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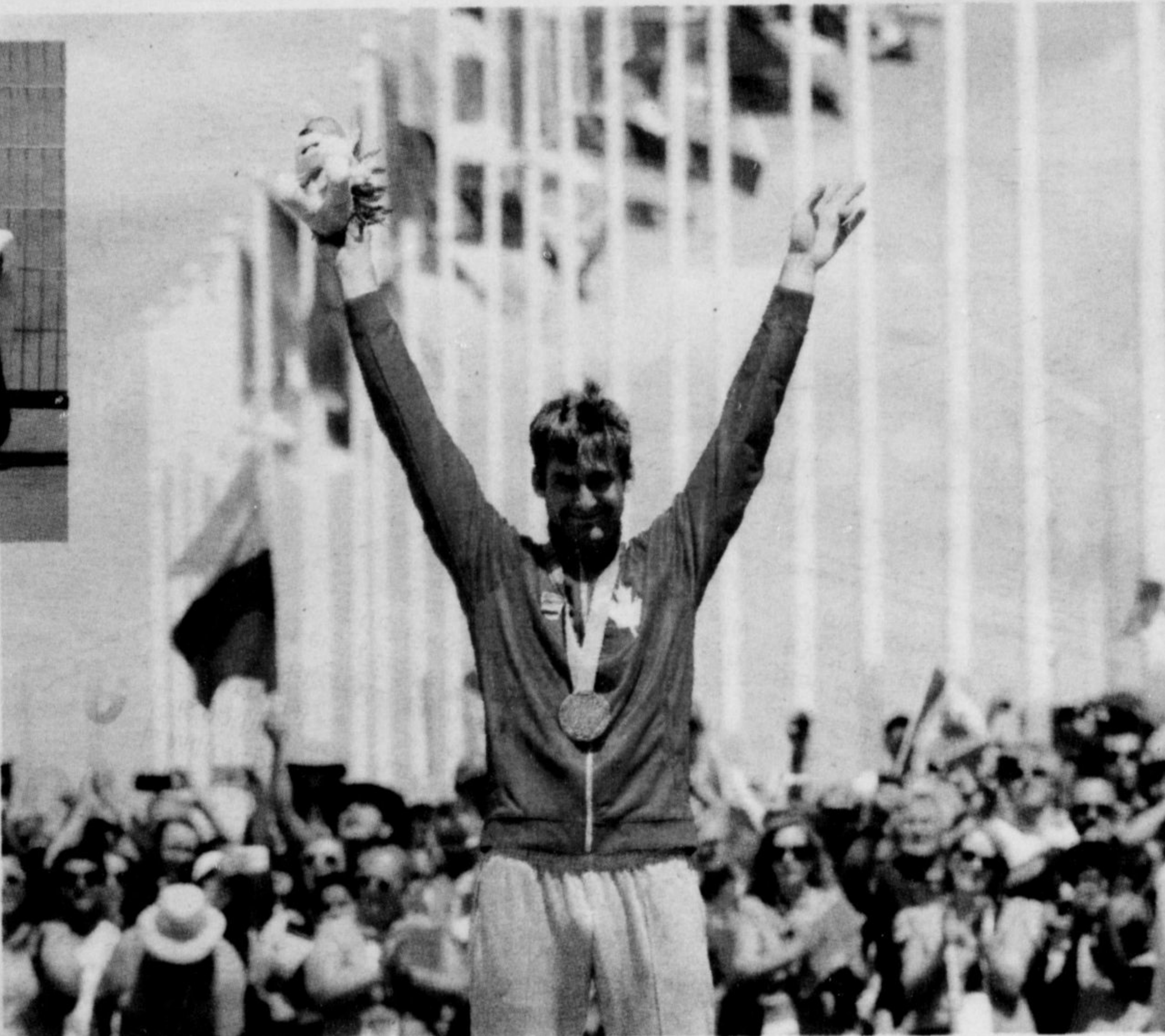
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Victory... and heartbreak

Canada's cyclists experienced both ends of the emotional spectrum during last week's Pan Am Games Time Trials in Milton. At right, Quebec's Hugo Houle is all smiles as he shows off his gold medal to the crowd after winning the men's race in a sensational 45:13.48. Inset, Jasmin Glaesser of BC is consoled after a flat tire essentially cost her gold in the women's race. She had to settle for silver, finishing 36 seconds back of America's Kelly Catlin. For more photos of the time trials, see page 14.

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Man found bound, gagged in Milton

At press time yesterday afternoon, Toronto police remained on the hunt for three suspects after a possible abduction left a man bound and gagged in rural Milton Tuesday morning.

A man believed to have been kidnapped from downtown Toronto was found in the area of Trafalgar Road and Hwy. 401 at 7:30 a.m.

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Sergeant Kerry Schmidt says the investigation is being handled by Toronto Police, while the OPP is handling any evidence at the scene of where the man was found.

Toronto media report there was an initial language barrier, making it difficult to get any information from the victim.

The man may have been abducted from Elizabeth Street in downtown Toronto, where a business owner across the street said there were as many as six police cars in the area Monday night.

The OPP is on the lookout for the suspect vehicle, a van or pick-up truck.

For any updates, visit www.insidehalton.com.

Concerns of animal abuse addressed as circus visits

By Rachael Williams
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

The world famous Shrine Circus is coming to Milton, but for at least one resident, the show is nothing more than a public display of animal cruelty.

Skyler Piskoroski, 14, has lived in Milton for the past eight years and says he loves going to events at the fairgrounds. However, when it comes to the circus, he can't help but visualize what he deems is the exploitation and mistreatment of circus animals — especially the Asian elephants.

"Yes, it may seem like they are sitting in the lap of luxury with the bright colours and loud music, when in reality they are forced to do things they would never do in the wild," Piskoroski wrote in a letter to the *Champion*. But Shrine Circus General Manager Larry Solheim said these elephants — Marie and Shelly — have everything provided to them, including soft bedding while on the road, water, food and a clean, specially-designed trailer that allows them to sit, stand or lay down. Brad Dewar, inspector for the Ontario SPCA (OSPCA), said any time a traveling circus comes to the province the OSPCA retains **27**

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