



UNDER-19 CHAMPIONS!

The Acton Under-19 Girls' soccer team had an excellent 1994 season, racking up a 10-1-4 record en route to winning the North Peel-Halton soccer title. Acton beat Milton 4-0, Brampton 3-0 and Georgetown 5-0 to qualify for the Cup finals. They then downed Georgetown 2-0 and Mississauga 3-1 in the championship match. Coach Brian Campbell and his assistant, Len Allan, would like to congratulate the girls on a successful season. Back row: coach Brian Campbell, Lisa Chumley, Sarah Lindsay, Hannah Allen, Tracy Jansen, Shelby DaPonte and coach Len Allan. Front row: Cheryl Jenkins, Carla Jenkins, Marissa Fread, Paula Hardy, Natalie Tuitman, Tammy Allan, Angela Orticello and Lucy Muggridge. (Submitted photo)

Venema takes North-Halton Junior golf championship

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The Acton Tanner

Acton's Amy Venema capped off her first competitive season on the links the way it began — with sterling performances.

Venema, 14, recently won the North-Halton Junior Girls' golf tournament at the North-Halton Golf and Country Club in Georgetown. To kick-start the 1994 season, the North-Halton member placed second among eight girls in the 13 and 14-year-old category of the Optimist Junior Golf tourney at the end of July in Hamilton.

Over the latest three-day tourney, Amy was consistent in shooting rounds of 98, 98 and 94 on the par-72 course.

Commenting over the phone on Monday of his daughter's performance on the tough Maple Street course, Bert Venema said Amy's climb atop the Junior ranks was fairly smooth as a strong short-game on the course's tight fairways vaulted her to victory.

"Her short game with her (8 and 9) irons was very good and carried her game this summer. She also got accustomed to her 5-wood as well, but has yet to use her driver,"

Bert revealed.

Indeed, success followed the Grade 10 Bishop Reding student throughout the hot months.

Prior to the North-Halton victory, Amy tied for first at the Beaverton Junior Invitation tourney, but dropped to second after losing the second sudden-death playoff hole. As well, she placed third in Port Elgin at the McDonald's Invitation and later attained second low-gross (handicap valued into score) at a Ladies Invitation event in Toronto.

A crucial decision by Amy in 1990 to switch to life on the links from a potential skating career appears to have paid off. So has the switch to a right-handed swing from a left, which Amy showed off when Bert took her to a Junior clinic for \$1 at the North-Halton Club to launch her young career.

"It paid off and it also gives me an excuse to go out and play," laughed Bert, who would like to see Amy enter tournaments in the States next year. He continued to say Amy will work on her long game with coach Shelley Woolner during the off-season.

"Hopefully she'll strive for her goals, one of which is to shoot in

the high 80s at North-Halton next year. If she works on her long game it's fairly achievable," Bert predicted.

NOTES: Bert would like to thank Woolner for helping Amy have the success she's had to date ... Another of Amy's goals for '95 is to win the Ontario Golf Association Junior championship in Owen Sound next July.

Junior v-ball team misses playoffs at Rebel tourney

The Acton High Junior Redmen Boys' volleyball team travelled to Georgetown for an invitational tournament on the weekend.

The young and inexperienced Redmen squad fought hard throughout the day, but did not advance to the playoff round.

However, they did serve notice that they will not be push-overs during the 1994 Halton high school season.

On a bright note, third-year Jun-

ior Trevor Malloy was named to the tournament All-Star team.

Pritchard tops Smurf bowlers

SMURFS

Liam Pritchard, 99; Dylan Burgess, 97; Ryan Kinsey, 95; Richard Pokocky, 93; Jeff Manes, 59.

SMURFETTES

Ashley Uiterwyk, 91; Gillian Benton, 80.

Andrews places 37th at cross-country meet

If only Michael Andrews was a few inches taller and 35 pounds heavier.

It could have meant an impressive 15th place finish at the recent Banting Bronco cross-country meet at Springbank Park in London instead of his still respectable 37th place finish among the field of 151 finishers, according to Acton High coach Bruce Andrews.

The 16-year-old, 95-pound Andrews, who competed in the Junior Boys' 5,000-metre event, is forced to start fast to compensate for his low weight.

"He ran a good race," says his coach, "but he needs to grow to see any significant improvement. You have to have the weight to

bring on the strength at the end of the race.

"It (a growth spurt) would make all the difference in the world, but you can't ask any more from him. He's extremely dedicated, running at least six-days-a-week and 10-kilometres a day."

But not all is bad with the 5-foot-2 runner. His speed is coming around, having shaved 15 seconds off his one-kilometre workouts and two minutes off his 10km time over the last year.

"After 800m in London he was 50th, but there was only about a 50m difference from first to 50th," the elder Andrews concedes.

Andrews will run at a meet in Kitchener this Friday.



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