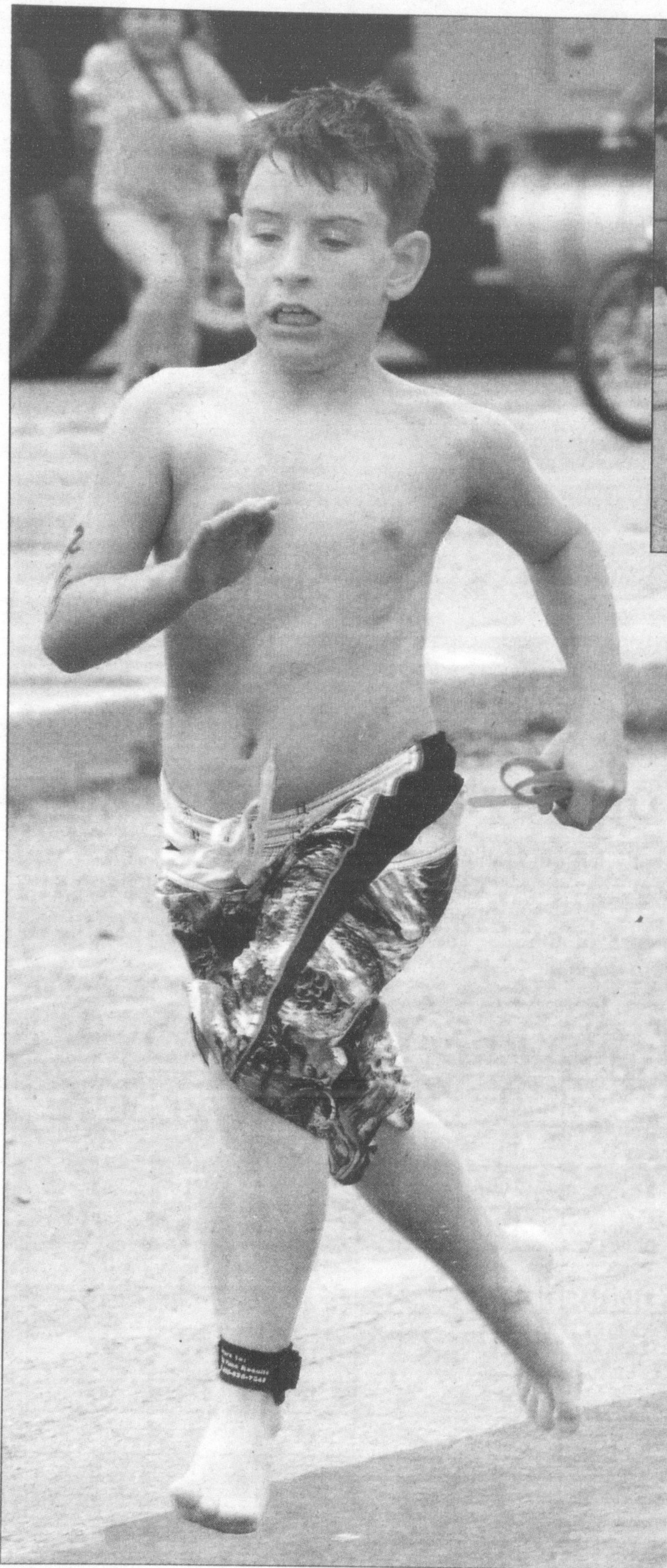


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**ON THE MOVE:** At left, 10-year-old Quinn Shoreman races into the transition area after completing the swim portion of Saturday's Kids of Steel triathlon at Milton Leisure Centre. Above, Ally Govier, 10, heads on to the bike portion of the race. Below, six-year-old Jake Greenfield of Milton dries off while on the way to retrieving his bike. Michael O'Shea was the top local finisher, placing fifth in the six-and-seven-year-old division, while just one spot back in the eight and nine-year-old loop was fellow Miltonian Oscar Fisher.

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## Sr. Sox secure first Eliminations victory

*But Moore not thrilled with overall effort in Windsor*

By Steve LeBlanc  
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

George Moore wouldn't go so far as to use the word disappointed when surmising about his Senior Red Sox's efforts at last weekend's Ontario 'A' Eliminations in Windsor.

After all, Milton did come away with its first 'A' Elimination victory in only its second appearance — something a number of COBA counterparts have taken much longer to accomplish.

Be that as it may, the Red Sox's manager wasn't exactly overjoyed with last Friday's 5-4 squeaker, given that it came against an opponent they see all the time — and under less than fundamentally-sound circumstances. "It would have been nice to beat someone else. Yeah we got our first win at eliminations, but am I satisfied — no," said Moore, referring to a rather ugly second-round victory over the Oakville As.

Not immune to what was a largely sub-par defensive weekend by the 20-team field, Milton committed a highly-uncharacteristic eight errors in its first two games, three against its neighbouring rivals.

