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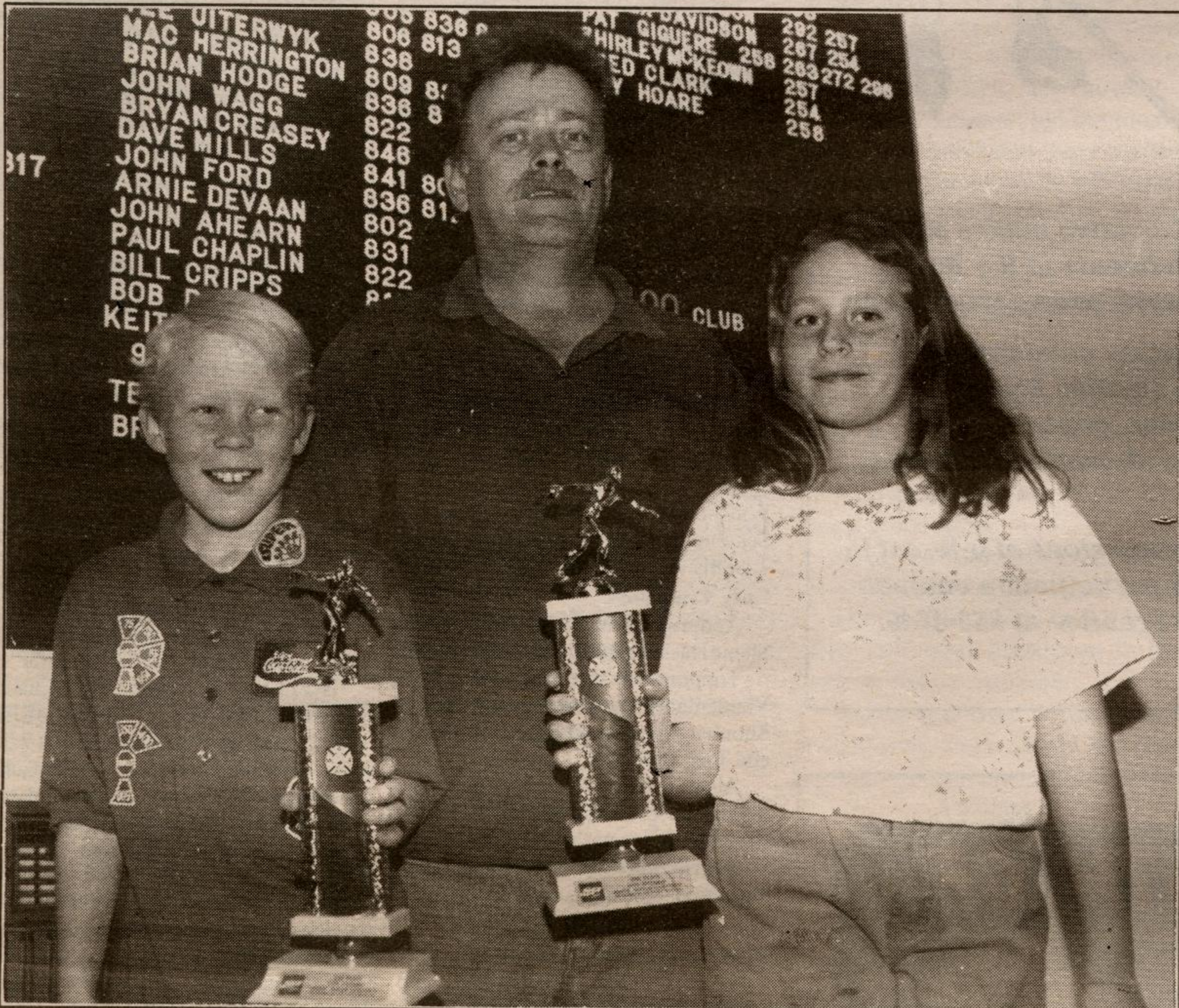
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**MASTER BOWLERS:** From left, Matthew Dayman, YBC master bowler Brent Dance and Amanda Williams show off their second-place hardware from the recent Master Bantam bowling tourney in Guelph. All three bowled a combined 185 pins over their average. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Spear wins Four Steps to Stardom bronze

BY DOUG HARRISON  
 The Acton Tanner

Brock Spear's opponents were lucky it took him a game or two to find his mark on the lanes at Hopedale Bowl in Oakville.

Had he struck early, the 10-year-old Acton bowler may have leaped to the top in the recent *Four Steps to Stardom* tourney. After bowling five games, he found himself 28 pins behind the front runner, but still managed to bring home a bronze medal.

