

Youth prevails over experience for Milton rep girls

Milton's second-entry under-19 girls rep soccer team may have finished second during the regular season, but they didn't settle for the runner-up position during the Peel-Halton championship playdowns.

In the playoff finale, the Magic edged North Mississauga's first-entry squad 3-2 to capture the title. Kelly McLaughlin provided the heroics when she fired in the go-ahead goal with just six minutes on the clock.

Team captain Shauna Hasselheldt turned in a solid outing between the pipes while her teammates provided strong defensive assistance.

North Mississauga 1 had handed Milton one of only two losses all season. The teams had drawn even in their other two regular season meetings, and Milton ended up just one point behind them in the final standings.

Despite competing in the under-19 division, Milton's team was

comprised mainly of 15 and 16-year-olds and was the youngest squad by far in the loop this year.

En route to the finals, the Magic knocked off Georgetown 3-1 in the semi-finals.

Earning the team's most sportsmanlike player award for 1996 was Rhea-Newman while the most improved player honor went to Amanda Wolfson.

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Everybody wanted to be first in the lake (above) at the women's triathlon on the weekend. Milton's Tiffany Scobie made a splash of her own (right) during the run. Sisters (l-r) Kessie and Stephanie Slikers (bottom left) were all smiles with their finishing medals, and well-worn shoes. At top left Tiffany and mom Claudia after the race. Claudia is with Big Sisters of North Halton, an organization which benefited from the event.



Splish splash makin' a dash

By STEVE LeBLANC
Special to The Champion

With almost triple the amount of competitors, volunteers and prizes this time around, Sunday's Women's Triathlon Milton was a hefty success — and has gone from a small-town event to a southern Ontario drawing card.

The second annual race, which featured both triathlon and duathlon events, brought 189 participants to Kelso Conservation Area.

While Milton and Campbellville residents made up a large concentration of the class, racers came from all over southern Ontario and even as far away as Pennsylvania.

"It was a fantastic event, everyone who started the race finished it and we had no accidents or injuries," said Marg Teskey, who took over the organizational reins this year for Tina Braam. Braam did help out with registration, as did fellow Miltonian Janice Snow and several others.

The event — which provided options of either a 300-metre swim, 10-kilometre bike, 2km run

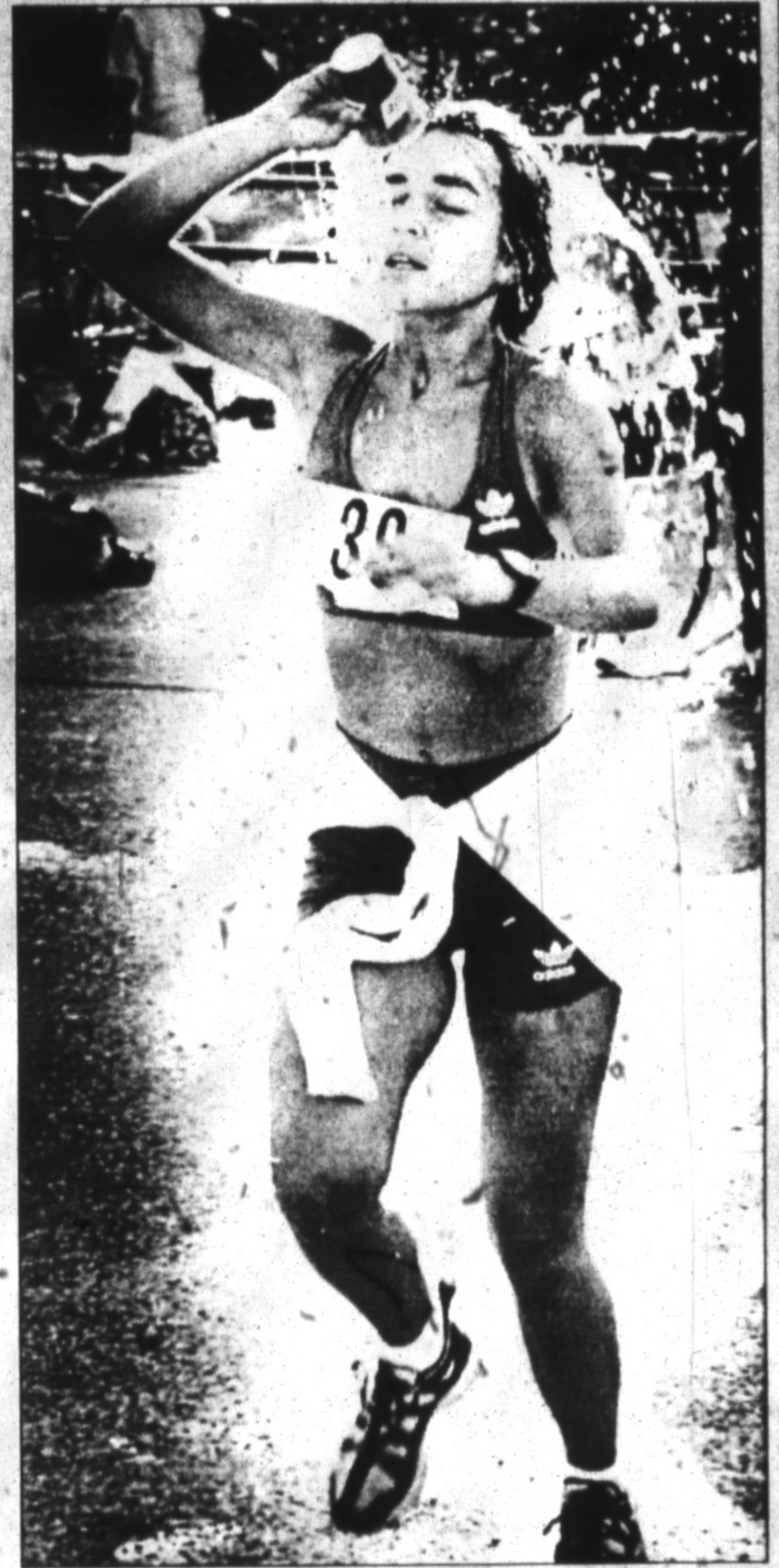
triathlon or a 2km run, 10km bike, 2km run duathlon — featured a mix of serious and amateur athletes as well as a wide age range of participants.

