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Another stellar year for local athletes

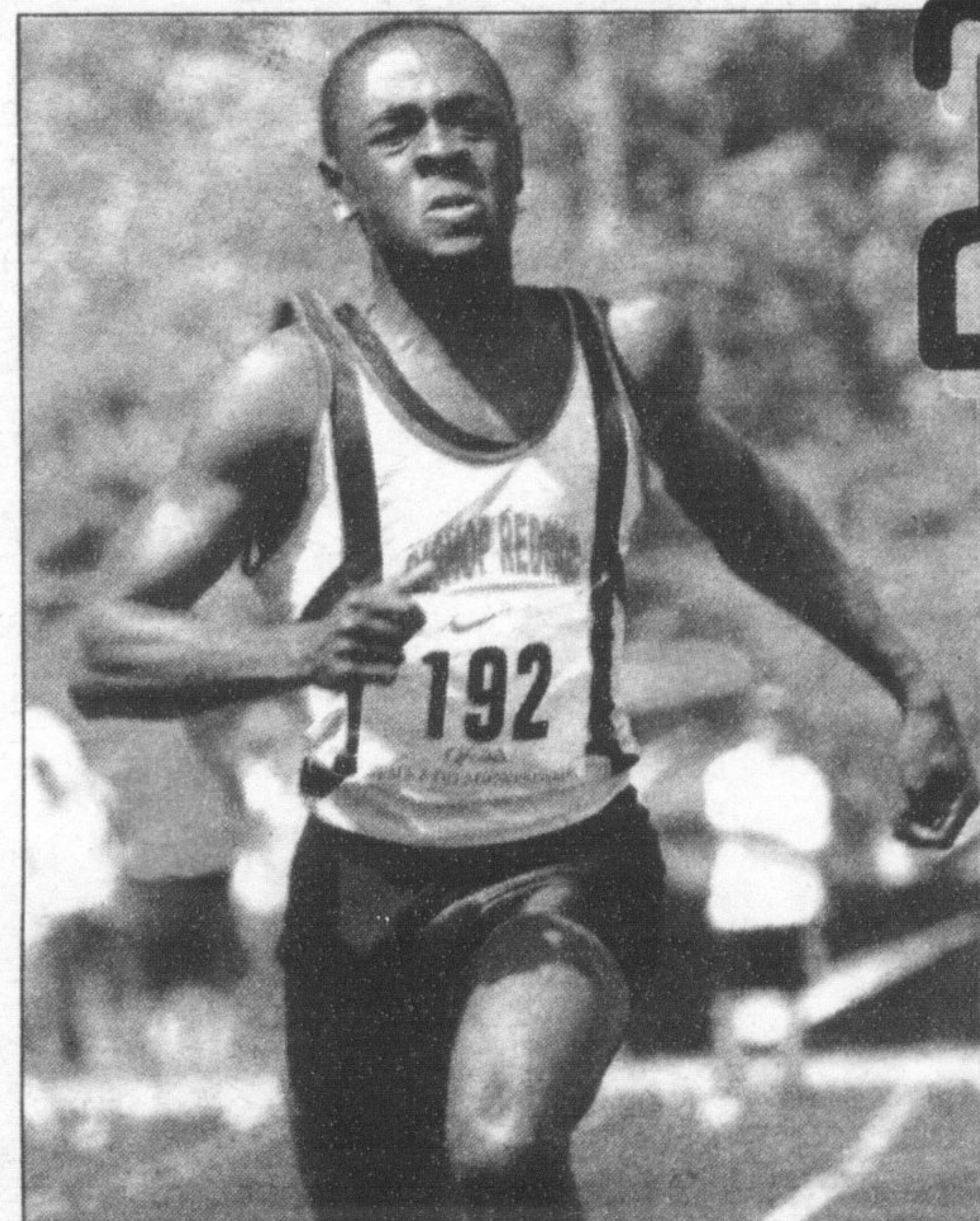
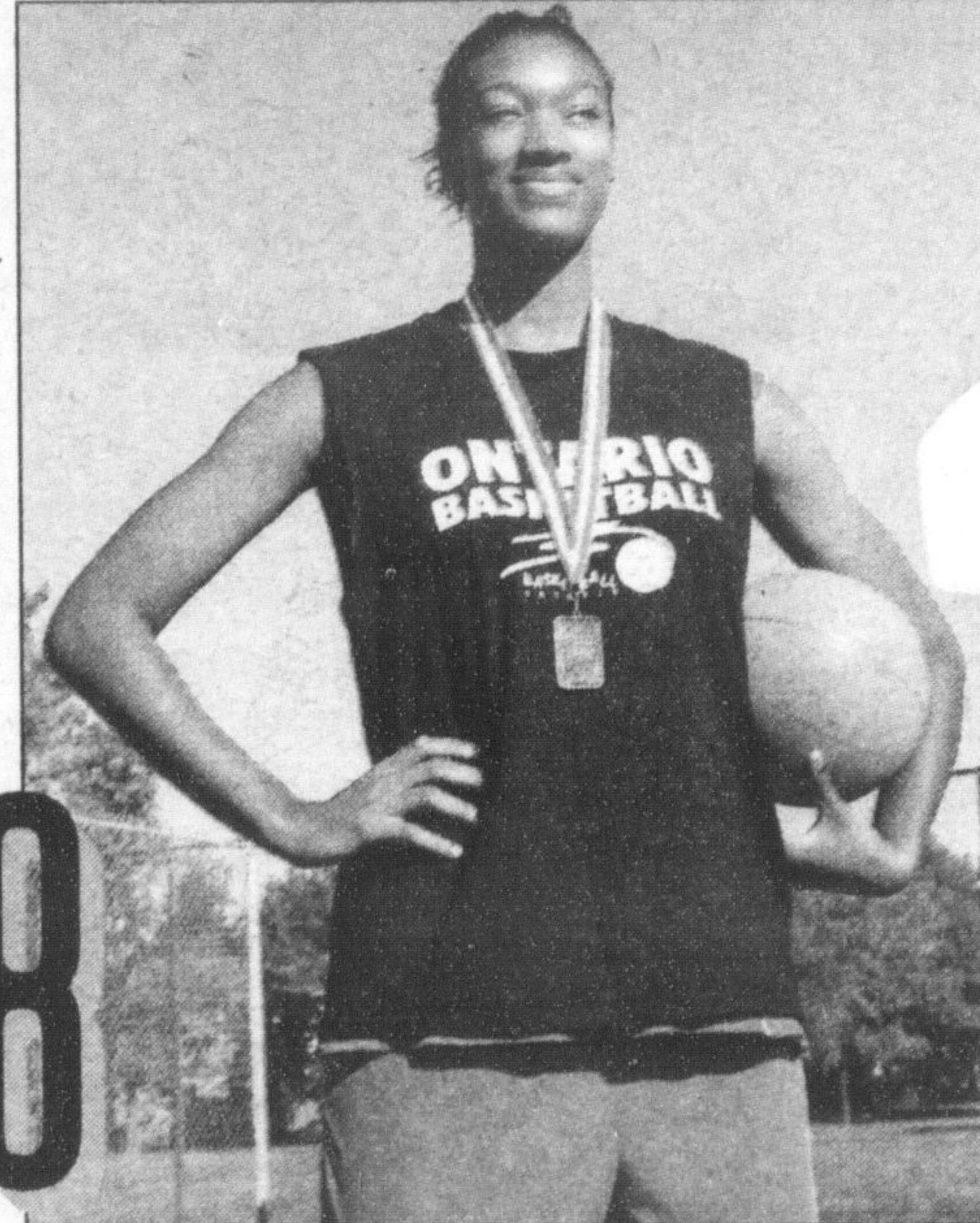
It was another sensational year for athletes in Milton. Local teams and individuals shone throughout the region, province, country and even the world. Here are the top 20 sports stories — in chronological order (as much as possible) — from 2008, with apologies to those who earned distinction but were not included.

