

# Moffat adds to sensational season with national silver

Canada's smallest province proved to be the stage for one of Milton's biggest wrestling moments.

Earlier this month in PEI, Alan Moffat became E.C. Drury High School's only competitor to ever medal at the Canadian junior championships — and the first from town since Victor Sprenger did so for the University of Guelph in the mid '90s.

Sporting plenty of momentum from his recent OFSAA triumph — and a club tournament win the following weekend in Florida — Moffat was seeded second for the nationals, and lived up to the ranking with a silver-medal performance in the 61-kilogram division.

The two-time OFSAA champ came agonizingly close to reaching the top of the podium, giving heavy favourite Jack Bond of Strathcona all he could handle before getting pinned in the late stages of round two. This broke a scoreless stalemate, which followed a razor-thin decision for Bond in the opening round — decided by a score with just nine seconds remaining.

Moffat's trademark defensive prowess would carry him to the final.

With his second-place seeding — based on last year's silver-medal finish at the juvenile nationals — he earned a first-round bye, and from there white-washed University of Calgary's Ryan Lannon 2-0, 3-0.

That set up a much-anticipated rematch from last year's Canada Cup final with Drew Belanger of Alberta in the semifinals. Refusing to let his western adversary to exact any payback, Moffat proved to be the better wrestler once again.

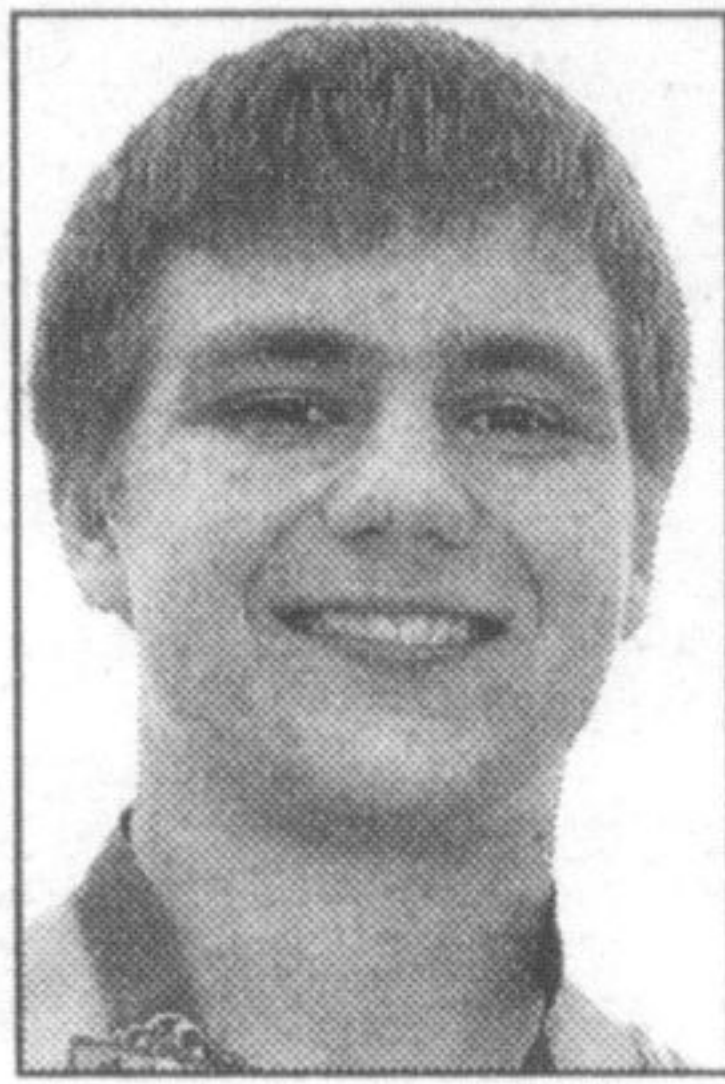
Rallying from a second-round loss to force a tiebreaker, the Spartans standout dominated the do-or-die stanza to earn a 2-0 decision and championship advancement.

With his national silver, Moffat now enjoys alternate status for Canada's National

Junior Team and also sits in good position to become a provincially-carded athlete when he continues his wrestling career at the University of Guelph in the fall. His 2006/07 season ends with 57 wins and 17 medals, which puts him among Drury's all-time career leaders in both categories.

A competitive swing through Florida and North Carolina met with favourable results for Moffat's Drury teammates, who delivered the school's best-ever showing south of the border.

E.C. was the dominant team in both freestyle and Greco competition, with Bobby Fillman and Kevin Iwasa-Madge leading the way with three golds apiece. With his triumphs, Iwasa-Madge — who along with Moffat prevailed at OFSAA — set Drury records for most medals, most golds and most wins in a season.



Alan Moffat

# Flyers win Shamrocks Classic

The peewee Flyers will have no shortage of momentum when they head into Milton's House-League Day of Champs tomorrow afternoon.

