



POTENTIAL AQUA DUCKS? These 10 swimmers came out to the Acton Indoor Pool last Tuesday to test the waters in a free look-see into joining the 1993-94 Aqua Ducks swim team. The newcomers are, back row, left to right, Amanda Hageman, 10; Anthony Pacevicius, 11; Paul Kerins, 12; and Audra Pacevicius, 9. Front row is, Cory Hageman, 9; Jamie Slack, 8; Aislinn Moore, 6; Jennifer Turmonds, 8; Toby Slack, 9; and Jason Charland, 8. For more information about registering with the Aqua Ducks, call Judy MacDonald at 853-4729. (Doug Harrison photo)

Bonnell leads

Amanda Bonnell continues to lead Acton High trackers in early season competition.

The Midget runner finished eighth out of 59 runners on Friday in the Midget Girls' 3,000-metre event at the Laurel Creek Invitational cross-country meet in Waterloo.

In the Midget Boys' 5,000m race, James Metcalfe crossed the line 165th out of 189.

Matt George finished 147th out of 180 Senior Boys' 8,000m runners, while teammate Bob Andrews placed 171st.

Acton had many runners out with various ailments.

Dan Bonnell didn't finish his 8,000m run due to a breathing problem. Michael Andrews had a cold and Richie Dalziel twisted an ankle in the Midget Boys 5,000m.



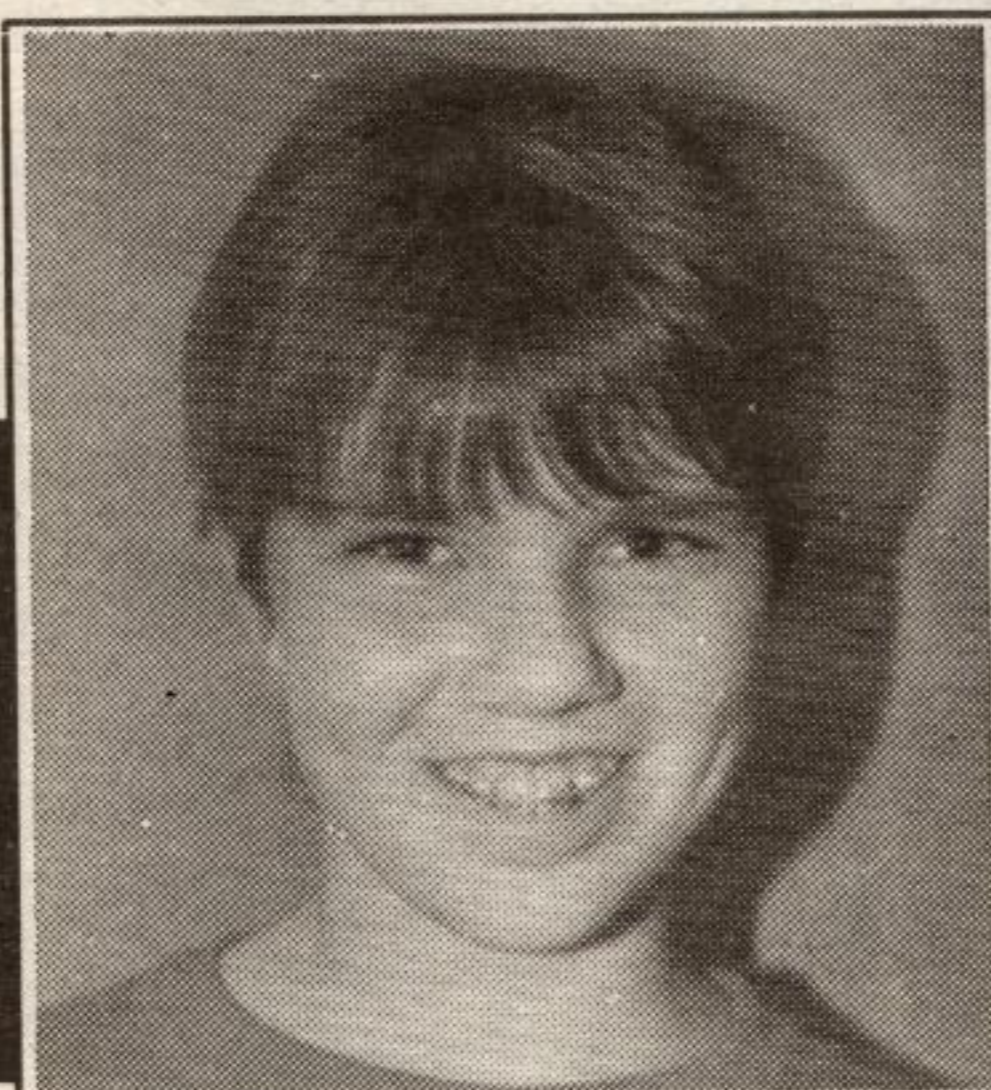
McKenzie-Smith's Melissa Young, 11, competed in last Wednesday's North Halton public school cross-country meet at Acton High. The Grade 7 student ran 1,500-metres. (Doug Harrison photo)



