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AHS Senior Lady cagers flirt with first win

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

Three missed breakaway layups in the first quarter at Loyola on Thursday was the Redmen Senior Girls' basketball team's undoing in their first legitimate shot at nailing down that elusive first win.

Had the three easy points fallen in, the locals would have only been down 22-17 at the half following their 8-5 domination in the second quarter.

The Hawks outscored the Redmen 14-12 and 11-8 in the game's second half for a 47-31 victory.

"We're getting better offensive rebounding and our passing is improving," said an upbeat Redmen coach Anne Andrews on Friday following her team's fourth defeat in as many games. "We're starting to play more as a team and we're better in our foul shooting."

The Redmen found solace in the charity stripe, where they sunk five of eight attempts.

Shari Patenaude led the locals with 12 points, but was forced to take three shots to sink a botched breakaway layup in the fourth quarter.

"Part of her success is where

she's playing," Andrews said of her forward-point guard. "She might be getting rebounds underneath the net, but she has good size and can hold her own there."

The Redmen continued to have success playing man-to-man coverage, but due to a lack of depth, were forced to a zone as the game progressed.

Amanda Garwood totalled six points, Shelby DaPonte five and Jackie Jahn four. Grabbing a basket each were Laura Sanderson and Janisse Bailey.

Last Tuesday, the Redmen began their flirtation for victory No.

1, but succumbed 44-37 to White Oaks at Acton High.

"It was the best game I've seen the girls play," praised Andrews, who noted the Redmen were within a basket at 25-23 at the half.

Patenaude again led on the scoresheet with 10 points, followed by Jahn and DaPonte with six apiece. Other scorers included Janice Coxe with four, Bailey and Jen McKay with three and a basket to Sanderson and Garwood.

NOTES: The Senior Redmen hosted an invitational tourney at Acton High on Saturday.

