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Ed does it again!

Now 80, Whitlock breaks yet another age-class world record in Rotterdam

Ed Whitlock has spent decades racing his way into the international spotlight, yet has never felt entirely comfortable being the centre of attention.

Such is the paradox that defines Milton's ageless wonder, who chases away praise with nearly as much gusto as he chases down world records.

Even a low-key reception at Ned Devine's Wednesday evening — put on by the Milton Runners in recognition of his latest marathon milestone — leaves the just-turned 80-year-old runner embarrassed.

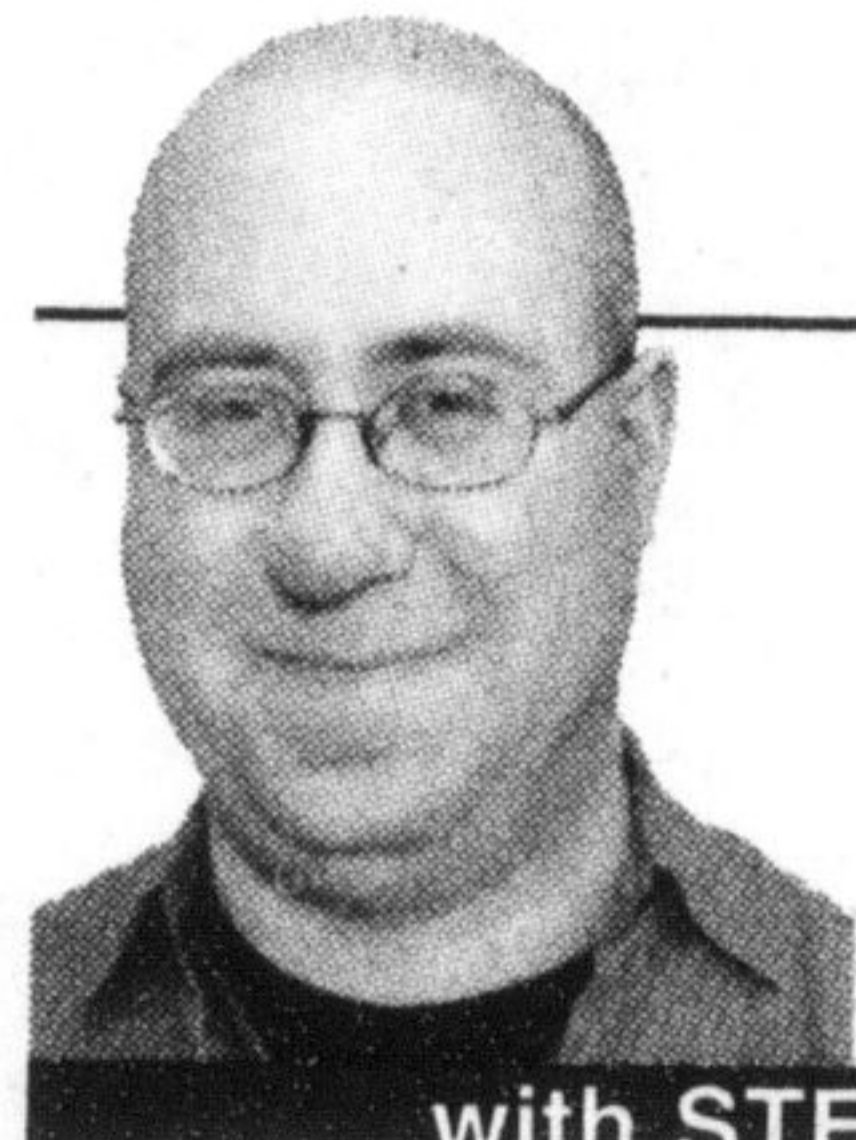
Appreciative, but embarrassed.

"I thought I gave implicit instructions not to get me anything (gift)," said Whitlock, having recently returned from Rotterdam (The Netherlands), where he set a new 80-and-over world marathon record with a time of 3:25.40 — shattering the old benchmark by Australian Robert Horman (in 1998) by close to 14 minutes.

Sitting down for an interview earlier in the night, the highly-accomplished racer — who might need less time to run his next marathon than to list out all of his world and national records — said he definitely gets an inner satisfaction from his ongoing success.

However, the notoriety and admiration that accompanies it can make him feel somewhat uneasy.