Acton hockey player Ryan Turpin gets his wish — a picture with his hero Mark Osborne of the Toronto Maple Leafs at the recent Milton Alliance Church hockey school. (Submitted photo)

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CARRIER OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to ... **MARY BETH ROBERTSON!**

The Acton Tanner Carrier of the Month for September is Mary Beth Robertson, a Grade 8 student at McKenzie-Smith. Mary Beth figure skates year round, excelling in the Dance, Freestyle and Patch divisions. Mary Beth is also active in her church and plays the clarinet at school.

Mary Beth, one of our original carriers, says her favourite part of the job is meeting the people on her route.

Keep up the good work, Mary Beth!

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Redmen need practice

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

Practice makes perfect.

The Acton Redmen Senior Girls' basketball outfit would settle for the former about now.

A total of eight players braved the crack of dawn for practice on Monday. One went missing and three others felt more comfortable in bed rather than running up and down the gym floor with a ball in their hand. They slept in.

It didn't help matters for coach Anne Andrews, who is trying to get a look-see at players before the Oct. 7 opener and where they are best suited on the floor. All she knows now is that she'll have 12 names on her roster.

Andrews, entering her 17th year as coach, sees a weakness at the point-guard position. She thinks Shelby DaPonte will be a strong player at that position, but hasn't had the opportunity to see her in practice. Keri Croft hasn't played the position for three years and Rachel Haggett, although she has steadily improved the last couple of years, can't be considered a lock to play there.

Shooting is lacking in accuracy now, but that will come with more practice, says Andrews.

Andrews has four players — Laura Sanderson, Michelle Blakey, Janis Bailey and Shelby DaPonte — returning to the fold.

She sees Shari Patenaude heading the shooting attack. The latter hit for a three-pointer in a Collingwood tournament on Saturday and handles the ball well. Other graduating Juniors who should make an impact this year

are: Amanda Garwood, who Andrews feels is aggressive under the boards; Goy, who has height and is strong in one-on-one confrontations; and Krista Keir, whose strong point is her left-handedness.

The Redmen, situated in the Richardson division, have nine games this year.

Andrews already has tabbed Georgetown, Milton, E.C. Drury and Bishop Reding as the elite in the nine-team loop. With Burlington schools, Central, M.M. Robinson and Aldershot considered competitive, the Redmen could be hard-pressed not only to remain healthy for each game, but play to their potential and maybe above.

"It will be tough," concedes Andrews, "but if healthy, we'll be competitive."

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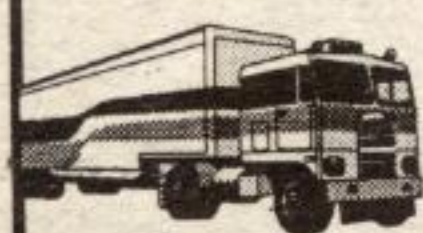
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