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 Harness racing trainer Blair Burgess and his prized pupil, Tell All, won O'Brien Awards. Burgess beat out Cambridge's Casie Coleman for Standardbred Canada's Trainer of the Year honour, while Tell All — coming off a championship-rich season that included North America Cup and Little Brown Jug victories — took the three-year-old pacing colt award and shared Horse of the Year honours with two-year-old pacing sensation Somebeachsomewhere.

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 Eric Scarffe made his OFSAA swimming debut a golden one, eclipsing Mayfield's David Murray by a 10th of a second with a personal best 27.01s to win the junior boys 50m freestyle at the Etobicoke Olympium. The 15-year-old's triumph highlighted Milton District's largest OFSAA contingent — seven swimmers — in recent memory.

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 The Madd Dawgs minor bantam girls struck OBA gold for a second straight year, this time going undefeated in the Division 4 ranks. They clinched the title with a 34-18 decision over Hamilton's Blessed Sacrament.

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 Local wrestlers continued to pin down high-stakes success at every turn. Among this year's highlights were a silver-medal team finish at OFSAA for the E.C. Spartans — powered by individual golds by



2008

In Review



Clockwise from top left, E.C. Drury wrestlers Kevin Iwasa-Madge and Bobby Fillman, basketball star Kayla Alexander, field hockey netminder Lexi Kennedy and track and field standout Wayndale Bennett were among Milton's 2008 standouts.

Kevin Iwasa-Madge and Bobby Fillman — a victory at the world junior championships in Turkey for Iwasa-Madge, Canadian Interuniversity Sport bronze for Alan Moffat and silvers at the Cadet Pan-Am Championships (in El Salvador) and Commonwealth Youth Games (in India) for Duncan Moffat.

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 Canada's seasoned field hockey netminder, Sarah Forbes, had a bitersweet exit from international competition. While named top

goalie at the six-team last chance Olympic qualifier in Victoria, the Canadians fell far short of a berth.

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 Having tasted the agony of NCAA championship defeat one year earlier, speedy sophomore left winger Matt Price was part of a Boston College Eagles team that clinched the title in Denver, Colorado — downing Notre Dame 4-1. Establishing himself as a key part of the Eagles' shutdown unit, the 19-year-old was the first Miltonian to win a Division 1

championship since Craig Brush did so with Cornell in 1970.

...
 Milton's power tumblers enjoyed an impressive year. Meghan Hefford delivered golden performances on consecutive weekends — winning the 13-to-17-year-old Youth Women division at Elite Canada in Kamloops, B.C. and then reigning supreme at the provincial championships in Toronto. From there she'd lead a local trio with yet another gold, this time at the nationals in

Calgary. Meanwhile, Teja Durante debuted with the Canadian Senior team with a silver-medal performance at the Pan American Championships for trampoline and tumbling in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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 Making an immediate impact on the NCAA Division 3 softball scene, Sarah Fredricks led New York State's Keuka College in just about every offensive category en route to grabbing North Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Year honours — quite impressive for a freshman.

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 Joey Melo was named to Canada's Under-20 soccer team for a much-anticipated rematch with six-time FIFA U-20 World Cup champion Argentina at BMO Field in Toronto. A second-year member of the Toronto FC reserves, the 19-year-old midfielder played about half of the game and helped the Canadians to a 1-1 draw.

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 Closing out a highly-decorated hockey career on a golden note, defensive stalwart Mark Couture helped his Ontario Stars reign supreme at the Canadian Deaf Hockey Championships. This marked the third national title for the 39-year-old Miltonian, who also won two world championships with Team Canada.

...
 Making his third appearance at the high school provincial championships, track and field standout Wayndale Bennett finally realized his goal of securing an OFSAA medal in Hamilton, out-stepping Toronto's Dushane Farrier at the line to claim bronze in the senior boys 200m. His 21.95-second finish gave Bishop Reding its first Ontario track medal since 2002.

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