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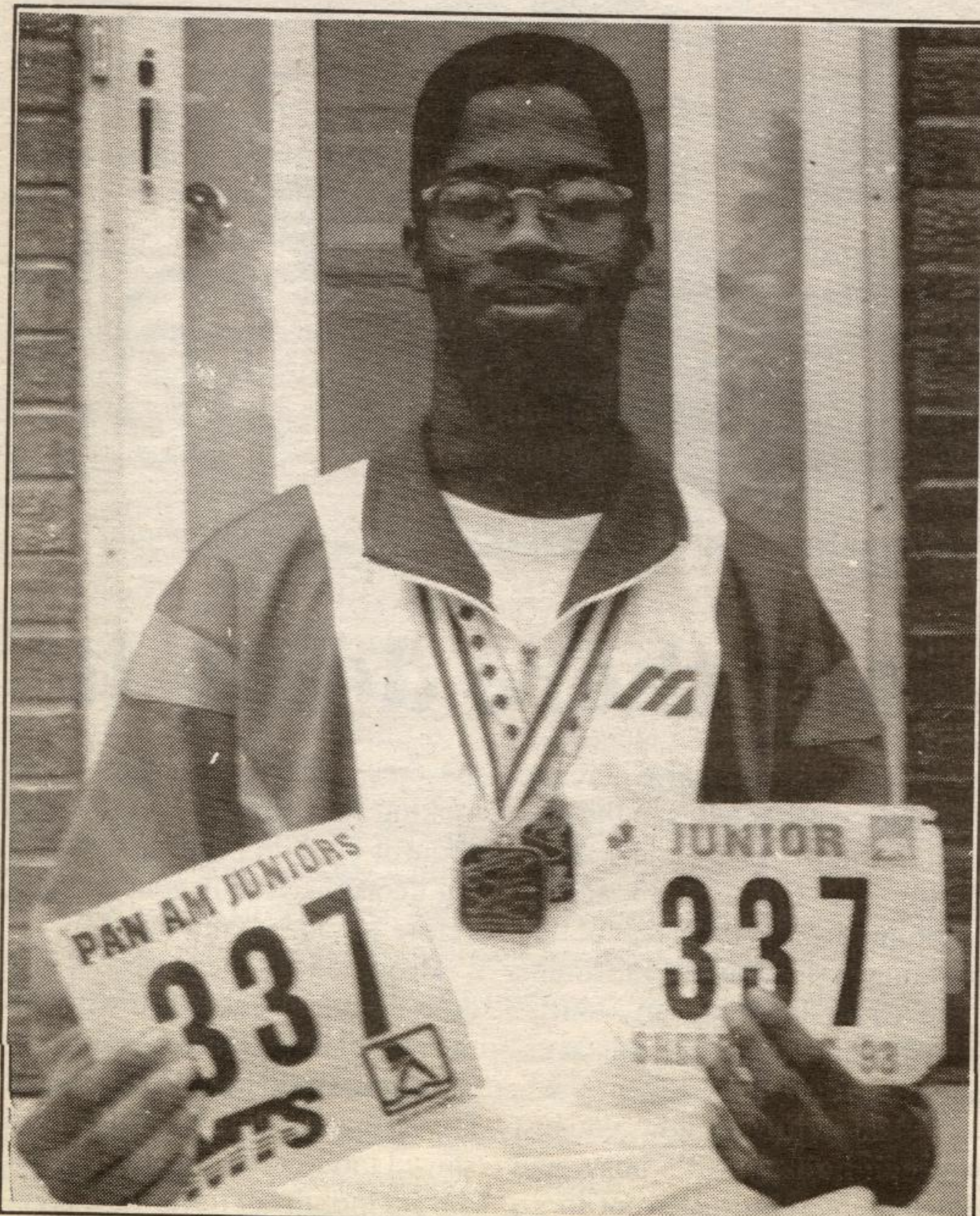
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MEDAL MAN: Canadian Junior long jump champ Brent Edwards jumped 7.04-metres at the Canadian Junior track championships in Sherbrooke, Que. (Doug Harrison photo)

Edwards in '96 Olympics?

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

Acton's Brent Edwards dreams of venturing to the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia — as a competitor, not a spectator.

The 18-year-old recently became the Canadian Junior outdoor long jump champion with his 7.04-metre jump at the Canadian Junior Track Championships in Sherbrooke, Que.

This gained him a berth a week later at the Junior Pan-American games in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he placed a disappointing 12th.

However, he rebounded 10 days ago at the Ontario Juvenile-Senior track championships. A junior-aged competitor, Edwards was allowed to jump as a Senior, leaping 6.92m for a second-place finish.

Although his closest rival trailed by only 20 centimetres in Quebec, Edwards' most troubling foe was probably the windy conditions.

