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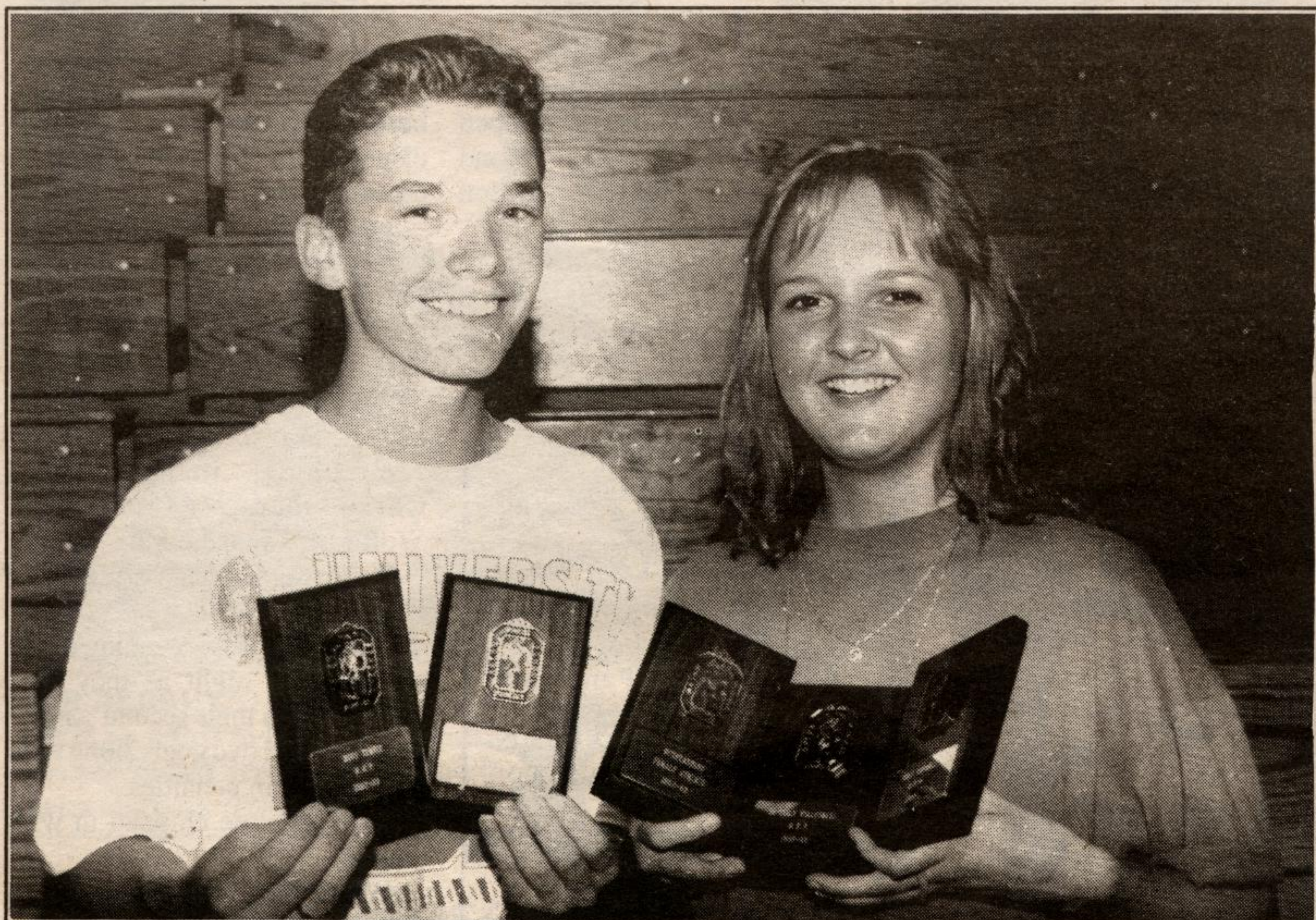
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STAR ATHLETES: Devon Ambrose and Deanna Louth were presented with Athlete of the Year honours at Acton High last Wednesday. The 17-year-old Ambrose was chosen for his outstanding achievements in tennis and volleyball, while Louth, 18, was a valuable member of the volleyball, basketball and softball teams. A contributing factor in both selections was the athletes' team leadership and positive attitudes. (Doug Harrison photo)

Louth and Ambrose head 1992-93 athletic awards

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Deanna Louth was elated it finally happened. Devon Ambrose, by his own admission, felt he wouldn't get it until his last year of high school.

