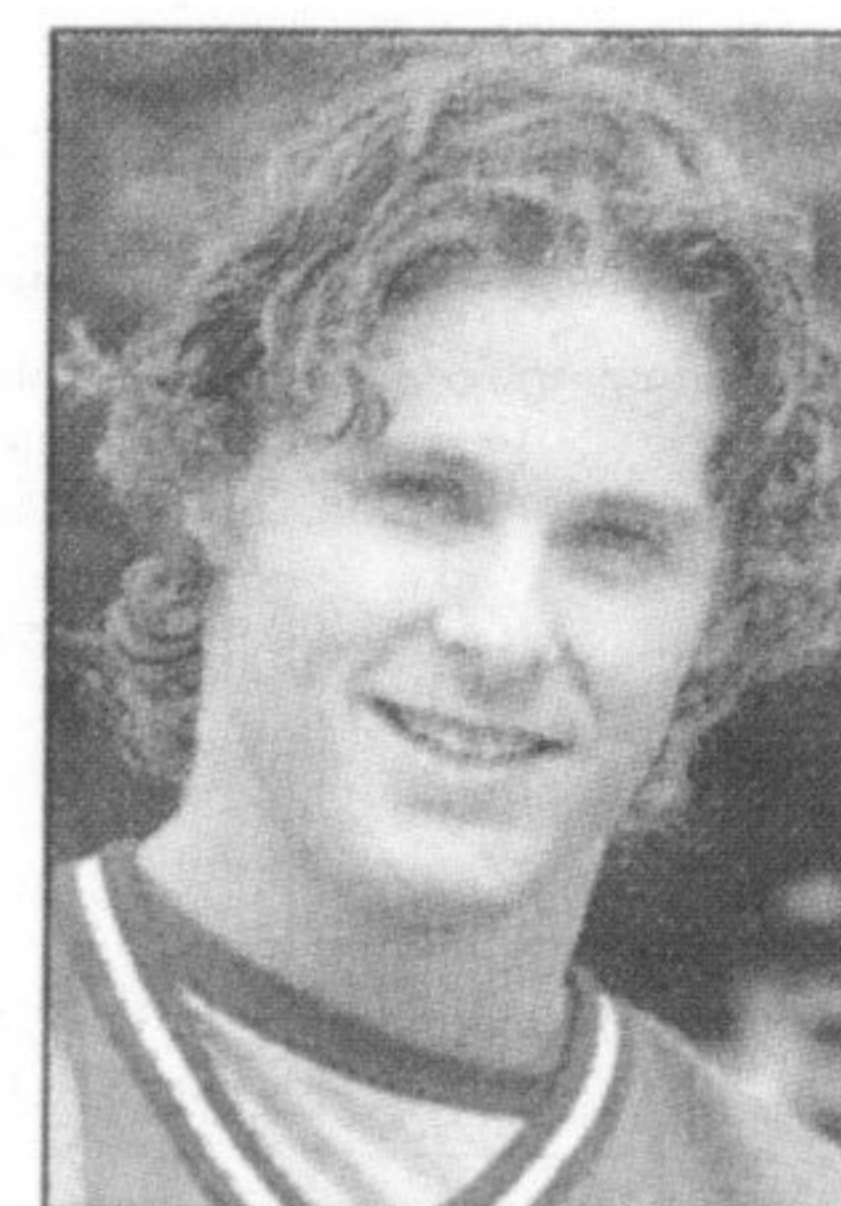
"Jon's done pretty well. He's a bit older than some of our other guys here, and it shows in how hard he works. He's not flashy or very offensive-minded, but we like the way he competes."

An assistant captain with last year's Cornell Big Red — which fell just one game short of the Frozen Four for a second straight year — Gleed said the key for him now is to just protect his own end and keep things simple. "You don't have quite as much time to react at this level. You've just got to get the puck up to the forwards quick and let them do the work," he said.

Meanwhile, fellow Miltonian Darren Haydar will also start the season in the AHL, with the Atlanta Thrashers sending him down to the Chicago Wolves last week. Playing in two pre-season games before being reassigned, the 26-year-old right winger is hoping to get a closer look from Atlanta than he did with the Nashville Predators — who never really seemed to have him on their radar.

This despite a highly-productive four-year stint with the affiliate Milwaukee Admirals that included AHL Rookie of the Year honours in 2002-03 and a Calder Cup championship win the next season, during which he led all playoff scorers with 11 goals and 15 assists. He led the Admirals to the finals again last spring with an incredible 35 points (18G, 17A), following a 92-point (35G, 57A) regular season that placed him fifth in the league points race.

Haydar and the Wolves begin the regular season tomorrow night in Peoria.



Jon Gleed

Jr. 'Stangs down LBP to stay unbeaten

Milton District's football juniors delivered another formidable attack to upstage a more formidable opponent Monday.

