



Colin Moffat

# Moffat wrestles his way to cadet bronze in national debut

Colin Moffat's national wrestling debut was good enough to bronze. The Craig Kielburger grappler — who earned GHAC gold this past high school season — took third-place honours in the 69-kilogram FILA cadet ranks at the University of Guelph.

Leading a four-entry local contingent, he challenged Waterloo's Ty Bridgewater — who he hadn't yet faced — for the second spot and lost by a controversial 1-0 verdict. Under the new rules, one-point shutouts aren't supposed to happen. Twin brothers Cole and Jake Michaelis — in the 63 and

69-kg. cadet divisions respectively — each made it to the semifinals before losing to the eventual champs. Cole took fifth while Jake finished sixth. Rounding out the local grapplers with a sixth-place showing in the 50-kg. Greco Roman class was Suneel Rambharose.

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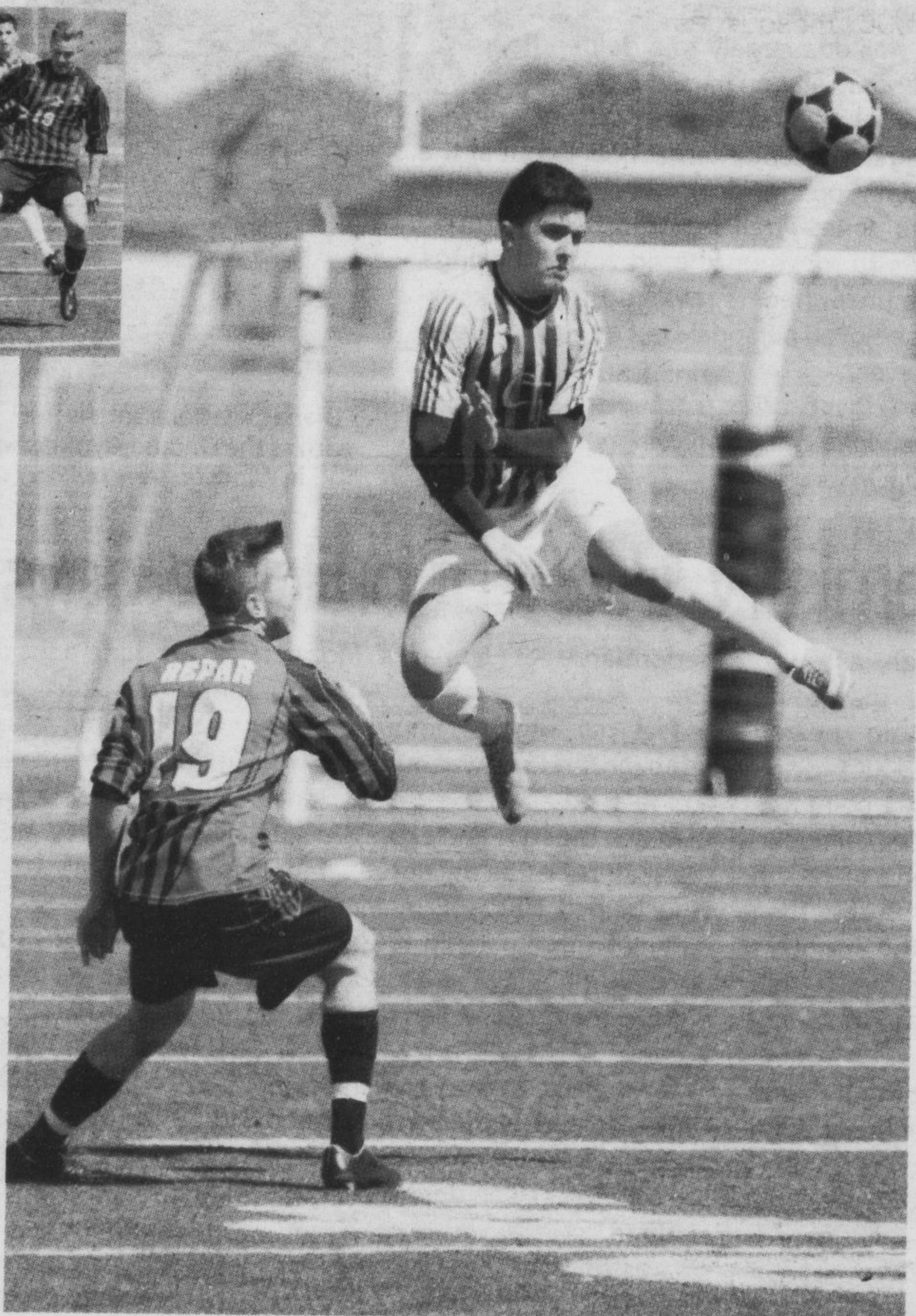
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### By air and by ground

Bishop Reding Secondary School once again served as one of the host sites for last week's Right to Play senior boys soccer tournament. At right, Reding's Marko Repar watches as Gianni DiPaola of Christ the King heads the ball away in preliminary competition.

Inset, Repar battles Christ the King's Joe Wallace for possession. The Royals finished 2-1 and missed advancing to the semifinals.  
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# In world-class sync

## Smith helps NEXXICE claim world championship silver

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Amidst emotional embraces and congratulatory exchanges, one prevailing thought raced through the mind of Victoria Smith.

Namely, that an extremely difficult choice made around this time last year was indeed the right one.

"The journey getting to worlds and the entire experience has validated the decision for me," said the just turned 21-year-old Miltonian, still basking in the joy of her Burlington-based NEXXICE senior squad's silver-medal finish the day before at the world synchronized skating championships in Courmayeur, Italy. "The silver medal is more than I could've ever hoped for. I'm absolutely thrilled."

Rewind 12 months and Smith was at a crossroads.

Her Montreal club had stopped offering a senior team and — after agonizingly-long year on the sidelines — she was presented with the opportunity to join nationally-top ranked NEXXICE. That, however, meant leaving McGill University, which Smith had worked awfully hard to get into.

But, as she'd eventually realize, the void left by



Victoria Smith proudly displays her world synchronized skating championship silver medal.

not skating was simply too great.

"I have this passion and had to find a way to incorporate it back into my life."

If Smith still needed reassurance about her decision to switch schools (to University of Guelph) and move back home, she got an ample dose of it in Italy.

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