U-17 boys play spoiler

The Under-17 Magic boys may not have finished first in the Premier Division, but they did play a major role in determining who did.

Eager to avenge its biggest defeat of the season and close out 2010 on a high note, Milton delivered a fundamentally-sound performance at Lions Sports Park September 20 en route to eclipsing the then top-seated Burlington Bullets 1-0.

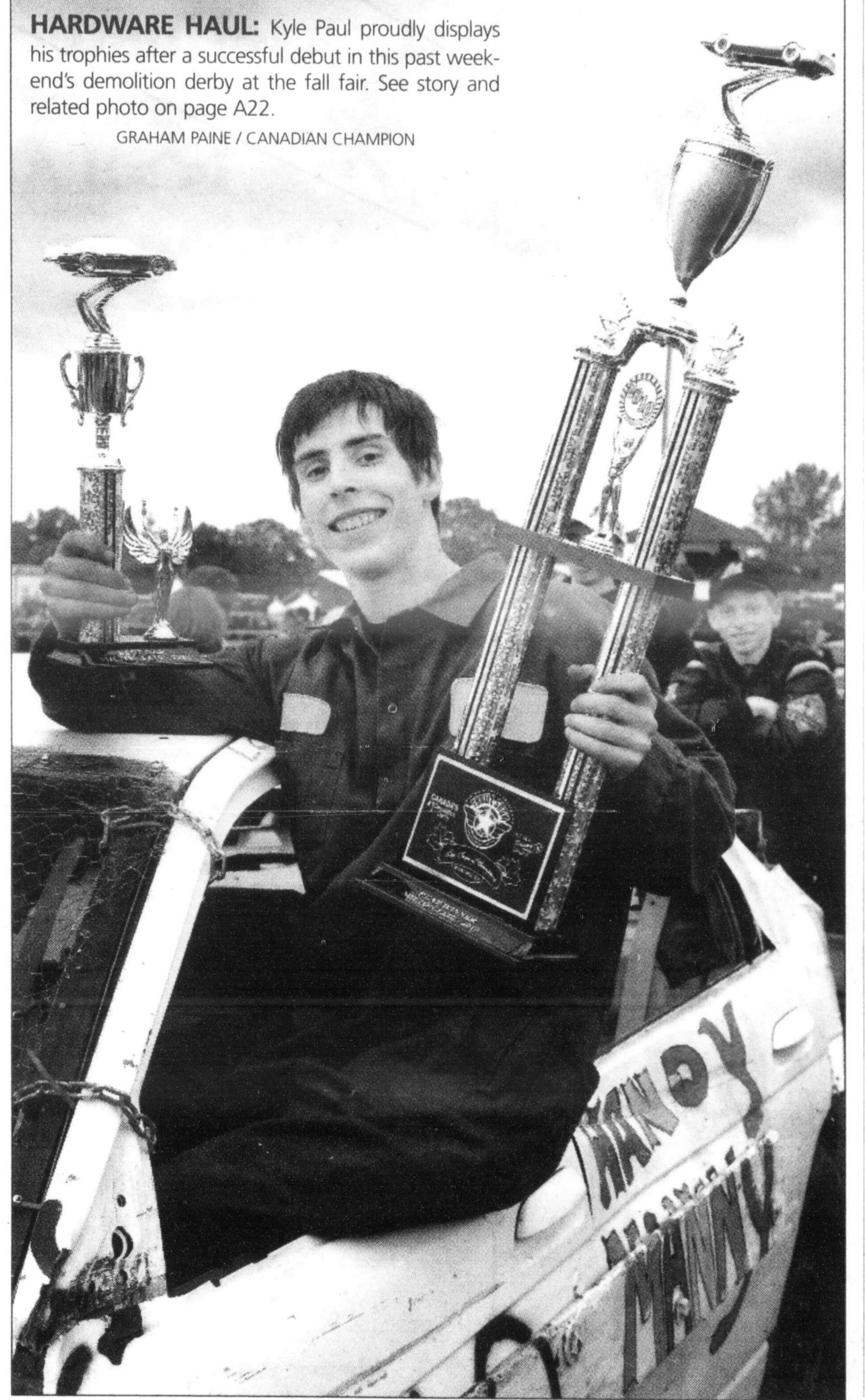
This spoiled the Bullets' bid to lock up first, as Brampton East B would slide into the South Region Soccer League penthouse four days later with a 1-0 win over Hamilton Croatia.

"It was our most satisfying game of the year. We'd actually circled that game (against Burlington) after they beat us," said coach Robert Fabricatore, referring to July's 6-1 loss to the Bullets, which came with a shortened bench.

Brendan Rorke caused plenty of anxious moments for Burlington's defence — getting the ball within striking distance numerous times and missing three big scoring chances — but it was Crawford McAlpine who notched the lone goal midway through the second half. He did so off a corner kick, which he chipped in after a favourable deflection.

The Magic defence neutralized the Bullets through the balance of the contest and for much of the opening half, with Mario Rico delivering an exceptional effort in the back field.

With the victory, Milton finished at 8-6 — good enough for fourth in the Premier ranks.