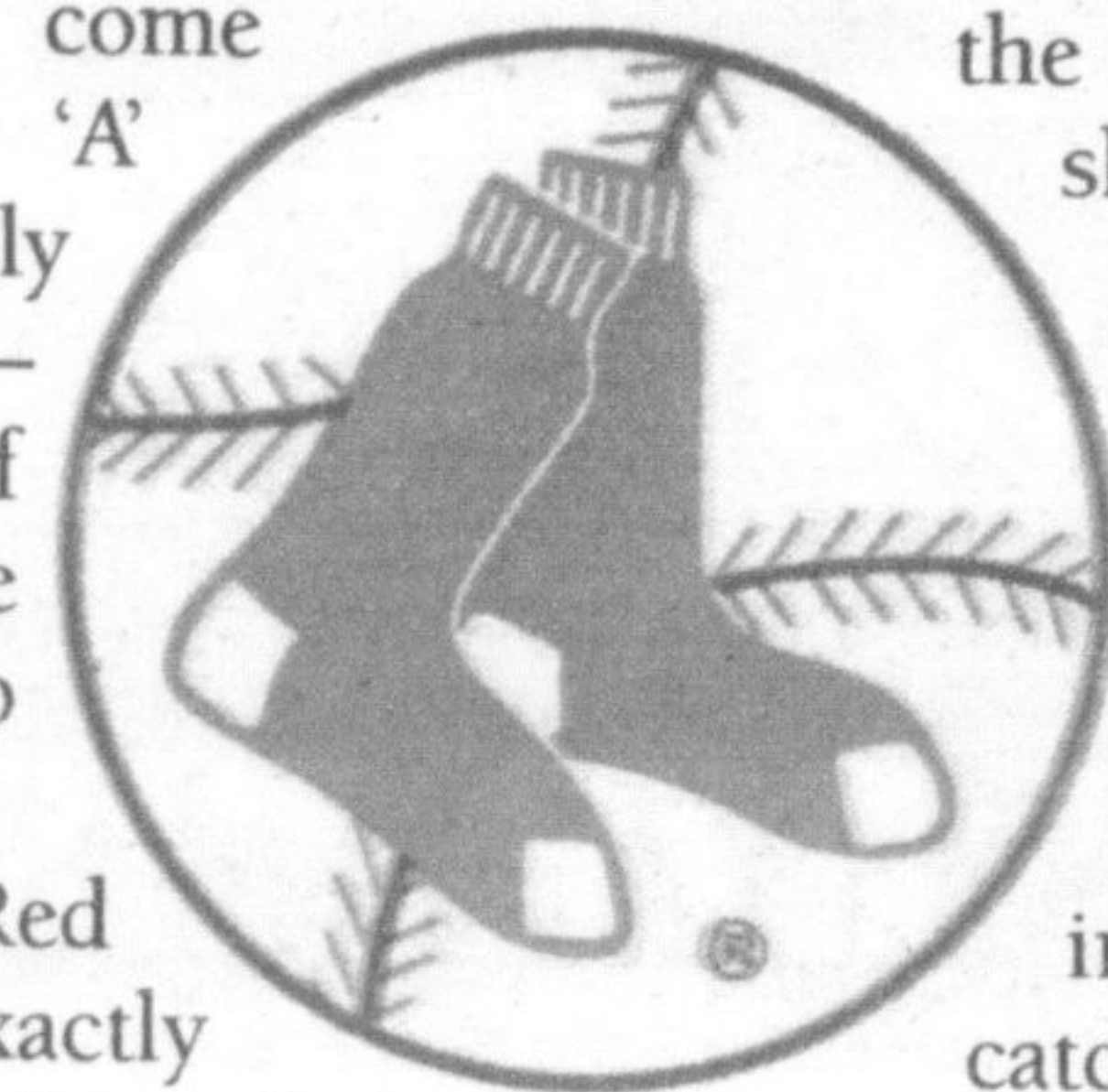
And with a rather modest five hits in round two, the short-staffed Red Sox needed a solid complete-game performance from Adam Finkbeiner and some clutch at-bats by hobbled slugger Jeff MacLeod to eke out the victory and stay

alive in the double-knockout tournament.

Setting the stage for Kevin Cooper's game-winning RBI in the bottom of the seventh — with Taylor Lawton cashed in on a two-out single — MacLeod delivered a two-run single and two-run double in the third and fifth respectively to put Milton in position to win.

Steve Lauzen went 2-for-3, while Finkbeiner had six strikeouts in the narrow win, holding Oakville to just one earned run on five hits and a pair of walks.

While eliminated a few hours later by the Thornhill Reds, Moore viewed the 3-2 loss as his team's best showing of the weekend — and for good reason.



Rediscovering their sharp fielding, the Red Sox made just one error and managed a tournament-high seven hits — including two by young catcher Curt Davies. He and older brother Reese drove in the runs to erase an early deficit before the Reds squeaked by in the final frame.


Cooper, MacLeod, Kurt Mitchell and Matt McCandless had the other hits.

Seeing his second start in as many days — with the pitching staff a little light, due to work commitments — Tyler Wilson distanced himself from a shaky first round with a rock-solid complete game to give Milton a legitimate shot at advancing to Saturday.

He was taken out early in day-one action against co-host Windsor Athletic Association, which capitalized on a handful of errors to outdistance the Red Sox 7-4.

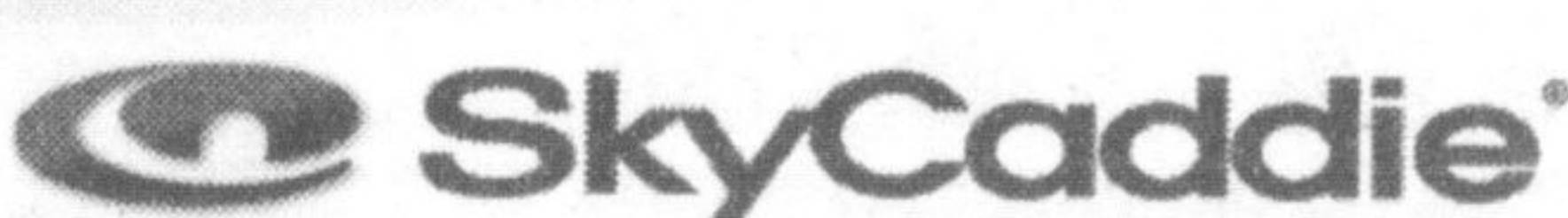
Ian Zettle was fairly credible over the next six-and-two-third innings, while Mitchell had two of Milton's five hits in the tournament opener.

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