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Five local bowlers off to Provincials

This past weekend was a busy time at Acton Lanes. The Championship 5-pin Bowling CBC Series and the Hi-Low Doubles Zone Finals were both held.
 On Saturday night the CBC series held a 10-game roll-off with John Wagg taking first and Bryan Creasey finishing second. They now advance to the Provincials in February along with another local bowler, Bob Turkosz, who will compete as the representative from Georgetown.

Sunday afternoon saw the team of Blake Smith and Fran Burton come out on top in the Hi-Low Doubles with a plus-220 pins over their average. The pair will now travel to Hamilton on Feb. 27, where they will be bowling for a chance to win a trip each to Florida, plus a chance to represent Ontario at the National Finals in Ottawa held in the spring.

"Good luck and go get the sunshine," seemed to be the most common sentiment fellow Acton bowlers were offering Wagg, Creasey, Turkosz, Smith and Burton.

Juveniles end regular season with 6-3 win

The Acton Rotary Club Juvenile hockey team ended its rep. season with a 6-3 win over visiting Waterloo on Sunday at Acton arena.
 Wayne Bousfield led the Rotary scoring with two goals in the first period with assists from Mike Gair, Paul Glass and Dave DeForest. Dave Patey also found the net once with help from DeForest and Glass.
 Other single markers came off the sticks of Westway, Jamie Gal-

way and Paul McLeod with help from Bousfield, Gair, Jeff Koprowski, Westaway and Kelly Jupp.
 The club finished the regular season with a respectable 16-7-1 record.
 Acton will meet Petrolia in the first round of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoffs. The date for that game has not been announced yet.



CROWDED SLOT: All eyes are on the puck during the Acton-Elora Peeewe rep hockey match last Wednesday evening at the arena. Unfortunately no score was available at press time, as the game sheet was not submitted. Remember, coaches: it's not only your players who lose out when you forget to submit game sheets ... it's your sponsors, too! (Mike Albano photo)

Midgets clipped in cage battle

ACTON HIGH SPORTS

BY JOHN DEBRUYN

The Acton High School Midget Boys basketball team is starting to show a glimmer of promise.
 After two self-destructive losses to begin the year, Acton lost a close 49-40 battle to Burlington's M.M. Robinson last Thursday.
 Missed opportunities hurt Acton in the first half as they fell behind quickly 37-15. The team was able to execute the press break they learned in practice, but couldn't sink the easy baskets.
 Foul trouble for Acton's Dave Dolliver also hurt the team's defense as he flirted with the likelihood of fouling out of the game for two quarters.
 The second half was all Acton, though. Dolliver, Shawn Hopkins and Matt Boycott came alive as the team outscored their opponents 10-4 in the third quarter.
 Acton was down 16 heading into the fourth quarter, but refused to give up, limiting M.M.R. to 10 points in the half. Acton coupled a tough defense with a steady offence, managing to score a season-high 25 points in the second half.
 Top scorers for Acton were Dolliver and Hopkins, each with 14. Matt Boycott dished out seven assists and five points. Joel Reynolds had four points.
Girls build confidence
 The Midget Girls volleyball team entered its second tourney in as many weeks last Friday at Milton High, where they ran up a 3-5 record and some confidence to boot

in the five-team tourney.
 Acton played E.C. Drury first and split the games, 6-15 and 15-4. Drury played flawlessly in the opening game, building leads of 7-0 and 13-4 en route to the win.
 Service errors plagued Drury in the second game, though, as Acton took full advantage. Shondra Shroud blasted two aces to put Acton up 5-2. The team never looked back as they crushed their opponents 15-4.
 Another split, this time against Bishop Reding, squared Acton's record at 2-2.
 The team worked hard in the first set for leads of 10-5 and 13-7, finishing off Reding by a 15-10 score. Acton had trouble returning serves in the second, though, quickly falling behind 5-0.
 Strong play by Shelley Hand and Heather Trotter at the net helped the squad get back in the game, though, forcing the score to read 8-7 in favor of Bishop Reding. The set, filled with excitement and excellent execution by both teams, resulted in a 15-12 victory for Bishop Reding.
 Prior to the Georgetown match, coach Bob McKay surprised everyone in the tournament by forfeiting the two games, in order to play a "timed" exhibition game.
 The reason for the change?
 He said his team "watched the score too often; they need to play their best regardless of the score."
 The team came through with solid play against the best team in the tourney and an unofficial score showed another split for Acton, by scores of 13-9 and 11-15.
 Acton finished the tournament against Milton and had another two impressive sets.

