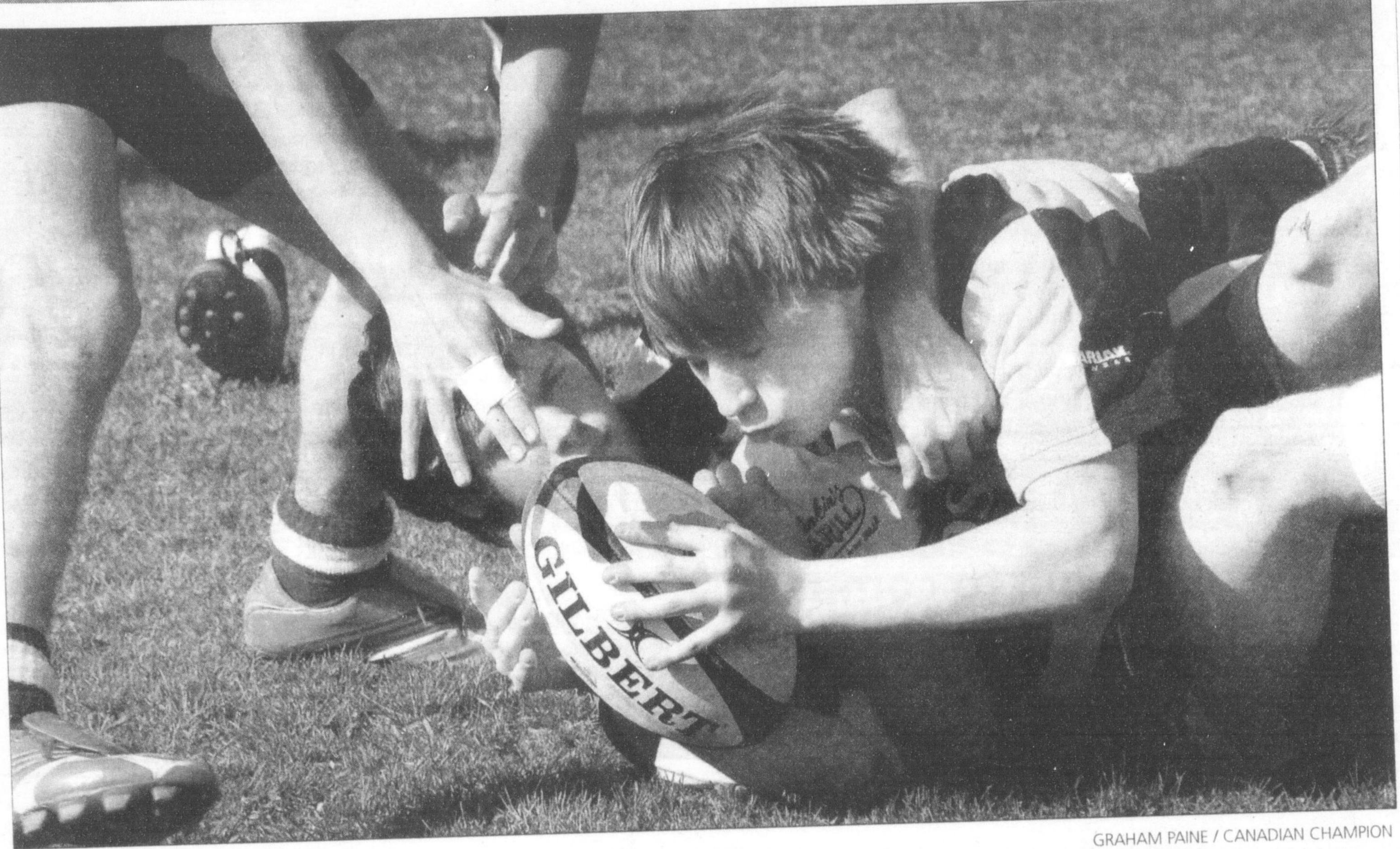
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CLOSE-QUARTERS COMBAT: Milton District's Bill Wilkinson (bottom) fights for ball control against a pair of Cathedral defenders during Tuesday's senior boys rugby game at E.C. Drury High School. The Hamilton visitors prevailed 25-0.

Jr. Sox hoping to step things up in '07

Experience should be key to improvement, says Turner

By Steve LeBlanc CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

lenn Turner has been around long enough to appreciate the value of experience. With that in mind, at least some of the optimism the seasoned skipper held in reserve last spring \ regarding his Junior Red Sox is starting to find its way to the surface.

"We had talent, but we were an awfully young team last year. About half the team was still midget age," said Turner, who along with returning assistants Rick McTrach and Frank Hume will lead Milton into season-opening

play Sunday afternoon. "With a year under everyone's belt now, we should be better."

The Red Sox's manager holds particularly high hope for progress at the plate - an area where the 2006 lineup was mediocre at times and almost nonexistent at others.

"Yeah our hitting was certainly sporadic. That's the one part of our game that will likely improve the

Turner looks to former New Brunswick provincial team member Adam Aubie — who joined the local squad after moving to town

Recently occupied with high school badminton, Lee Mathé should help fuel Milton's hitting efforts as well - having started to come into his own in that regard late last year.

Along with added experience, Turner believes this year's team should benefit from an 'addition-by-subtraction' scenario - or more simply, a slimmed-down lineup.

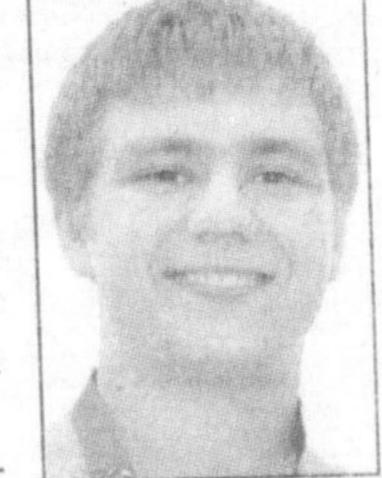
He admits that with a hefty two dozen players on the 2006 roster, keeping everyone active — and subsequently sharp — proved to be more than a little difficult. That shouldn't be much a problem this year, with the ranks cut back to 18.

One addition Turner has made is the recent acquisition of rural Miltonian Ryan Waller, a six-foot-four-inch, 200-pound pitcher who

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Wrestler earns spot on national jr. team

Having already thrived on the provincial and national stage this year, the only thing left for Alan Moffat to do is enjoy a little international success.



E.C. Drury's star wrestler will have the Alan Moffat opportunity to do exactly that next month in Maracaibo, Venezuela -

where he'll be part of the Pan-American Championships.

The 61-kilogram division standout was recently named to Canada's Under-20 junior team, becoming the first-ever local grappler to do so. He's also just the third Miltonian to be selected for any national wrestling squad, following Chris Denich and Kevin Iwasa-Madge, who made the cadet cut in 1994 and last year respectively.

Moffat's addition to the national junior ranks is the culmination of a stellar series of achievements over the past 15 months, the most recent of which was a silver-medal showing at the Canadian junior championships in P.E.I.

That came only two weeks after the 12th grader captured his second

straight OFSAA gold.

While new to the national team picture, Moffat did enjoy some international experience — and prosperity last year, when as the top Canadian performer he earned bronze at both the Commonwealth Youth Championships in Scotland and the Scottish Open.

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