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## Edwards absent from AHS

BY DOUG HARRISON

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Put your cameras away folks, Canadian Junior long jump champion Brent Edwards will not be messing up the pit for Acton High this year — or ever.

Upon registering at the school, Edwards was informed that his house sits about 30 metres inside Wellington County. Where the discrepancy lies is the \$4,000 yearly fee Edwards would have to pay for attending a school outside the county.

"I have an Acton address, an Acton phone number, but an Erin lot," said the perplexed 18-year-old recently. "And it's a long-distance phone call to Erin District High School but not to Acton. Everything points out that I live in an Acton house."

In addition, it's a 20-minute bus-ride for Edwards to Erin High and five minutes to the local high school.

Edwards, who plans to attend University of Toronto's Erindale College campus in January, has returned to Cawthra Park Secondary School in Mississauga since his parents still own property there.

"I think it will be easier to be in Mississauga when I go back to training at U of T this week. Being in Erin, it would be a 90-minute drive to the university when I have to be there around 4 pm," said Edwards, who added the subway

will take him to U of T in 20 minutes from Cawthra Park on practice days.

The only pitfall for the Provincial high jump champ is that he has to leave his house at 6:45 am to reach a bus-ride in Meadowvale at 7:15. He arrives at school around 8:15 before his 8:30 classes.

On non-training days, Edwards hops on the bus at 3 to get back to Meadowvale to meet his mother, who travels from the Dixie Road area to pick her son up and bring him back here.

Tired at the thought?

"Last Wednesday, I came home and slept from 6 pm to 9:30 pm

and realized I still had homework to do," Edwards recalled. "I then ate at 9:30 and had to get up around 5 or 5:30 am."

Before the mess began, Edwards had aspirations of playing on Acton High's volleyball and basketball squads along with track.

"I guess everything happens for a reason," he stated. "The rules were here and I didn't realize them."

Edwards was training at U of T on Monday and planned to work on weights and "a lot of speed work" three times a week for at least a month before facing any competition.

## Midgets fare well

Attention to all area high school track athletes: Watch out for Acton High's Amanda Bonnell.

The Midget running sensation accompanied coach Bruce Andrews and the rest of the local team to London on Thursday to compete in the Banting Bronco cross-country meet, the first pre-season indoor meet.

Bonnell appeared to be in midseason form as she finished fifth in the field of 97 in the Midget Girls' 2,600-metre run. She hit the line in 10 minutes, one-second.

Two others, Jennifer Rigney and Laurel Soutiere, joined Bonnell in representing Acton High. Rigney placed 84th in 13:47, while Soutiere finished 91st in a time of 14:09.

In the Midget Boys' 4,300m, second-year Midget Michael Andrews clocked 15:51, good for 10th among 93 competitors. Robert Turpin came 91st, but his time was not available.

Of 170 runners, Chris Wallis finished 107th in the Junior Boys' 5,000m category, stopping the clock at 20:45.



**BIG SMASH:** Acton Redman Junior Boys' volleyball player Steve White waits to smash the ball during tryouts on Thursday at Acton High. White and Co. went 4-6 on the weekend at an Invitational tourney in Georgetown. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Low numbers hurt AHS v-ball team

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Ken Ellis knew things could only get better.

The Acton Redmen Junior Boys' volleyball coach watched his squad's shaky performance to start the Georgetown Invitational tourney on Saturday as only seven players opened the first set.

"And halfway through the morning, two of my power hitters left. Finally, late in the afternoon we got a decent team together," said Ellis Monday of the day-long round-robin tournament.

It's not that the action wasn't hot inside the Georgetown High gym, but the cool temperatures outside warned some players that rep hockey tryouts were calling.

"It was tough," Ellis admitted, "because a lot of of players in the opening match against eventual tournament winner Oakville Trafalgar High had to play out of their regular positions. We didn't know where we were going."

For what it's worth, the Redmen were dumped 15-5 and 15-6.

From there, it was a match against host Georgetown, which carried 18 players and let it show, clobbering Acton 15-7 and 15-12.

Next up was White Oaks from Oakville. Although they were

humbled 15-5 in the first game of the two-setter, Ellis' boys played tough in the second set and edged their opponents 15-13.

That seemed to ignite the locals as they posted a 3-1 record in their last four games in sweeping Burlington's Lester B. Pearson (15-12 and 15-10) and splitting with Nelson of Burlington.

"If we had won the second game against Nelson, we would have been in the playoffs," said Ellis. "We got stronger as the day went."

Partly because their bench was growing from returning players and thus, the whole team's motivation was boosted. And also due to some re-positioning of players by professor Ellis.

"We had to go from six (players) up to six back," Ellis explained. "This lifted our spirits and we began to handle the ball and play our positions well."

The Redmen coach is almost sure to stay with this alignment to start the regular season at Burlington Central on Sept. 30.

Ellis noted the impressive play of middle men, second-year Junior Dave Dolliver and Jamie Birrell, a first-year Grade 9 player. What caught the coach's eye was their very aggressive net play when turning aside opponents' shots



**JUST SHORT:** Janey McCallum's arm isn't long enough to steal the tip-off from Melissa Ford during an AHS Junior Girls inter-squad game last Wednesday. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Foster, Enright, Enright win

In the Sept. 8 edition of the *Acton Tanner*, the winners of the recent 36-hole Blue Springs Founders Club golf championship were listed incorrectly.

Steve Foster topped the Gross scores at 157 to win the Men's title. Paul Campbell and Terry Tombs counted 160 and 167.

Brian Aitkin's 149 won the Men's Net category over Dave MacRae (151) and Ed Gallick (153).

Nancy Enright captured Ladies Gross honours with a 178, while Rose Robertson shot 190 and Carole Fisher-Affleck scored 192.

Adeline MacDougall won the Net with a 144. Barb Ferguson shot 148 and Ann Wood 152.

In the 18-hole Junior bracket, Doug Enright led the Gross play. Brian Uchikata won the Net competition.