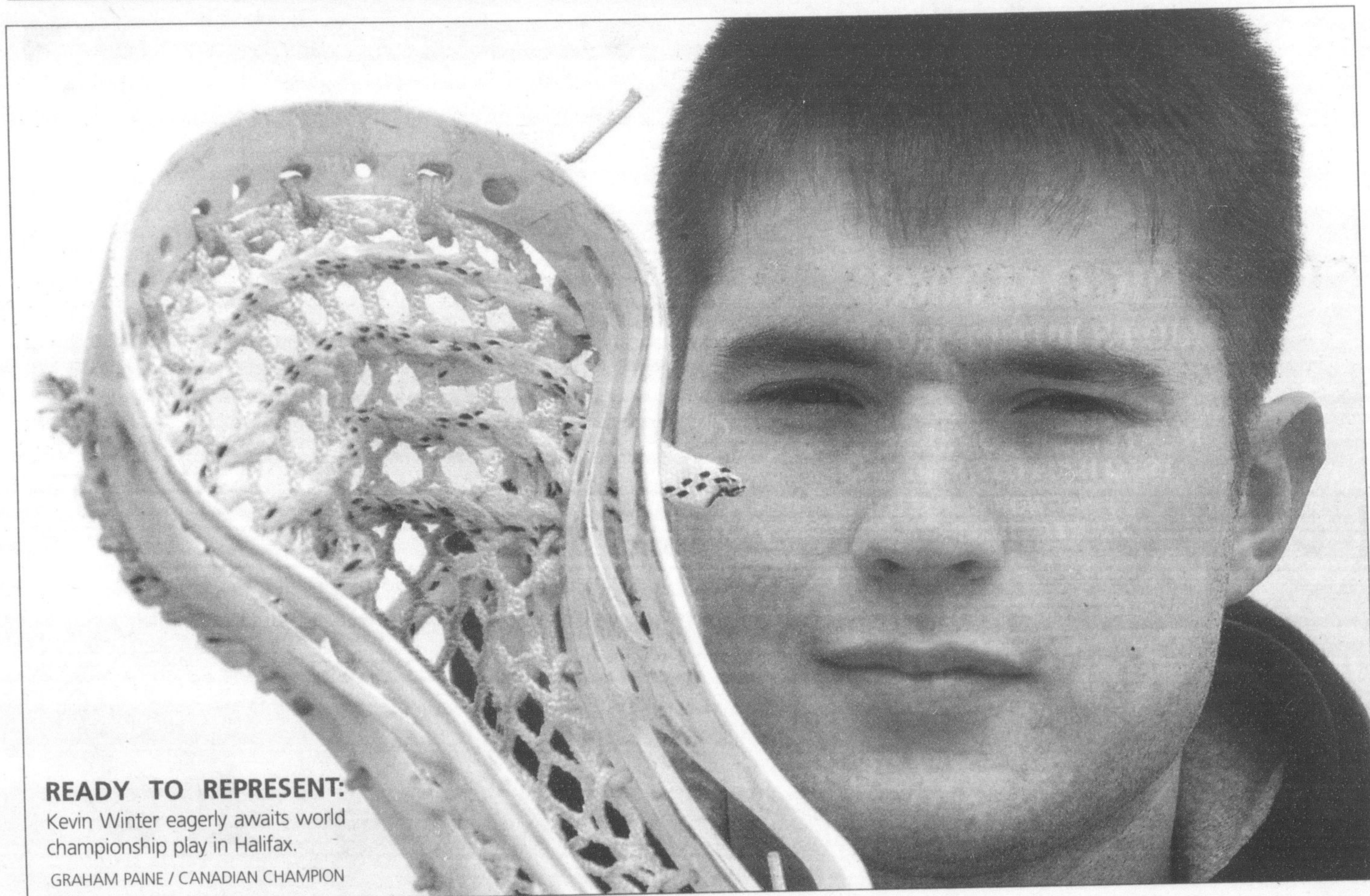


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READY TO REPRESENT:
Kevin Winter eagerly awaits world championship play in Halifax.
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Winter gearing up for lacrosse worlds

Will play for England at upcoming championships

By Pat Stubbs
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

There must be some mistake here — someone not old enough to purchase a six-pack is going to play in the world lacrosse championship with some of the globe's finest players?

After a little research it was concluded that no mistakes had been made and 18-year-old Miltonian Kevin Winter would indeed be part of next month's international showcase, competing for England.

A grade 12 student at Bishop Reding Secondary School, Winter has been playing lacrosse as long as he has been going to school. And all that experience seems to be

paying off.

Recently chosen to play for England, he'll fly to London near the end of the month to meet his teammates at a last-minute training camp before heading off to Halifax for the worlds, which England will kick off May 14 with a showdown against Iroquois. Needless to say, the next several weeks will test his stamina as much as his skill.

English scouts haven't actually seen Winter play, but he's obviously received enough endorsement from his Canadian lacrosse coaches — who aren't the only ones singing his praises.

"He's extremely mature. He's doing well academically. He's not a rock-head," said Bishop Reding athletic director Joe Jurus,

who coaches Winter on the football field. "He deserves everything he gets because he's a big part of our athletic community."

Winter is a starting offensive lineman and defensive end on the gridiron. He toiled with Burlington's Jr. A lacrosse team last year, following a lengthy tenure within his hometown Mavericks' minor rep system.

To say the least, competing for England provides an exciting chapter to his ongoing athletic career. "Every time I watch lacrosse on TV it's the same guys that I'll be playing against so, yeah, I'm a bit nervous. It will be a great experience," said Winter.

His eligibility for the English squad comes from the fact that his parents emigrated to Canada in 1976.

Once done high school, Winter hopes to study kinesiology at university — and is still eyeing a lacrosse scholarship.

Oh, so close!

Price's Eagles edged in D1 national finals

By Steve LeBlanc
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

A year ago — almost to the day — Matt Price tuned in to watch his soon-to-be Boston College Eagles get eclipsed 2-1 by Wisconsin in the NCAA Division 1 finals.

At the time, the 18-year-old Miltonian could only imagine the agony of coming that close to a national championship, only to fall short.

The speedy winger need wonder no longer, with his Eagles being edged by the Michigan State Spartans 3-1 Saturday evening in St. Louis, Missouri in the Frozen Four finale.

Losing the title game would have been tough enough to swallow, but the fact that the game winner came with a mere 18.9 seconds remaining made it all the more difficult to chock down.

"It's hard to explain just how heart-breaking this is," the Boston College freshman said Sunday afternoon — the sting of the previous night's defeat still all too fresh. "You work the whole season toward this and to come that close and know you could have done it, it hurts. It's tough to put into words."

Add in a few other factors — like the Eagles going into the national champi-

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