"Any one of the top-3 bowlers could have taken the gold," says Brent Dance, Acton Youth Bowling Council (YBC) program director. "Brock didn't care what colour medal he won as long as they hung one around his neck."

Spear, a Grade 4 student at Brisbane Public School in Erin, found his opponents tough in his first crack at singles tournament competition and was surprised to cop a medal.

"I had fun, and the lanes were great," says Spear, who carries a 135 average among 34 bowlers in his first year as a Bantam at Acton Bowl.

He was hot entering *Four Steps to Stardom*, having rolled a personal best 248 game last month.

Meanwhile, Dance — one of five Acton master bowlers — paired with youngsters Matthew Dayman and Amanda Williams for a second-place finish in the Master Bantam tourney held recently at Town and Country Bowlerama in Guelph.

They finished a combined 185 pins over their league averages after three games, but still found themselves 110 pins in arrears of the Dixon Bowl team from Cambridge.

"They bowled great. They did the work," Dance, a 220 bowler in the

Friday Night Mixed and Acton Major leagues, praises of his teammates. "It was fun to bowl with them."

"The best part for me is letting them get out and bowl with other master bowlers in our zone and see the sportsmanship and fun that can be had."

In singles play, Kylie Kruk placed fifth in Bantam girls; Angela Dunne was 9th with a 194 average in five games and Adam Ahearn averaged just over 200 in five games.

The Acton fivesome of Amanda Johnson, April Fendley, Amanda Williams, Holly Petkoff and Jennifer Harris sat last of 10 Bantam girls' teams. The Bantam boys' crew of Adam Burgess, Kurt McArthur, Joshua Thompson, Ian Newell and Ryan Stroud was a respectable fourth.

Placing 10th was the Junior boys' squad of Daniel Newell, David Albano, Drew Timbers, Mark Cripps. Brent Sinclair was ill and unable to compete. Tricia Johnson, Megaen McGrath, Mallory Dayman, Patricia Wiscombe and Sara Kruk comprised the local Junior girls' entry, which took an eighth.

"There's a sense of pride to go out and do as well as they did," Dance states. "They should be proud of what they've done and have nothing to hang their heads about."

"Winning's nice, but having fun is more important."

**NOTE:** Acton Bowl proprietor and coach Gord Labombard watched as his team of seniors, George Lee and George Williams, and Bantam bowlers Joshua Thompson and Brock Spear, took second-place in the recent Dairy Queen Kids and Golden Agers tourney at Cliffside Bowl in Scarborough.

## Marshall 3rd at Ont. skating event

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Nothing seems to rattle Bronwyn Marshall.

Despite her coach's feelings that her strength in the figures portion at the all-Ontario skating championship in Belleville on the weekend was the inside brackets, she battled the odds with a left back outside loop and right forward outside bracket for first-place.

Then, skating a low ninth in the field of 12 for the freeskate portion, the 14-year-old Acton Figure Skating Club member flubbed a double axel, but miraculously rebounded by adding more double-double jumps in her solo to Gershwin's *Crazy For You*.

And, instead of opening with a double lutz, the Grade 9 Bishop Reding student put together a dou-

ble-lutz, double-toe combo. She later substituted a double-toe, double-toe for a double lutz with jump sequence. But it was good enough for sixth spot and an overall ranking of third in Ontario in the ladies' Junior silver level.

"She's very consistent. I knew she would do well," says Cindy Currie, her coach of seven years. "Sometimes one can freeskate well and not do well on the figures and vice-versa, but she didn't have to pick herself up in either."

"I was disappointed in her placing in the freeskate, but sometimes (the judges) have already placed people and you can get lost in the shuffle (skating ninth)."

Marshall advanced to Belleville after a first-place standing at the Canadian Figure Skating Association's Central Ontario Section

Interclub championship in Meaford on March 5.

Currie points to a slow piece in *Crazy For You* that allowed Marshall to grab her composure following a shaky start. It was a sexy portion — that Currie emphasizes was tastefully done — that allowed the seven-year skater to grab a breath, along with warming the crowd during the three-and-a-half minute solo.

"Bronwyn doesn't give you an attitude," Currie reveals. "She's eager to learn and is striving to learn all the time."

Adds AFSC president Barb Metelka: "Her determination and talent amazes us. She's a strong skater who loves to compete."

"Bronwyn seems to see competitions as her time to do well ... she's an example to everyone."



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