Ten-year-old Erynn Mayes of Milton was the youngest competitor Sunday while 71-year-old Brockville grandmother Muriel Carlyle was the oldest. She was likely the most overworked athlete of the bunch through the weekend, having competed at another triathlon in Guelph just 24 hours earlier.

"This was the first time I did back-to-back triathlons. I only started swimming when I was in my 60s and never had a bike until a few years ago," said Carlyle, an avid swimmer and runner. She finished the triathlon in just under 56 minutes. "These triathlons give me an excuse to travel. I felt fine the whole way and I wasn't last by any means."

Sunday's overall winner was 15-year-old Jillian Coward of Kerwood, who completed the triathlon in 34:52. Younger sister

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Trio wins truckload

A trio of Milton-based athletes brought home a truckload of hardware recently from the second of three morning mini-meets organized by Athletiques International Track and Field Club.

Highlighting the event, held at Milton District High School, were Carrie-Ann Nichols, Jordan Weide and Michael Kydyk — who combined for 15 gold medal efforts, eight personal best times and four new camp records.

Fifteen-year-old Nichols competed in the open ladies division and was victorious in the 100 metre dash (15.8 seconds), 60m hurdles (P.B. and

camp record of 11.2s), shot put (6.38m), high jump (P.B. and camp record of 1.21m) and javelin (P.B. and camp record of 18.40m).

Weide, 13, was golden in the bantam boys' 100m (17.5s), 60m hurdles (11.7s), shot put (P.B. of 7.02m), high jump (camp record of 1.30m), and javelin (P.B. of 16.98m).

Kydyk, 12, dominated the atom boys events. He took first-place showings in the 100m (21.6s), 60m hurdles (14.8s), shot put (P.B. of 5.59m), high jump (P.B. of 1.00m) and javelin (P.B. of 11.30m).

Bants sweep series

The Milton Bantam B rep baseball team showed little mercy for their North Halton opposition through the 1996 playoffs, and steamrolled their way to the Central Ontario Rural Division championship.

In a classic crosstown finale, Milton met up with their Campbellville counterparts and needed the minimum two games to sweep their best-of-three series.

Milton fought through the rain in game one and jumped ahead early in the series with a convincing 15-6 triumph. From there, Milton erased a brief Campbellville lead in the early

innings of game two and ended up winning 24-10.

Taylor Lawton turned in three solid innings on the mound and added three runs, while closer Mike Grabauskas had little trouble nailing down the final inning for the win and the title.

The two received strong defensive assistance from Steve Wageman, Mark Antonelli and catcher Craig Hudak. Centrefielder Jed Cosby and second-baseman Jody St. John made a couple of nice plays through the early innings to stop Campbellville's

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