That's because the Eramosa Physiotherapy-sponsored team is fresh off a title win at last weekend's inaugural Shamrocks Classic in Hespeler — where they went undefeated and capped their title drive with a 4-1 victory over the Stoney Creek Red Wings.

Finishing off a potent tournament run, Jake Zomer delivered a hat-trick in the championship showdown, scoring Milton's first two goals and cementing the win with a final deposit midway through the third.

Dylan Laidlaw also scored in the

finals, while Spencer Lussier set up Zomer's last tally by winning a key face-off in enemy territory.

The Flyers had a stiffer challenge in the semifinals and needed some late brilliance by netminder Harry Smith — who gave up just four goals in five weekend games — to squeak by the Waterford Wildcats 2-1.

A third-period goal against cut the lead in half after Zomer and Damian Ewing put the eventual champs ahead early.

The Flyers will now look to add another piece of hardware when they face the Milton Lacrosse Sharks in the championship tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. on Milton Sports Centre's Rink B.

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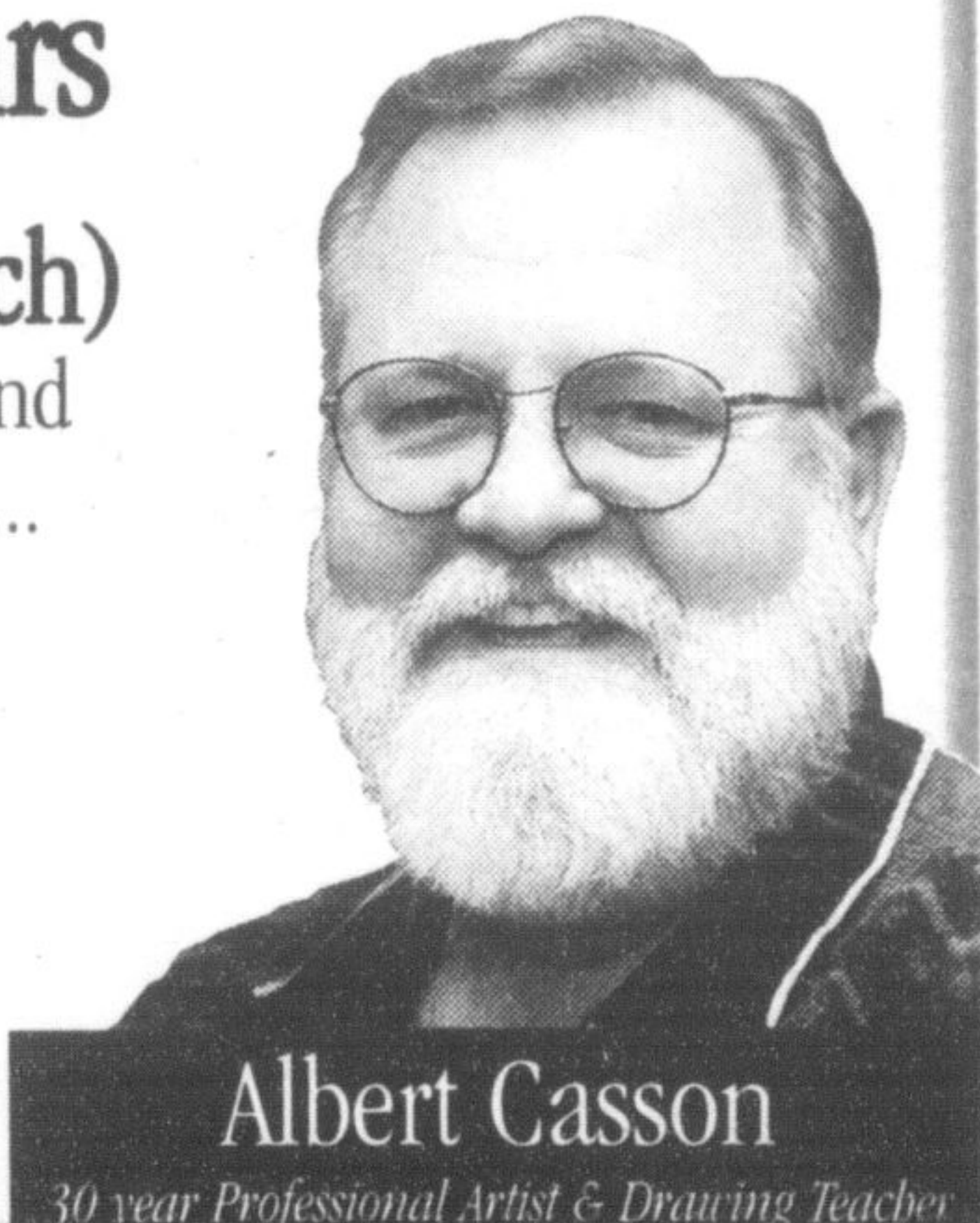


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