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Turkosz duo advances to Ontario bowling final

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

The drought is over.

In their final attempt at capturing a Youth Bowling Council (YBC) Family Twosome Zone championship, Bob and Steve Turkosz recently rolled over the competition at Bolton Lanes to win the Senior Division crown.

The father-son duo, who led by 100 points heading to the final game, finished with a pin count of 1,180 with handicap, averaging 240 in the four-game tourney.

"We clicked for a change. In the past, it's always been one of us doing well and the other not," says Bob, who advanced to the Regional tournament with 19-year-old Steve for the sixth time.

Acton took two of the four division titles. Rick and Ryan Stroud grabbed Peewee honours. Both teams have advanced to the Ontario final on Aug. 20 and 21 at Toronto's Bowlerama Thorncliffe.

They will face competition from Wallaceburg, Chatham, Sarnia, Windsor, Alexandria, Hawkesbury, Brockville and teams from the Ottawa area.

What was the key to winning the event that has eluded the pair for so long?

"You have to be mentally prepared and just hope you're hot and have a line together. If one guy is off his game, it's hard," Bob says. They made the task easy on



SENIOR STARS: Steve Turkosz, left, and his father Bob, recently captured the Youth Bowling Council (YBC) Senior Family Twosome Zone championship. (Doug Harrison photo)

each other by attaining their Acton Bowl league averages. Bob, who was required to throw the first ball in each frame, had over a 240 average in the Wednesday night Acton Majors league, while sporting a 256 average in a Draft Classic league in Guelph. Steve, who has bowled on-and-off for the last five years, carried a 195 average this season in Young American Bowlers Association (YABA) play on Sundays.

Bob and Steve each have personalized bowling balls. "It's good

for an extra five to 10 pins on your average," estimates Bob, noting there isn't the hassle of adapting to different ball sizes and weights when travelling to different alleys.

The John Street residents agree four games for the Family Twosome isn't enough. "The more the merrier," Steve quips.

"The more games you bowl the truer the read of who the better bowlers are," his father adds. "Anybody can be hot for two games, so you're really bowling two games."

AHS golfers impress

The Acton High School golf team kicked off the 1994 season in grand style on Thursday — playing the greens of the famous Glen Abbey Golf Course in Oakville.

Dave Dolliver led the local foursome of Dave Moore, Devon Ambrose and Kevin Tribe through the front nine, shooting a strong 48. Moore followed with a 52, while Ambrose and Tribe were close behind with scores of 56 and 57.

Moore got stronger as the round continued, firing a 45 on the back portion of the course that pro player Jack Nicklaus designed, finishing at 97. Dolliver and Tribe each shot 53 on the back. Dolliver ended the day at 101, while Tribe hit for 110. Ambrose shaded two strokes off his front score to tie Tribe at 110.

Acton coach Bert O'Hearn commended the Redmen players on their pleasant behaviour in the tourney that attracted 13 schools.

The Glen Abbey staff also complimented O'Hearn on the behaviour of the players, saying they exhibited good golf etiquette on Canada's premier golf course.



RETREAT! The Acton Junior Girls' soccer team often found themselves stationed in their zone in their match with the Bishop Reding Royals at McKenzie-Smith on Thursday. The Redmen were routed 8-0. (Doug Harrison photo)

Shortage of experienced players fatal for Senior Redmen

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Having only five players on the field with soccer experience in a matchup with the Bishop Reding Royals on Thursday, Acton Redmen Senior Girls' coach Steve Bailey wasn't expecting much.

His hunch quickly became a reality as the Redmen spotted the visitors a 3-0 lead in the first half en route to an 8-0 thumping before a sparse gathering at McKenzie-Smith in high school action.

The home side was missing arguably its two top offensive threats in Janisse Bailey, who was visiting Brock University, and Shelby DaPonte, who injured her ankle in

last Tuesday's game at Milton District High.

As a result, the 0-3 Redmen pelted the Royals keeper with a handful of shots throughout the contest, two of which were driven from about 65 yards out.

"We didn't have any forwards and there was mass confusion on defence. I even put the fast defensive players up front late in the game to try and score," said Steve Bailey after the game, his voice trailing off in frustration.

"But at least the girls are getting experience and exposure to the game, so I can't be displeased or disheartened by that."

The Royals scored by either

using their speed to blow by Redmen defenders or working feverishly to win possession of the ball in scrums in front of home keeper Carrie Ferguson, who was often caught out of position.

"This was an 8-year-old game today with scrambles in front of the net," blasted Bailey. "It's just kick and run out there, because the girls don't carry the ball."

"They're not that strong a team, but they played hard," praised Royals coach Joe Golini, whose team evened its record at 2-2. "With only 10 players on the field and no bench they were running out of gas. We also had the wind to our advantage in the second half,

so everything was working to our advantage."

Last Tuesday, the Redmen had to battle horrible field conditions and a tough referee on the road in losing 6-0 to the Milton Mustangs.

Bailey said the field dipped so much it looked like his players were surfing, while daughter Janisse had her mouth cut open. She failed to draw a penalty after taking an elbow to the mouth from a Mustang player who had left her feet to deliver the blow.

"He (the referee) didn't see it or call it," said Bailey, visibly miffed two days after the game. "It was the worst refereed game I've seen in my life. He shouldn't be re-

ereeing more than 10-year-olds ... I told him to retire after the game."

Luck wasn't with the Redmen on the scoreboard, either. They had three breakaways and were unsuccessful each time. However, Bailey said, the defence played well.

"A lot better than it did (Thursday)," he said.

Catherine Kemp scored three goals for the Royals. Singles went to Natalie Cameron, Kristy Hickey, Viviana Gerace, Noreen Ortila and Jackie Shaw.

The Redmen travelled to Lord Elgin yesterday (Tuesday) and host Assumption tomorrow. Game time is 3:30 pm at McKenzie-Smith.

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