Asked if he doesn't give himself enough credit for all he's achieved in the world of distance running, the



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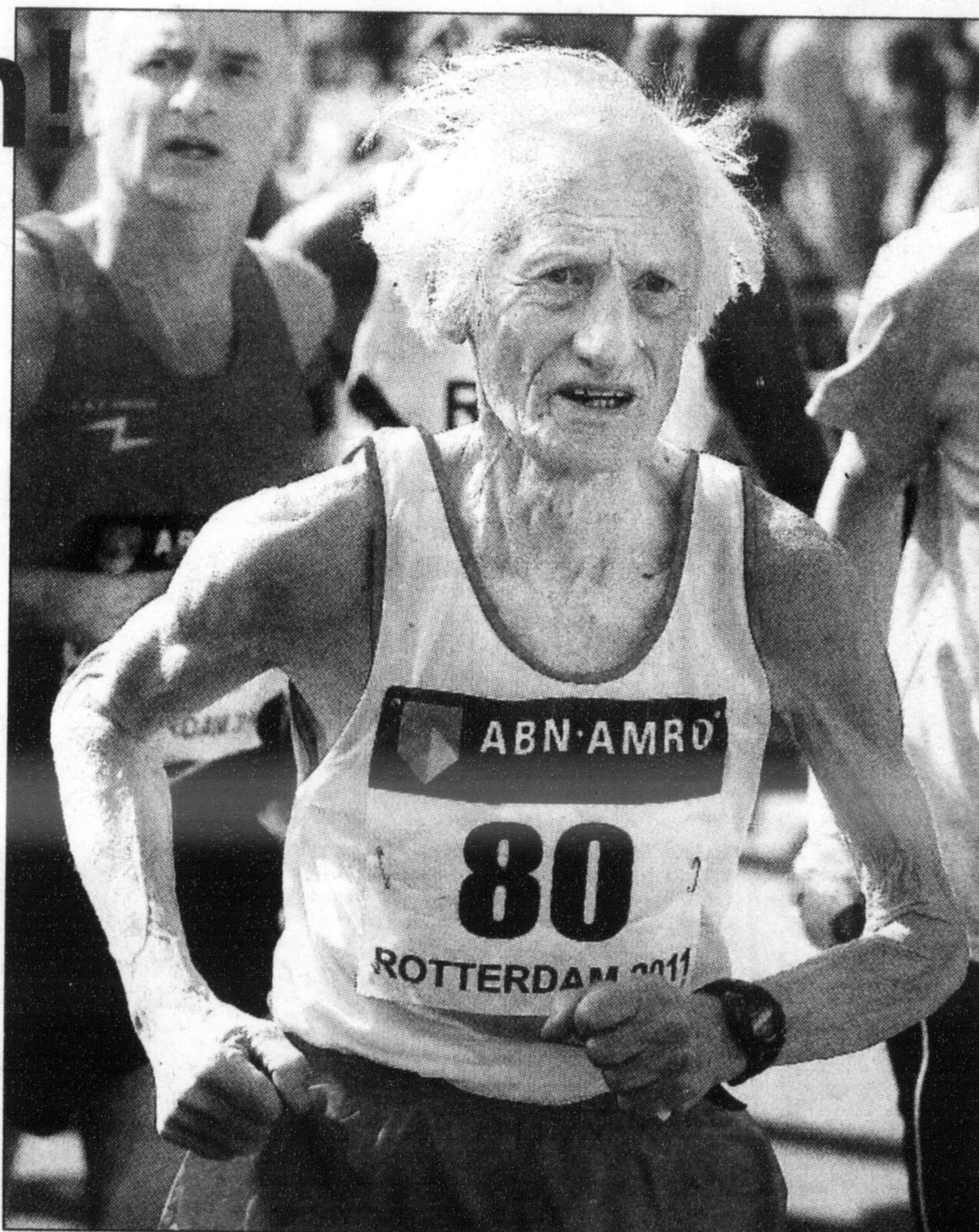
In the stands

soft-spoken Englishman flashes a humble smile that's nearly as distinctive as his flowing shock of white hair.

"I get embarrassed when people say they're inspired by me. I have difficulty relating to that."

Be that as it may, it's awfully tough — especially for people like the Runners, who fittingly enough presented him with a new kettle and some tea — not to view Whitlock as a huge source of inspiration.

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NO HOLDING HIM BACK: Ed Whitlock races to his latest world record. PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN DE PATER

Oh, so close

Horvat, Huntsville outlasted in final of Dudley Hewitt Cup

Dane Horvat got close enough to taste Ontario Jr. A hockey supremacy.

