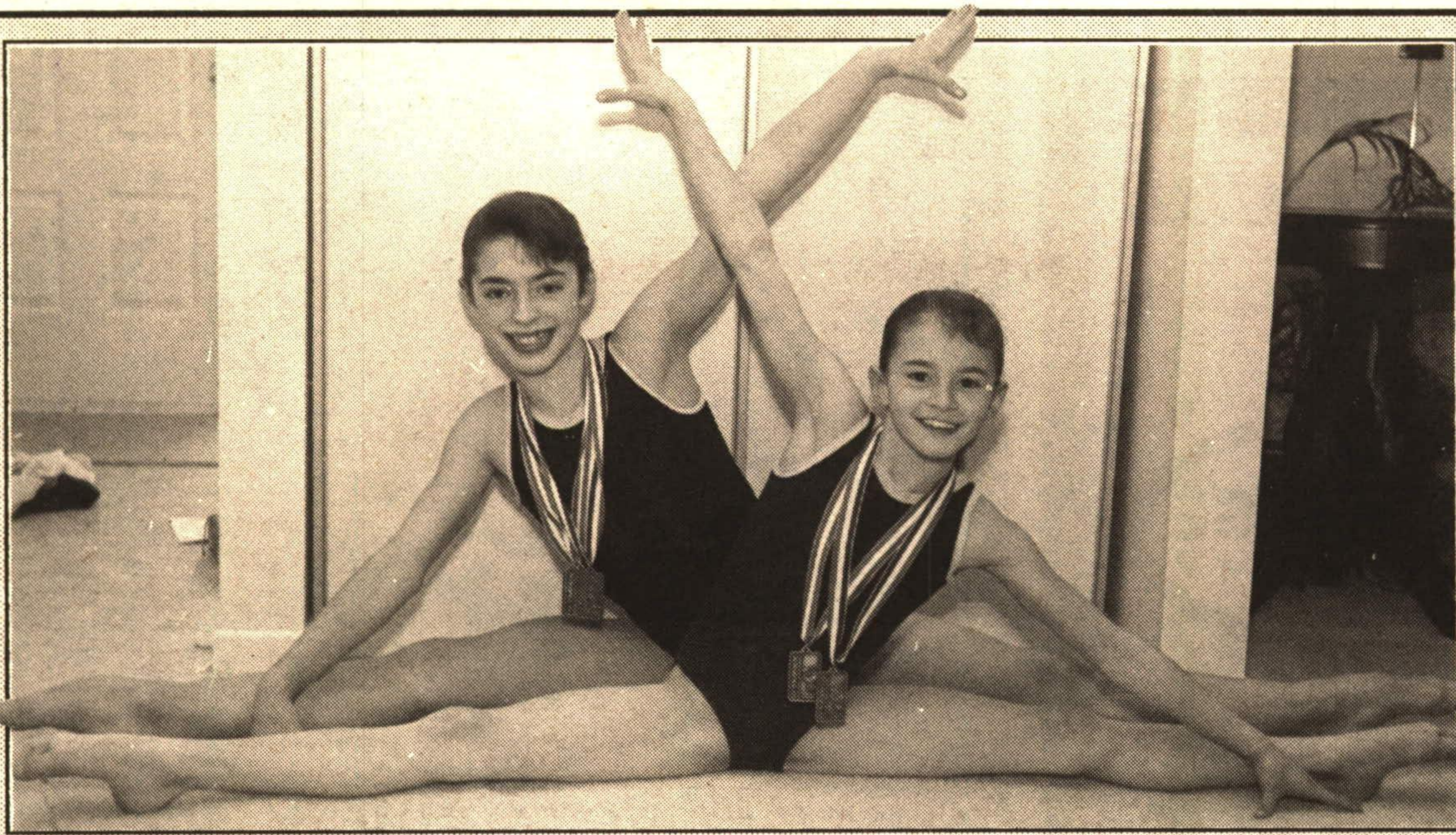


## Gym dandies

Local gymnasts Angela Stiles, 14, and Katie Rowland, 10 (in front) were part of the first place team that competed at the Gymnix International meet, Mar. 13-15 in Montreal. The team placed first out of 12 teams from Canada, U.S., and Belgium. In addition, Angela placed first overall, netting her a \$100 bonus, and she qualified for four final events, placing second on the bars, fourth on the floor and sixth on the beam. Katie placed seventh overall out of 47 competitors, and placed seventh on both the beam and vault events, qualifying her for three final events. The girls will be competing in the Provincial Championships in Collingwood, Apr. 10 and will qualify from there to the Nationals, May 12.



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## New executive for Raiders

While the Central Ontario champion Milton Merchants continue to battle their way toward an Ontario Junior B championship for 1991-92, the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders are busy preparing for the 1992-93 campaign.

The Raiders elected a new executive recently with Finn Poulstrup returning as president for another season.

Vice presidents of the squad include Elaine Lewis, Barry Whitworth and Bill McKeown while secretary is Dave Krause.

Directors include John Ervin, Ken Smith, Keith Bennett, Harvey Green, Harold Warren, Nick Lorito, Ray Pasma, Mollie Green and Jim Koenigsberger.

For details of the Raider awards evening see Wednesday's Independent/Free Press.