Both were named Acton High Athletes of the Year at an athletic awards ceremony following a barbecue last Wednesday in the school gym.

"It feels good; I've been waiting a long time for this," said a relieved Louth, an OAC student who has played high school basketball and volleyball since Grade 9 and softball the past three years.

The 18-year-old Louth plans to take a year off and then enter college — "hopefully Conestoga (in

Kitchener)," to study dentistry.

She initially had aspirations of attending university for Broadcasting, but wasn't accepted and acted on impulse, turning to the medical profession.

The multi-talented athlete said it wasn't always easy to swallow the constant bouts of losing, but the rare win kept her attitude positive and made her a great leader for the various teams.

She mentioned her most memorable sporting moment in a Redmen uniform as the 1991 trip to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association (OFSAA) volleyball championships.

"We finished in the consolation round," remembered Louth, also the winner of this year's Senior

Girls Volleyball award. "It was a lot of fun and I got a chance to try out the big leagues. It (OFSAA) is always considered the high ranks."

Ambrose, 17, won the Most Valuable Player award for tennis and also played volleyball.

"You usually don't win the Athlete of the Year award until your last year of high school," said the shocked Grade 11 student, who felt the typical "it can't be me" sounds in his head following the announcement.

"Our volleyball coach Kevin Wendling brought us to fifth place and into the playoffs and I can't wait until next year and the year after," said Ambrose, who added his attitude was the key in him winning the top award.

Other Male athletes receiving awards were: Chris Cullen (Al Higgins Memorial award for leadership, spirit and performance); Greg Finley (most improved); Dan Bonnell (swimming MVP); Steve Turkosz (Badminton MVP); Dave Dolliver and Shawn Hopkins (tie — Midget Basketball MVP); Adam Reynolds (Junior Basketball MVP); Matt George (Senior Soccer); Steve Bottero (Junior Volleyball) and Matt Boycott (Midget Volleyball) and Giancarlo Scappin (Midget Rugby).

Other Female winners were: Jenny Goy (most improved); Shari Patenaude (swimming MVP); Shelby DaPonte (Badminton MVP); Trisha Denny (Tennis MVP); Goy (Junior Basketball MVP); Kelly Ambrose (Senior Basketball MVP); Janisse Bailey (Senior Girls Soccer); Jackie Jahn (Midget Volleyball) and Paula Haroy (Junior Volleyball).

Fifth annual Lions tourney a big hit

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Hoping to raise between \$2,500 and \$3,000, the fifth annual Acton Lions Club softball tournament was held on the weekend with 15 teams competing.

The club will donate a portion of the money to local groups such as FoodShare, Lions International, CNIB, the deafhomes, Camp Lake Joseph and sponsorship of local sports — minor hockey, baseball and figure skating.

Along with the host Lions Club squad, local citizens fielded three teams — the Pretenders, Contenders and Avengers. The Acton Precision Millwrights were entered by owner Ted Lyons. They were pitted against teams from Georgetown, Milton, Caledon East, Brampton and Stoney Creek.

Three of the four teams involved in the Consolation semi-finals were from Acton. The Contenders were defeated by Milton Lions Club 26-3 and the Acton Lions Club were defeated by the Pretenders 13-7.

The Milton Lions then hooked up with the Pretenders in the Consolation final, edging them 10-9.

