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## Acton High's Bonnell advances to OFSAA championships

Amanda Bonnell certainly is peaking at the right time.

The 15-year-old Acton High runner has advanced to the OFSAA cross country championships by virtue of her third-place Milton.

Bonnell competed in the Midget

Girls' 3,000-metre race at the vation Area in Woodbridge, the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference championships at Kelso Conservation Area. The Grade 10 student finished behind only Rebecca Stallwood of St. Mary's Samson.

Redman runner will compete in the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association championships.

"She ran a good race to qualify finish at a meet last Wednesday in and Bishop Ryan's Christine for OFSAA," commented coach Bruce Andrews yesterday (Tues-Saturday at the Boyd Conser- day). "The fourth and fifth-place

finishers didn't give her a close

"If she runs like this at OFSAA, I feel she could make the top 30.

"It sounds like a big difference, going from third to 30th, but you've got 16 different associations there missed the top-five, so he won't from all over Ontario. You're talking about some good runners,"

said Andrews, who added that Bonnell's last two races have been her best this season.

Acton High's Michael Andrews also competed at the GHAC meet, but the Midget Boys competitor be advancing to the OFSAA championships.



BACK OFF! AHS Junior Redmen dribbler Jackie Jahn protects the ball while her M.M. Robinson opponent winces during hoop action in Acton Thursday. (Doug Harrison photo)

# V-ballers win first; impress in loss

BY DOUG HARRISON The Acton Tanner

The Junior Redmen Boys' volleyball squad finally got that elusive first win of the season last Tuesday, but what most impressed their coach was a loss two days later.

That loss came on a visit to tough M.M. Robinson on Thursday, where the Acton High side lost 15-5, 13-15 and 15-9.

The Redmen, 1-7, received consistent play as Scott McIntyre and Greg Finley provided excellent sets for the power hitters. Coach Ken Ellis cited the play of catalysts Trevor Malloy, Dave Dolliver and Shawn Hopkins.

"It was by far our best showing of the season," said a relieved Ellis supposed to smoke us — M.M. Robinson sat atop the Richardson Division before the game — I was really pleased.

"In the third game, we were ahead 6-2 or 5-3, but we couldn't hold on to it," he said. "I thought we would get overwhelmed by the

first-place team, but the players came up with their own special performance of the season."

However, the Redmen's first win of the year came last Tuesday in sweeping Burlington Assumption 15-11, 15-6, 16-14 at home.

The home side came up with timely efforts, despite many fractured plays in the contest.

Ellis noted the strong play of Jamie Birrell and Mike Debruyn. But he felt the win came as a result of strong individual play, not consistent team play.

The Redmen finished the season against Milton's Bishop Reding yesterday (Tuesday) at home. The score wasn't available at press time.

#### Andy's Novices split pair

Weekend rep hockey action saw Andy's Restaurant Novices split games with Milton and Fergus.

Saturday at Thompson Arena in Milton, Andy's defeated their hosts, Milton II, by a 3-1 count.

Kyle Strong opened the scoring on Friday. "For a team that was for the local side. Greg Voisin corded the assist. picked up an assist on that marker.

Peter Glatt pocketed the winning goal for Andy's, unassisted, while an insurance marker was notched by Colin Sheehan, off a feed by Jessie Hepburn.

The next night was a Halloween home game, as Fergus II

tripped to the Community Centre.

Despite a two-goal performance by Acton's Joe Brunelle, Fergus managed to edge the locals 5-4.

Darryl Wright found twine to launch the Andy's scoring attack this game. Matt Bronizewski re-

Greg Voisin and Joe Dunbar then set up Brunelle for his first goal, which was followed by a Kyle Strong score. Brunelle and Voisin assisted.

Brunelle then scored his second, with help from Voisin and Stephen Boychuk.

### Junior, Senior hoopsters hammered

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

The Acton High gym housed many fouls on Thursday and they weren't of the odorous variety.

Hitting for 61 per cent (19 of 31) at the free-throw line, the M.M. Robinson Lady Rams used this and pathetic Acton Redmen shooting to build upon a slim 5-4 first for their foul points in the third quarter lead and club the hosts 57-14 in Junior cage action.

The home side missed at least six points underneath the basket in a display of panic shooting at the game's outset. Luckily, the Burlington visitors followed suit and kept their opponents in the game past the opening quarter.

"We could have held them tight, but we had too many fouls which means we've got poor defensive positioning — we were too high and not low enough," explained Redmen coach Lyn McLaren after the game.

The poor shooting and passing by the Redmen continued through the first half. They frequently became satisfied with attempting three-pointers rather than move the ball for better shots.

The Rams played a more con-

trolled game and took a 21-8 lead to the half.

"They're aggressive, but they have to control their bodies and that's not there yet," said Redmen assistant coach Anne Andrews of her inexperienced players.

The Redmen, who were two for nine at the charity stripe, connected quarter. They also committed four fouls in the eight minutes and the Rams stretched the lead to 30-13.

A Ram explosion of 27 points in the final quarter to the Redmen's one made the end result a laugher. A turn of the head to the sparse gathering was further evidence.

Robin Croft led the Redmen with four points. Janey McCallum hit for three, while Jen McKay had two. Shondra Stroud's foul point rounded out the scoring.