Not missing an offensive beat after crushing lowly Georgetown 33-0 in opening week play, the Division 2 Mustangs persevered through a seesaw battle with Burlington's Lester B. Pearson Patriots before pulling away to prevail 38-22.

While still suffering through some growing pains — most notably with regard to field assignments — the hosts proved

they'll be tough to neutralize, with four different players reaching the end-zone.

Among them was Zach Millar, who gave MD its third of four leads on the day and delivered a huge 70-plus yard run down to the goal line midway through the fourth quarter that set up quarterback Eric Cowan's touchdown punch and essentially sealed Pearson's fate.

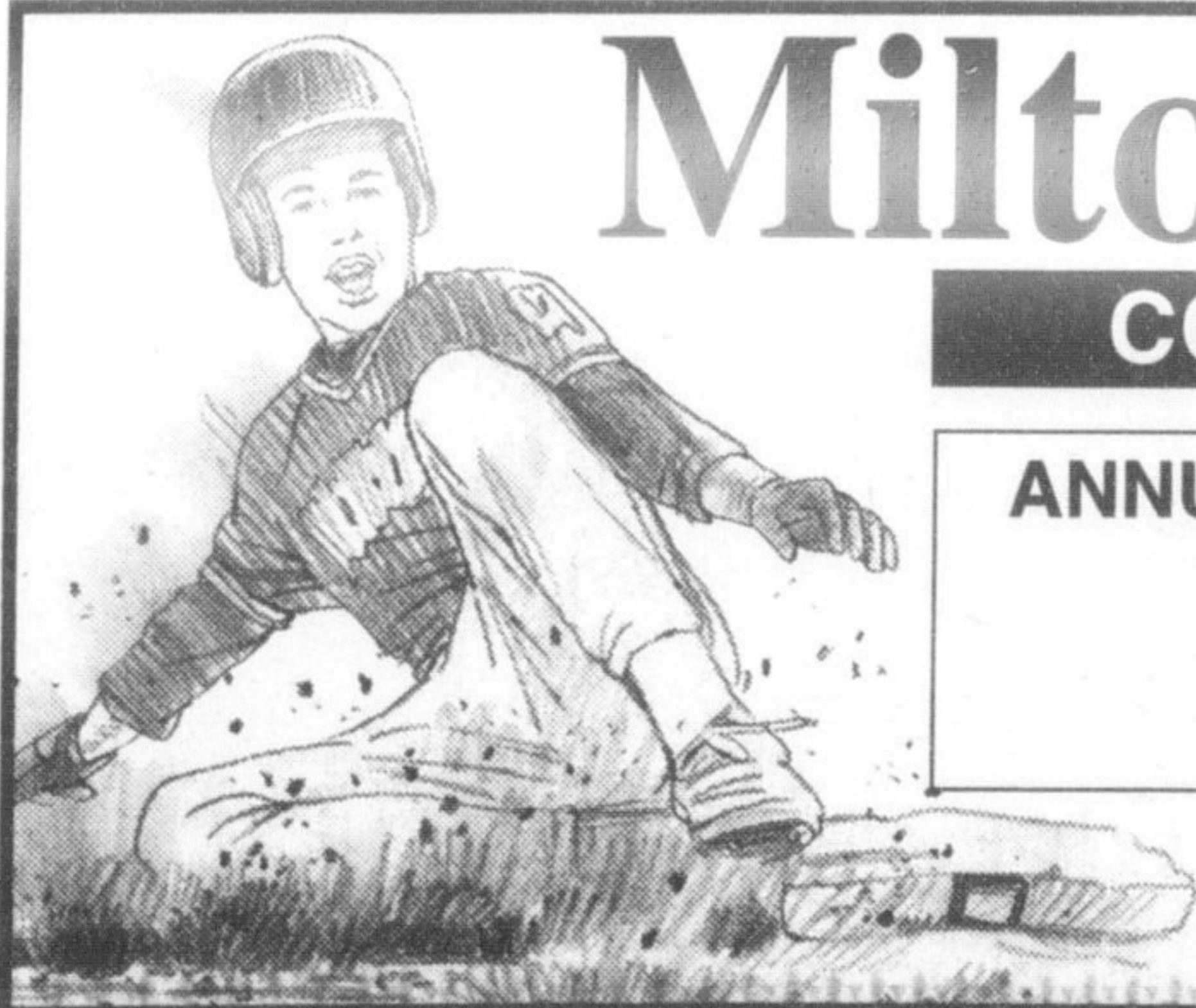
Two-way standout Jase Lavigne ran for two majors, while hauling in a lengthy over-the-shoulder pass and scampering in

for six was Jody Brooks.

The Patriots' running game was largely ineffective — due in part to a big sack and a few other key tackles by Matt Varanelli.

Without much of a kicking game to speak of, the Mustangs went for two-point conversions on all five touchdowns and made good on four of them.

MD's juniors will look to make it three in a row Tuesday, when they close out a three-game home stand against Oakville's White Oaks Wildcats, starting at 3:30 p.m.



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