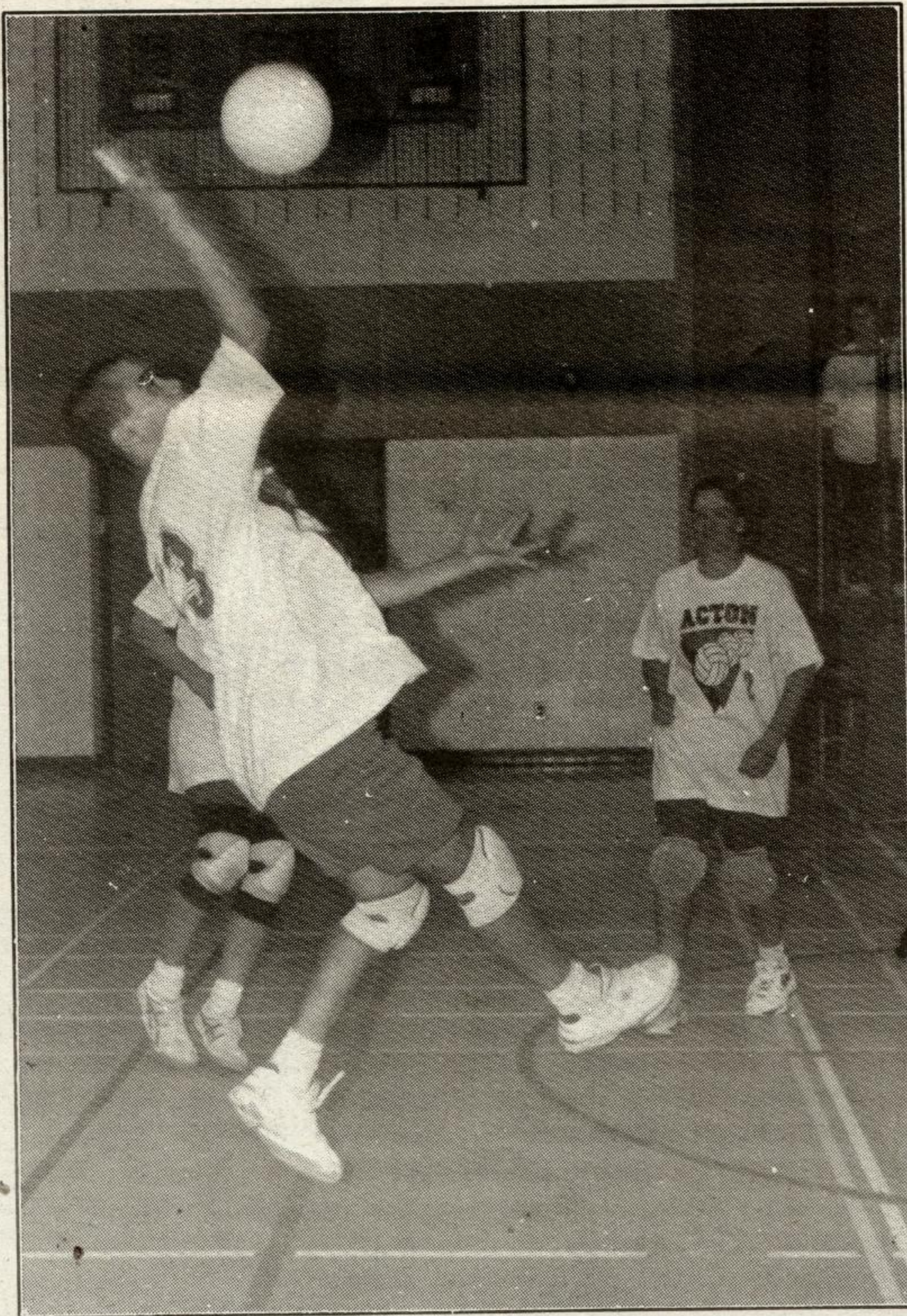
The local squad opened the day

on the losing end of 26-15 score to Centre of Wellington from Fergus.

Patenaude topped the Redmen with six points. DaPonte put home four, while Coxe and Junior call-up Kelly Holmes netted two each. Jahn counted a foul shot.

The win put the Redmen in the consolation round where they fell 25-18 to Brampton's Mayfield, though they were tied 8-8 after the first quarter.

Top point-getters were Patenaude with sixth and Holmes with four. McKay, Bailey, Garwood and call-up Courtney Norman each delivered a basket.



REELING BACK: Trevor Malloy of the Acton Redmen Junior volleyball squad prepares to whack the ball over the net against the Loyola Hawks at Acton High on Thursday. (Doug Harrison photo)

M-S cross-country team excels in '94

BY JEFF BIRRELL & KRISTIN FINLEY
M-S Reporters

The entire McKenzie-Smith cross-country team did a fantastic job this season.

The Mustangs participated in four meets this year, including the Legion meet at Cedarvale Park in Georgetown (Sept. 29), the optional Optimist meet for 12-and-under runners (Oct. 1), the North-Halton event on Oct. 6 and the all-Halton meet at Sherwood Forest Park in Burlington (Oct. 13).

The local runners made their presence known with an abundance of top 20 finishes and first-place performances.

The following is a list of the team members and their respective finishes in each of the aforementioned meets: In the Junior Division—**Darren Banks**—first, sixth and eighth; **Dan Banks**—27th, 18th, 50th and 90th; **Ryan Turpin**—sixth, 26th (North-Halton) and 61st; **Randy McPherson**—41st, 64th (N-H) and 91st; and **Jackie Christie**—22nd, 14th (N-H) and 52nd.

In the Intermediate bracket—**Andy Kilmer**—first, third (N-H) and 10th; **Travis Stewart**—fifth, eighth, 26th and 93rd; **Tigran Awetisian**—seventh, sixth, 15th and 50th; **Anthony Larsen**—18th, 27th (N-H) and 87th; **Adam**

Ahearn—11th and 25th at N-H and all-Halton; **Emma Douglas**—seventh and 11th at Cedarvale and all-Halton; **Melissa Young**—ninth and 25th at Cedarvale and all-Halton; **Charla Banks**—13th, seventh, 19th and 67th; and **Paige**

Killick—22nd, 10th, 17th and 35th.

And in the Senior Division were **Jeff Birrell**—fifth, 14th (N-H) and 77th; **Ryan Gallagher**, 104th at all-Halton and **Kristin Finley**—first, fifth (N-H) and ninth.

Junior v-ballers have 'no desire to win'

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

If their recent loss to Q.E. Park was due to the after-effects of a big Thanksgiving dinner, Thursday's defeat to the Loyola Junior Boys' volleyball team must have been pre-Halloween jitters for the Redmen.

However, coach Ken Ellis wasn't making excuses after the locals dropped a 2-1 (13-15, 15-7, 17-16) decision in high school action at Acton High.

"Maybe the boys are tired or stale, but they didn't have any desire to win," Ellis said after the Redmen had their record evened at 3-3. "They were out of it. We have no excuses."

Both teams were sloppy at times to open the first game and

neither could establish a streak of points. Unfortunately, for Ellis and Co., the miscommunication on the floor lasted longer for his players, resulting in slow movement to the ball, balls falling untouched and in turn, a loss of points.

"We even did a 3-on-3 drill (last week) where they had to yell if the ball came near them and if they didn't, they had to do pushups. So even that didn't work," added the baffled coach.

The Redmen did show signs of wanting to taste victory, rebounding from an 11-5 deficit in Game 3 to almost steal a win.

"We'll only do better this year if the guys get hungry," Ellis urged. "They have to have confidence in themselves."



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