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TIER II CHAMPIONS: The McKenzie-Smith Mustang Boys' basketball team captured the 1994 Tier II North Halton cage championship last Wednesday with a 40-27 win over Stewarttown at Georgetown High School. Winning players back row, left to right, are Mike Sop, Mike Hills, Todd Schonnop, Brad Foster, Jeff Birrell and coach Bob Armstrong. Middle row, are Steve Protopapas, Ryan Turpin, Andy Kilmer, Vishal Kassie and Ben Muggridge. Front row, are Andre Savard and Jason Fendley. (Doug Harrison photo)

Nellis Sabres win streak at 8

The Acton Nellis Construction Novice I rep hockey Sabres stretched their undefeated Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) championship quest to eight on the weekend.

Pitted against a rough and undisciplined Six Nations squad in third round play, the Sabres routed their opponents 8-0 at the Community Centre on Saturday and then pounded them 9-1 in Ohsweken Sunday.

The streak started with three-game sweeps of Elora and Fergus.

The Sabres simply outplayed their opponents and took advantage of a penalty box filled with Six Nations players.

The locals lead the six-point series 4-0. The Sabres need a victory that will put them in the OMHA final, where they would battle either Dunnville or Tillsonburg.

Mike Dube recorded four goals and added an assist on the road Sunday. Andrew Pembleton

scored twice, while Steve Atkinson potted a goal and added three helpers.

Sean Kirk and Chris Jowett rounded out the visitors scoring.

Assists were credited to Mike McDonald, Mark Pawlak and Matt Wolfer with two each, while David Lyons had one.

Jason Strong notched the Sabre shutout in the opening game of the semi-final series on Saturday at home.

Atkinson and Adam Brouillard each fired a goal and set up two. Pembleton scored twice, while singles went to Dube, Wolfer, Shawn Prentice and Nick Mastro.

McDonald and John Field had two helpers. Pawlak registered one.

NOTES: The Sabres travel to Ohsweken for Game 3 tonight (Wednesday). If necessary, Game 4 would be played at the Community Centre on Saturday at 4:30 pm.

Bowler Newell riding success of 373

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

Daniel Newell watched the Canadian Olympic hockey team's silver medal performance in Norway and just hours later, he bowled for gold.

The Rockwood resident recently captured the Four Steps to Stardom (Zone final) bowling tourney in Bramalea and has advanced to the Provincial finals March 20 in Scarborough.

With scores of 185, 187, 191, 197 and 203, 11-year-old Daniel finished 20 pins over his 172 Youth Bowling Council (YBC) average and defeated 10 other Bantam bowlers. He finished 40 pins ahead of the third place bowler and 10 ahead of the runner-up.

"I'm glad I stayed consistent. I was just hoping the scores weren't added wrong," Daniel laughs. "I settled down after the first game. I had a guy bowling with me who was nice and that helped."

So did his ability to block out outside noises that follow tournament play.

"I try to pretend it's regular league bowling to get the pressure off. I like tournaments," reveals Daniel, who finished second at last year's Four Steps to Stardom tournament, when he rolled a 290, the second highest game of his young six-year career on the lanes.

The youngster's personal best

PAT PETERSON	322
FIM EVANS	309
BOB HARRIS	315
GARY MOORE	305
SHAWN SAMPSON	351
BRAD HAMMOND	300 321
JOHN FORD	319 306 331
STEVE TURKOSZ	320
DANIEL NEWELL	373
BILL CRIPPS	328

HIGH ROLLER: Daniel Newell, 11, points to his 373 score under Acton Bowl's 300-club list. The Rockwood resident holds the local establishment's third highest single this season behind John Ahearn and Al Stokes. (Brad Hammond photo)

was thrown only weeks before this year's zone final, a 373 — 450 is a perfect score — during the third game of his weekly YBC play at Acton Bowl.

Aside from a spare in the third frame and a five count in the 10th, it was all strikes for the Grade 5 Rockwood Centennial Public School student.

While the spare in the third frame negated his chances of a perfect score, Daniel welcomed it and figures it helped in easing the

pressure of rolling the third highest single at the Main Street house this season.

Only Acton's John Ahearn and Al Stokes, who notched a 450 and 380, respectively, have bested Daniel's effort. And they're old enough to be his father.

Daniel's mother, Sandra, was front row and centre for her son's moment of glory — acting as scorekeeper.

Frame by frame she got more excited. So much so, she stopped

scoring after the fifth frame, since strikes seemed to be the order of the day.

"She stopped at the fifth frame and I had 200. I couldn't believe it. I got a strike to start the 10th frame and everyone crowded around me. It was kind of funny," states Daniel, who also enjoys baseball, ping-pong and pool. "Then everyone said 'get a strike.' I got five and heard a loud roar."

Newell points to slowing down his approach for the success he's had this year in raising his league average 24 pins from last season's 148.

"(YBC coach) Brent Dance told me I was stepping too fast and releasing the ball on my second step instead of my third. He also told me to just throw the ball straight," says Daniel, an avid collector of over 7,000 hockey and baseball cards.

Dance's advice has Daniel hitting the head pin with regularity. His delivery also allows for a slight curve, so the ball isn't chopping the head pin, but gets enough of it to achieve high scores.

"He has such a love for the sport and is always willing to pick up tips from his coaches, Brent and Barb Dance and John Wagg. He always looks forward to bowling," says Sandra.

Whether it's tournament or league play.

AHS skiers finish 8th in Halton final

The Acton High ski team tackled the slopes of Glen Eden in Milton at last Monday's Halton high school ski championships, finishing eighth out of 13 schools.

Matt Boycott led Acton in the 10-gate race, placing 29th out of 88 racers in 17.15 seconds.

Erich Behling finished 37th in 17.43, Mark Pearson 39th in 17.54 and Rob Tiralongo completed the course in 18.47, good for 59th.

Other Boys' results were as follows: Ryan Carley, 78th, 19.82; Derek Tribe, 80th, 19.84 and Adam Trenton, 83rd, 20.83.

Stephanie Jones fared best among the Redmen Girls in the field of 80 racers, grabbing 13th place with an 18.81 run.

Emily Savage was 34th in 20.27, while teammate Lise Grimwood was on her heels in 35th (20.46).

Other results were Sandy Gilrain, 42nd, 20.66; Janey McCallum, 52nd, 21.56 and Jaime McCoig, 65th, 23.35.

"We have a lot of recreational skiers, while a number of the other schools are composed of racers," Redmen coach Murray Kittmer explained on Friday. "They all progressed this season. They improved technically and their recreational skiing considerably."