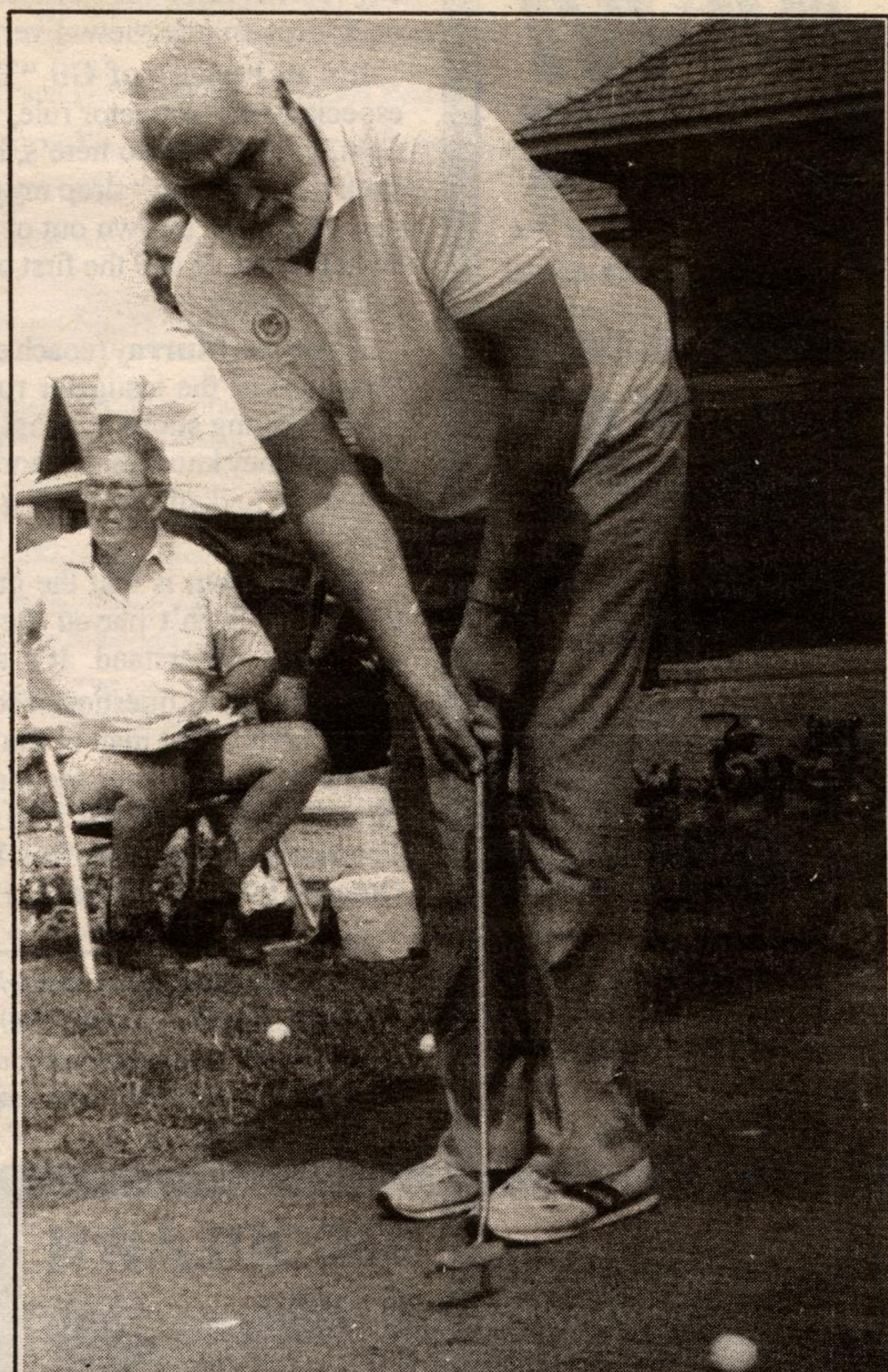
Defending champs Georgetown Elks made it two straight titles with a 16-5 win over the Newfoundland Club.

Mayor Russ Miller was on hand to deliver the ceremonial first pitch of the tournament, which was held not only to raise money, but to promote interest in Lionism.

"We are very pleased with the tremendous support and fellowship displayed by the surrounding service clubs," said James Glatt, event chairman.

The Reynolds and Rogerson families from Mississauga and Acton's Rick Coe and company donated their services and trophies and selected the MVP and most sportsmanlike awards.

"We hope that with this continued support, we may build this into a major fund-raiser, continue the concept of fun without too much seriousness and increase the membership of a small but growing Acton Lions Club," Glatt said.



IN THE HOLE! Keith Smiley is the picture of concentration as he competes in the putting contest Monday at the Paul Murr Memorial Golf Tournament at Blue Springs. Seated is Ivan Kilby, who directed the putting event. Behind Ivan is sponsor Ron Kuiken (Halton Hills Furniture). (Doug Harrison photo)

Burke takes tourney

Charles Burke shot a 73 to win the low gross award at the ninth annual Paul Murr Memorial Golf Tournament at Acton's Blue Springs Golf Club on Monday.

Gary Murr (74) and Paul Campbell (77) finished second and third.

Gary Lumbers, Karl Koperski and William George recorded the three lowest net scores.

On the par-3 course, Steve Brunelle took the low gross award, while Tom Boer won the low net.

It was the third year that Blue Springs has hosted the event, held to raise money for the Acton unit of the Cancer Society.

"It was the most successful tournament to date in all aspects — from weather and sponsors to the number of participants (about 240)," said Jon Hurst, tournament committee member.

Two-time winner Doug Bishop, who won the tournament last year with a low gross of 78, duplicated his score on Monday, but settled for fourth.