"Our passing was poor and we weren't patient," said a blunt McLaren. "But the girls showed they could possibly stay with the Rams."

"I told the players in the morning practice that I was concerned with the way we play as a team and not the score," Andrews said. "I'm happy we got into double digits."

Meanwhile, the Senior Redmen wouldn't even attempt a shot in the earlier game of the doubleheader and fell behind 17-2 after eight minutes en route to a 59-10 clobbering by MMR.

Andrews said some of the girls were afraid to shoot because the team wasn't grabbing rebounds. She added Amanda Garwood got most of them and "she's one of the shortest girls on the team.

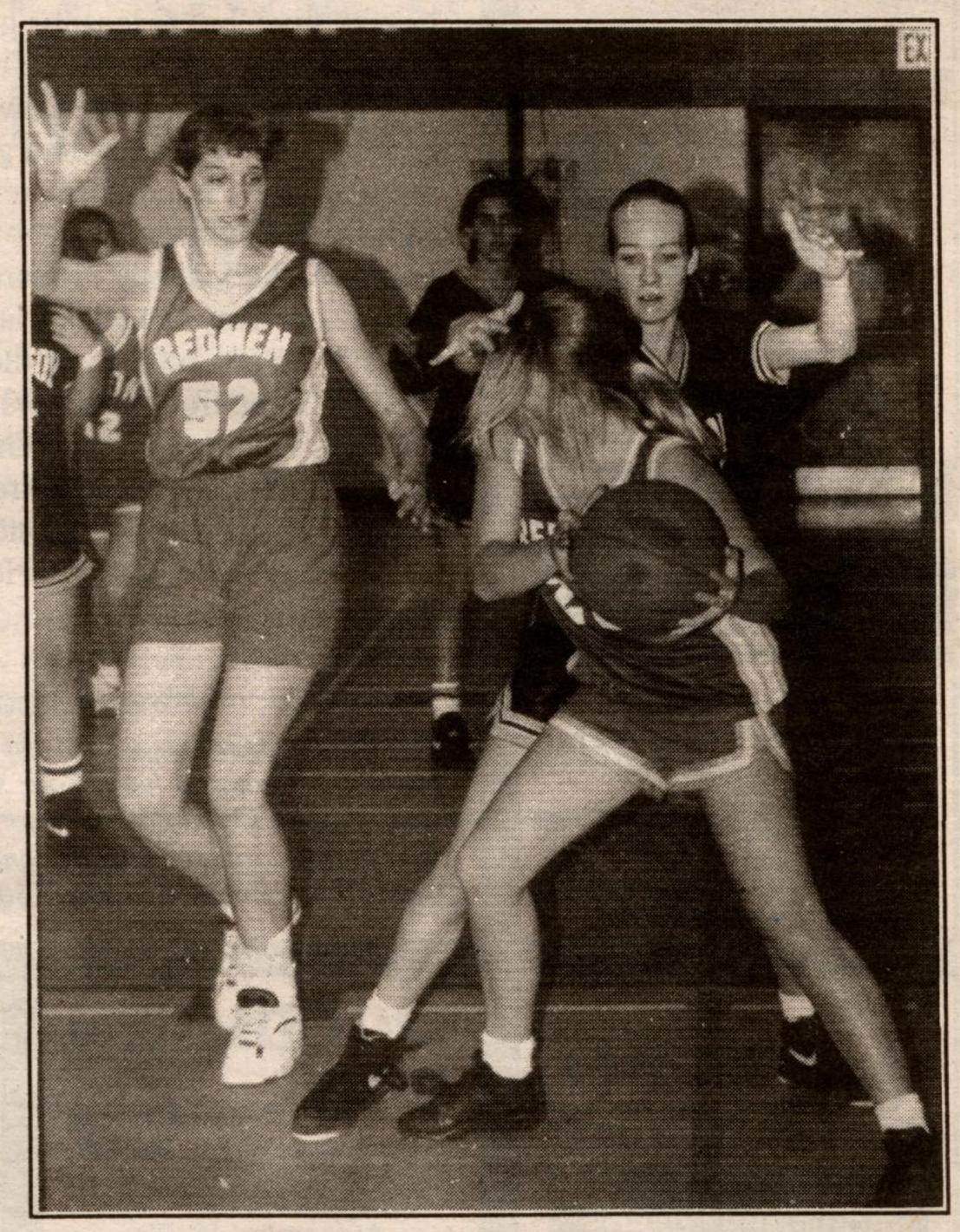
"We knew M.M. was fast and our goal was to get through the game healthy and not foul out."

Andrews noted that Garwood fouled three times in 30 seconds.

Jenny Goy, who Andrews thought didn't start shooting until the second half, scored five points to lead the squad. Janis Bailey landed a three-pointer and Garwood added two.

The Redmen's next home game is tomorrow (Thursday) against Aldershot. Game time is 3:45 pm.

NOTES: Shelby DaPonte was ill and missed the game ... Shari Patenaude was also out, with torn ligaments in her left ankle ... Junior player Robin Croft, who fractured her right wrist in the first game of the year, returned.



**HEAVY TRAFFIC: Acton High's Shelley Hand prepares to** dump the ball to teammate Heather Trotter during the Junior Girls' loss to M.M. Robinson last week. (Doug Harrison photo)