Riding high

Young equestrian duo claim Ontario Trillium jumper title

Holding down top spot in the Central West District following a stellar spring/summer series, Erin Manning refused to relinquish her first-

place status on the big stage.

Earning a golden upgrade recently in Palgrave, the 17-year-old Milton equestrian prevailed in the Ontario Trillium Junior/Amateur 1-metre Jumper Championships.

two impressive rounds that helped overshadow a somewhat mediocre finish, the long-time competitor—who rides out of Vanbrook Equestrian—finished dead-locked with Sudbury-area rival

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DYNAMIC DUO: Partners Erin

Manning and The Mighty Quinn are all

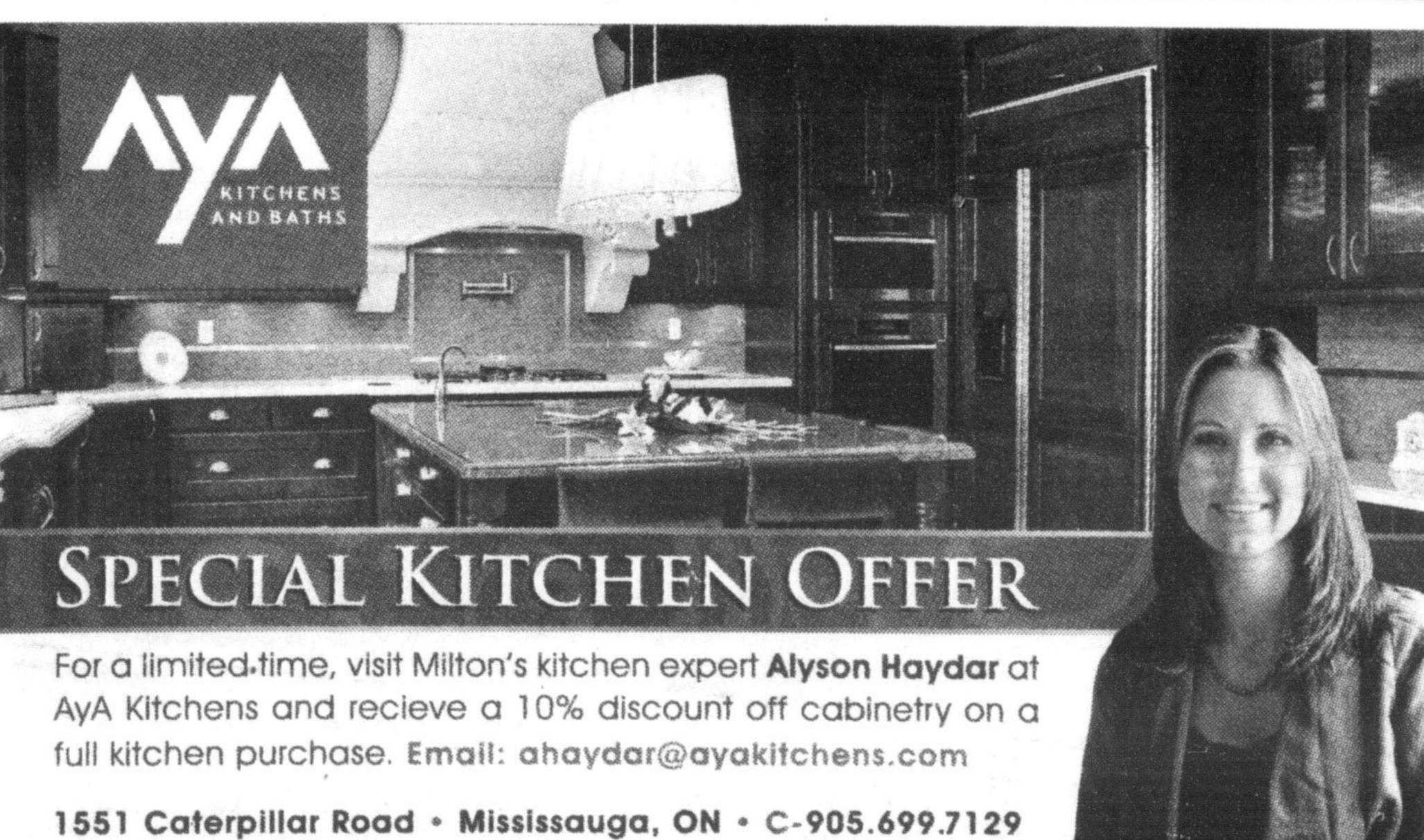
smiles after their successful season.

Sudbury-area rival Scott Johnson and won on the traditional coin toss.

"It felt really good (to win). I was so happy," said Manning, the younger of an accomplished sister act.

Handily booking passage to the provincial showcase for a second straight year in the one-metre division, the local show jumper and trusty partner The Mighty Quinn — a seven-year-old thoroughbred clydesdale hackney mix — increased their competitive schedule this year and were consistent top-three finishers in Central West.

"This is definitely the most success I've had with a horse," said Manning, who's been riding The Mighty Quinn for two-and-a-half years now and qualified for • see SIBLINGS on page A23



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