But in the end, he and the Huntsville Otters had to swallow a bitter pill of championship defeat — getting outdistanced 5-3 by the Wellington Dukes Saturday in the finals of the Dudley Hewitt Cup.

Hosting this year's tournament, the Otters — captained by 21-year-old Horvat — edged Wellington 3-2 in overtime Thursday to cap a 3-0 round-robin and earn a bye to the finals.

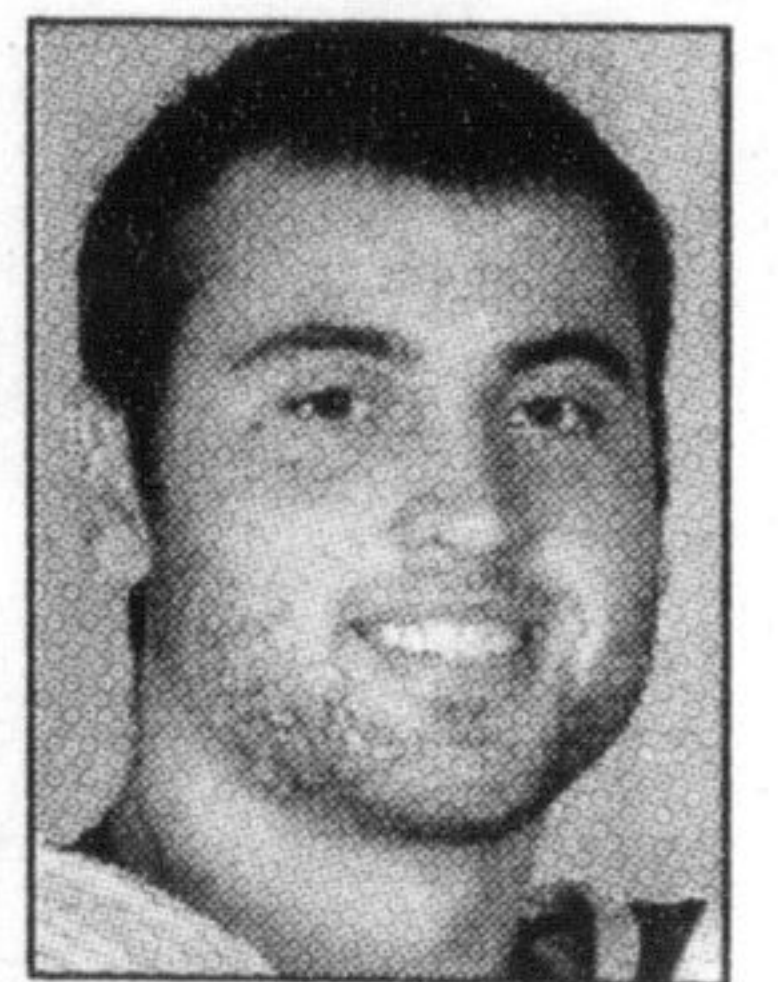
Despite this — and the fact that the Dukes needed four rounds of overtime to dispatch the Soo Eagles in Friday's semifinals — Huntsville didn't quite have enough for the championship rematch.

The Otters erased three one-goal deficits in the first two periods before being vanquished.

Horvat assisted on a third-period equalizer — helping set the stage for the overtime winner — in the round-robin clash with Wellington. He also scored in Wednesday's 4-3 victory over the Wisconsin Wildness.

Horvat finished the regular season with 21 goals and 29 assists in 45 games.

Friday's semifinal marked the second game in as many nights to require a fourth overtime period to decide — following a 2-1 Soo win over Wisconsin.



Dane Horvat

Dynamos dynamite in provincial tune-up

Building up some momentum for the provincial championships, the Milton Dynamo Wrestling Club came away with 11 medals at its regular season-ending meet in Beamsville.

Starting the day off on a strong note, the local novices collected four medals — including gold for Cooper Feke in the 19-kilogram division. Weight class club-mate Ethan Ramroop took third, while among the 33kg. girls, Kira Ramroop claimed silver and Brooke Feke placed third.

Young newcomers Calen Wilson, Callum Monk

and Jamie Monk all showed progress in their latest competition.

Rookie Sam Villa captured bronze in an impressive showing among the Grade 5 and 6 boys, while all six bantam division (Grades 6 and 7) wrestlers enjoyed medal-winning efforts in Beamsville.

Rookies Harry Quesnel, Koba Iwasa and Matt Macrae all took silver, as did veteran Jake Michaelis. Fellow veterans Cole Michaelis and Drew Campbell came away with bronze.

The Dynamos head to London this weekend for the provincial championships.



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