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Acton High's Bonnell suffers cramp at OFSAA meet

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A cramp in the second half of the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) cross-country championships on Saturday prevented Acton High's Amanda Bonnell from cracking the top 50.

The Grade 10 Midget runner got out to a fast start in the 3,000-metre Girls' race at the Boyd Conservation Area in Woodbridge, but

she quickly fell back in the pack of about 250 runners after suffering a cramp.

She dropped from the top 50 to finish 94th.

"You go with what you can. I'm pleased with the result," said Acton High coach Bruce Andrews of Bonnell yesterday (Tuesday).

Andrews was pleased with the increased size of the local high school team this year and feels the sport at Acton High looks good

for the future.

"Amanda came first in the Halton championships and third at GHAC.

"Midget Boys runner Michael Andrews finished sixth at Halton and in the top 10 in two others, so the Junior level will be strong next year when they move up," he predicted.

Andrews added team member Chris Wallis will likely train year-round and "that should help."

Sabre win streak at 5 games

Acton's Nellis Construction Novice I Sabres hockey squad had a slow week, but they are still streaking.

The only game for the first-place Sabres was an 8-0 pasting of Fergus at the Community Centre last Wednesday to extend their winning streak to five games.

Balanced scoring was the key for Acton as seven marksmen hit

for goals.

John Field scored a pair, while singles went to David Lyons, Matt Wolfer, Andrew Pembleton, Mike Dube, Steve Atkinson and Adam Brouillard.

Assists went to Nick Mastro with three, Mark Pawlak with two, Pembleton, Field, Dube, Chris Jowett and Jon Newby.

Acton, which has played each

team in its division twice, has compiled a 7-1-2 record, while outscoring its opponents 53-11.

The Sabres play at the Community Centre every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

The team is holding a bottle drive on Saturday. Funds raised through the year allow Acton teams to represent the town in tournaments across Ontario.



TRAPPED! Acton High's Robyn Croft gets pressured by this Aldershot Lion in Junior Girls roundball play at AHS Thursday. Redman Shondra Stroud (41) looks on. Acton lost this match-up. (Doug Harrison photo)

Senior Girls hurt themselves

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The Senior Redmen Girls basketball team now writes its own death notice rather than allow opposing teams to outplay them.

They appeared more aggressive than recent outings on Thursday at Acton High, but it cost them in fouls, which resulted in Aldershot Lions points.

The locals escaped the first quarter down 9-6. Not bad, considering their best player, Jenny Goy, who finished the game with 20 points, didn't step on the court until the game's five-minute mark.

A nifty layup by Goy with two minutes, 30 seconds left in the half and then a three-pointer a minute later gave the 5-foot-11 inch hoopster four of her 10 first-half points and the Redmen an 18-14 lead. The half ended 22-19.

The Redmen could have been accused of bolting Acton High and signalling for the replacement squad during the five-minute halftime breather.

The home side's offensive attack seemed to unravel as they became flustered in the Lions' end and suddenly forgot to fill the hole they occupied frequently under the Lions' hoop the first 16 minutes.

"We started falling apart, got on each other and didn't play as a team," said Redmen coach Anne Andrews after the game. "We got into foul trouble and had to reorganize ourselves.

"Some players get angry and

play better and some get angry and get mad at people."

The Burlington squad opened up a 34-24 lead as Acton didn't sink their first second-half basket until the final minute of the third quarter, which ended 34-26.

Goy, who scored her remaining 10 points in the final quarter, landed two three-pointers with five minutes left to close the Lion lead to three at 39-36.

Junior cagers still slow to act in 33-25 loss

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Acton High's Junior Redmen ended the 1993 cage season the same way it began.

Weak passing, an inability to consistently dominate under the boards and individual play hurt the Redmen yet again on Thursday in a 33-25 loss at home to the Aldershot Lions in high school Junior basketball action.

"Our shooting was weak. We made good steals but we panicked and gave the ball back," said Redmen coach Lyn McLaren after the buzzer.

Foul after foul saw a 10-6 Lion lead balloon to 27-19 after three quarters. It wasn't that the home team didn't have its chances, either.

The Redmen were down only a

But foul trouble prevented the hosts from getting any closer as the Redmen fell 49-38 and were 0-8 heading into their season finale at home against Bishop Reding yesterday (Tuesday).

Shelby DaPonte, Shari Patenaude and Krista Keir all scored four points, while Laura Sanderson, Janise Bailey and Amanda Garwood rounded out the scoring with two each.

basket at 17-15 at the half, kept it close at 27-23 during third quarter play and fought back to make it 27-25 with four minutes left in the contest.

Jen McKay and Heather Trotter led the locals with eight points, while Shondra Stroud counted five and Robyn Croft chipped in with four.

The Redmen's inept play and inability to cope under the pressures of a tight game cost them six points in the waning minutes. Even completing a pass became an adventure.

"The girls are trying very hard," conceded McLaren. "They're in the second stage of learning. They know what to do, but they are doing it slowly. The hustle is there but they're too late for the play. It's a lack of timing."

Bantams defeat Oakville

The Acton Firefighter Bantam hockey team lost 5-2 to rival Georgetown last Wednesday, but a 7-3 record eases the pain a little.

Steve White put Acton on the board in the Tri-County Harrison Division contest with a second period goal set up by Aaron Forrest.

Down 2-1 entering third period play, Gary Genzler completed the Acton scoring at the Community Centre, finding the net off a Tim Bonus pass.

However, Georgetown knocked in three of their own to seal the win.

Last Monday Genzler scored twice — the second an unassisted marker — in a narrow 3-2 Acton win in Oakville.

Marty McKinnon, who was set up by Forrest and Jason Pembleton, found twine to register the other Acton goal. Bonus and Paul Dale assisted on Acton's first goal.

The Firefighters' next game is tonight (Wednesday) at the Community Centre against Arthur. Game time is 8:30.



Redman Rachel Haggett prepares to unload a set-shot during Acton High's Senior Girls' loss to Aldershot last week. (Doug Harrison photo)