HALTON HILLS WEEKEND

# SPORTS

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#### OMHA champs

The Acton Firefighters peewees recently captured the OMHA title scoring a 4-2 win over Milton to claim the best-of-five final three games to one.

After a scoreless first frame, Milton drew first blood at the mid-point of the second. That opened the flood gates.

Acton tied it a minute later with Matt Boycott knocking one home from Adam Deponte. Milton regained the led only to have Acton come back with two, from Boycott and Aaron Forrest to give Acton the lead, after two periods.

The lone goal of the final came off the stick of frame Boycott with just 59 seconds remaining to give Acton the OMHA championship. Forrest and Deponte earned assists.

#### Curlers battle

Over the past two weeks league play came to an end for recreational curlers at North Halton Golf and Country Club.

On Sunday, March 29, the week-long playdowns began with 30 rinks competing for Grand Championship honors.

This was the first interactive competition of the season between Monday and Thursday night curlers.

First round match-ups were based on rink placement over the regular season. The top half from Monday played the bottom half from Thursday and top from Thursday played bottom from the Monday draw.

When all was said and done after the first round it was Born To Curl, The French Connection, Ninth Enders, 8 Enders, Right Guards, Hot Rocks, In Turns, Sign Shoppe Sliders, LaGuys, Just Maybes, Marketeers, Challengers, High Hopes, Madonnas, Pheasant Pluckers, and Niblets moving to the A flight championship round starting March 31.

The Hackers, Begonias, Three Men, Senators, Flakes, Hogliners, Mirage, Rockers, Stones, Road Kill, Work That Body, Jaws, Wingnuts, and Rink Hounds moved to the B flight consolation round starting March 30.

Survivors after Monday, March 30 action were Hackers, 3 Men, Senators, Hogliners, Rockers, Rolling Stones, Jaws and Wingnuts.



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## Bound for glory?

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association champion AAA champion Halton Hurricane Bantams took their show on the road on this weekend as they ventured to Sudbury for the Ontario championships. The Hurricanes will represent the OMHA against teams from the Ottawa District, Metro Toronto Hockey League, Northern Ontario hockey Association, Thunder Bay and the host

Sudbury for all-Ontario bragging rights. The championship is sponsored by Canadian Tire and Milton Canadian Tire store manager Vic Elliott (second left) met with Hurricanes (from left) Kyle Martin, Doug Sheppard and Kirk Kennedy to present them with the official tourney jersey. The Hurricanes tied Nepean of Ottawa District 4-4 in their championship opener.

# Acton peewees rally for Hub League title

The Acton Monmar Homes Peewees capped off a very rewarding season last Saturday by winning the Hub League Doherty Division Championship in dramatic fashion with a 5-3 win over Elora.

From the opening face-off Acton penned a confused Elora team in their own end. This resulted in the opening goal after 36 seconds of play by defenceman Paul Dale with Ryan Seeds assisting.

After outplaying Elora for much of the first period Acton finally allowed Elora too much liberty around the net and they evened the score at 1-1 with 2:41 left.

The homebuilders attacked with flourish but came up empty handed thanks to Elora's excellent goaltender Gabe Roden. This inspired Elora and less than two minutes into the second Walser set up his winger Craig Downey to make the score 2-1. The same two combined a few minutes later to give Elora

what looked like an insurmountable lead.

There was a noticeable sag in the Acton contingent's spirits as their hard-working opponents continued to outthrust them to the puck. Acton ended the second period under siege and definitely on the defensive.

The coaches decided to make a goaltending change, to shake things up with James Metcalfe replacing starter Sterling Luedee.

With great determination the local crew began their last period in the championship quest. Rather than being disheartened they were

fired up. Just 16 seconds in Paul Dale rocketed another Seeds pass through a maze of legs into the Elora net to make it 3-2.

The comeback was launched. Three minutes later Marie McKinnon found paydirt with linemates Seeds and Matt Boycott chipping in assists. The score was tied.

With Gary Genzler sitting out a tripping penalty Jason Pembleton scored the winner from Chris Williams.

The Acton squad was indeed playing inspired hockey and although Elora tried to regroup Metcalfe was very steady in goal

refusing to give them an inch to shoot at. The fast cruising defensive corps of Genzler, Williams, Dale and Ryan Owen were checking ferociously and all the forwards helped in shutting down the potent Elora scorers.

Finally Ryan Owen, playing his last game in Acton before moving with his family to Moncton, N.B., clinched the contest.

Celebration! as his teammates realized this was not only an insurance goal but Ryan's way of saying goodbye. Although he has only been in Acton for three seasons his leadership, sense of humor, friendship and skills seemed to be all rolled up in that one memorable play. What a farewell!

That was all the team needed. In the last five and a half minutes every shift was played with increasing defensive intensity to such an extent that Elora couldn't even pull their goalie.

### Cecil Stuckless new AMHA president

The Acton Minor Hockey Association has a new executive in place and ready to begin work on a new hockey season.

Cecil Stuckless took over as president from And Williams at the Election of Officers last Sunday while Dave McIntyre will sit as first vice-president and Rick Dale as second VP. Gord Chapman remains as treasurer while Donna Metcalfe takes over as secretary.