"It fools with you when you're getting your timing down and trying to get close to the plasticine marker which measures a legiti-

mate take-off. It took a few jumps to get in the grind," says Edwards, who qualified for the final with a 6.87m jump.

"Let's just say I had a bad day. For this half of the world it's still respectable," is how Edwards sums up his Pan-Am outing, when he faced stiff competition from the United States, North and South America and Cuban athletes, among others.

Edwards will participate in the Bantam, Midget and Junior (BMJ) track and field championships at York University this weekend. After this, he plans to "take a break before my coach, Carl Georgevski, puts me through things I've never done or heard about."

Edwards' initiation to the track world began in Grade 10 at Mississauga's Cawthra Park Secondary School when he jumped for fun.

"In the early stages of track there weren't many people out there," says Edwards, who in Grade 10 played on the Peel Region All-Star basketball and volleyball teams. "I thought, I like to

jump in the sand and figured I'd give it a shot.

"Last year Carl saw me at OFSAA (the provincial high school track championships), told me I had good speed and knew how to jump and invited me to a camp that summer at the University of Toronto." The camp, evidently, has paid off in a big way.

Edwards left high school last year with a personal best of 6.14m. He now estimates his average jump measures between 7 and 7.10m.

"Officially my best is 7.19m in a provincial or national meet," he points out. "But I've gone 7.30s in practice. I think after improving about 1.5m over the last year, I'll be over 8m in 1996."

Edwards, the Provincial high jump champion, currently holds a No. 5 rank in Canada with a personal best clearing of 2.05m. But under the advice of Georgevski, he has turned his attention full-time to the long event.

"He told me to slow down on the high and go long," states Edwards of the national high jump coach.

Forgetful 2 matches for BP

The Acton BP Vinyl Siding pitching staff seemed to take an early holiday weekend last week as they coughed up 41 runs in two Atom Boys softball games.

In action here on Thursday, Hornby jumped to a 5-0 first-inning lead, despite good pitching from Justin Lockerbie en route to a 20-3 crushing of the locals.

After Hornby upped its lead to 6-0, Jamie Stevenson knocked home Paul Schiller for the home side's first run.

The visitors extended their lead to 13-1 after a seven-run outburst in the third frame.

Lockerbie contributed with the bat in the bottom of the inning as he brought home Jonathan Scully.

Down 20-1 heading to their final at-bat, Robbie Price's RBI scored Alex Adwan.

Despite being pounded 21-11 by Glen Williams II last Wednesday on the road, Lockerbie mashed two homers and scored two runs, while teammate Price matched his

homer total and added a run.

After the two teams traded a pair of runs to start the game, the Glen mercied the visitors in the second and fourth frames to give them a commanding lead.

Two runs for Acton in the third from Kenny Christopher and Drew Timbers made it a 16-4.

Other runs for Acton came from Jonathan Scully and Chris Schiller.

Derek Lockerbie had three RBIs; Price two and Paul Schiller had a single.

Stingy defence helps MacMillan's

A strong defence corps of Josh Bowen, Mike Lee and John Newby provided excellent support and enabled MacMillan's to register a 2-2 tie against Acton Pharmacy in Boys' Atom (Under-11) soccer play at McKenzie-Smith last Monday.

Pharmacy got off to an early start with a goal from Ian Wallis, but it wasn't long before MacMillan's responded with a goal from Danny Pursoo, assisted by Shawn Meilleur.

Pharmacy went up 2-1 on a Bruce Mulligan goal but MacMillan's answered again on Meilleur's second of the game on a feed from Pursoo to end the first half.

The second half, although scoreless, was filled with exciting plays and close chances from both sides.

MacMillan's Nathan Bowen performed double duty between the posts as he appeared for the second half.

In recent action, Rockwood's Midland Walwyn scored the winning goal with under a minute to play to give them a 3-2 victory over MacMillan's at Rockmosa Park.

The game was well-contested

with strong supporting play for MacMillan's from Josh Bowen on defence, Paul Lemisky and Danny Pursoo, who shared goaltending chores, and winger Marc Borelli.

Both Acton goals were netted by Steve Barends with assists from Pursoo and Hatch.

Joey Legate handled all three Midland Walwyn goals.

Van Egmond's goal not enough for Maroon

A well-matched game was played by Fendley Florist and Maroon at McKenzie-Smith on Thursday in Acton-Georgetown Girls' Under-13 soccer action.

After a scoreless first half,

Fendley Florist scored a pair in the second half for the 2-1 victory.

Maroon's lone goal came from Acton's Angie Van Egmond.

Maroon keepers Van Egmond and Kayln Carter played superb.



I'M WAITING: Adam Brouillard of the Acton Auto Tech Rookie hardball team stands at first base waiting for a hit by a teammate during action against Kilbride last Wednesday at Prospect Park. (Doug Harrison photo)