The first set went to Acton by a score of 15-7, led by great serves and an inspired effort. The team led with scores of 8-3 and 13-4 before finishing off their opponents.
 The second set saw Acton fall behind early but crawl back in, taking the lead 10-8. Unstoppable serves buried Acton, though, and the final score was 15-10 for Milton. Acton finished the day with a 3-5 record.
 Come watch the Midgets in the Halton finals in Acton on Feb. 12.
Junior Girls sweep
 The Junior Girls volleyball team played the M.M. Robinson squad last Thursday for a best-of-three league matchup, winning all three sets to capture the game with scores of 15-8, 15-14 and 15-12.
 The win improves the team's record to 3-1.
 Jenny Goy and Krista Kier played exceptional games for Acton with their strong serves and play at the net. Nicole Hargrave and Heather Trotter also played well in their first Junior game.
 The two Midgets were called up to help the short-handed team.
Seniors overmatched
 The Senior volleyballers came up on the short end of 15-11 score in the third set, succumbing to a strong M.M.R. squad by a 2-1 margin.
 The team played well in the first set and won 15-13. However, they couldn't carry the momentum into the second set and lost 15-4.
 Acton came out flat in the third set and fell behind. They managed to come back and tie the score at 11, but gave up four unanswered points on their way to defeat.
 Acton's top players were Trish Denny, Kelly Ambrose, Jennifer McNabb, and Shelby DaPoute.

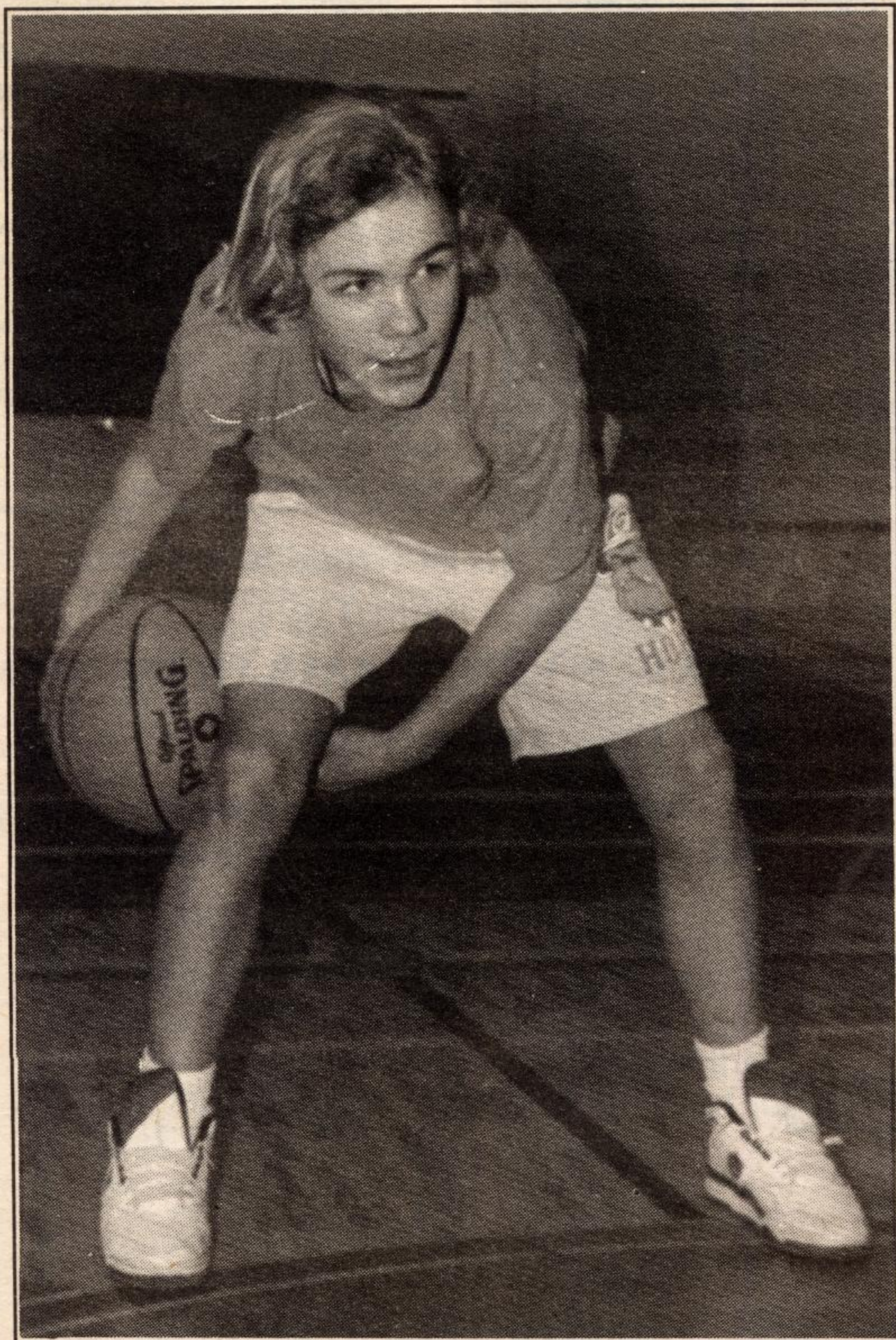


FIGURE-EIGHT! Ryan Bell does some fancy ball work (with his head up, no less!) at YMCA Youth Basketball last weekend at McKenzie-Smith middle school. (Mike Albano photo)