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Bridge, DaPonte are tops at AHS

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The Acton Tanner

Darrell Bridge didn't play any school sports last year, so he jumped at the chance this year to make up for lost time on the field and played three.

Shelby DaPonte, on the other hand, who in some years has juggled six sports, decided her last year of high school should be devoted to making up for lost time as well — in the classroom.

And though they directed their energies in different directions, success followed them, as they were named Acton high school's top male and female athletes of the year at an awards picnic last Wednesday at Prospect Park.

"I didn't expect to win," says Bridge, who was an integral part of the Senior Boys' Redmen volleyball, basketball and soccer squads. "Not playing last year, I thought I would get involved as much as possible and thought I had a chance to win. But there are some really good athletes here."

Bridge, 19, also copped the MVP award for basketball, his first love. This award took him by surprise, because he considers himself a team motivator, not the superstar.

"Attitude," is what the 5-foot-9, 175-pounder feels gave him the nod as top male athlete. "I'm a big-time supporter of the teams. It's team first for me. I would never let the team get down on themselves. I'm known to be yelling at my teammates, but it's usually positive," he grinned.

Hoping to attend the University of Waterloo and study mathematics in September, Bridge admits that pushing his teammates to do their best was hard at times, since the locals have struggled to compete with larger Halton schools.

"Basketball was the hardest," he said, "because you would be blown out by 60 or 70 points, have a morning practice the next day and no one would want to show."

Bridge contends he wouldn't want to be the elite player in the spotlight, saying too many players have an air about them that they carry their team. "I'd rather dish the ball off to a player who doesn't score much."

At 19 and one of the school's older female athletes, the competitive DaPonte became more of a leader-type this year.

Concentrating on improving her



ACTON HIGH'S BEST! These Acton High athletes were honoured last Wednesday at an awards picnic at Prospect Park. Front row, from left: André Savard and Darrell Bridge. Middle row: Fraser Hewitt, Devon Ambrose, Steve Bottero, Shelby DaPonte, Jenny Goy, Trevor Malloy, Chris Young and Pam Olsen. Back row: Michael Andrews, Shari Patenaude, Jackie Jahn, Chris Cullen, Dave Moore, Sherri Ann Sealy, Kelly Holmes, Jeanette Jensen, Lise Grimwood and Shannon Bailey. Absent were Dave Dolliver, Eleni Halis, Amanda Thompson and Sharon Kearsy. (Doug Harrison photo)

academic standing with aspirations to study Kinesiology at either McMaster University, the University of Ottawa or the University of Western Ontario, DaPonte trimmed her athletics schedule to basketball, volleyball and badminton this year.

The lighter workload helped her win praise both academically and athletically.

She will carry a 98 per cent average into the year-end exam in one class, was part of the Senior Girls' volleyball that advanced to OFSAA last fall, was named MVP for Girls' volleyball and teamed with Sherri Ann Sealy to place fourth at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) badminton doubles championships.

"I didn't want to risk something

I didn't need," DaPonte said in explaining her decision to not sacrifice grades to play soccer or run track. "I've been playing soccer a long time, so it took a lot of thought to say I couldn't commit.

"I'm happy I won the top female award, but I would have been happy just to be considered. Usually, whoever wins two awards gets the top athlete award, but I didn't expect the volleyball award. I had tears in my eyes when my name was called.

"But it's a nice way to end my high school career."

Following are the other athletic winners: most improved male — Dave Dolliver; most improved female — Jackie Jahn; Al Higgins Memorial award — Chris Cullen-Pam Olsen (tie); Junior Girls'

basketball — Kelly Holmes; Senior Girls' basketball — Shari Patenaude; Midget Boys' volleyball — André Savard-Fraser Hewitt (tie); Junior Boys' volleyball — Trevor Malloy; Senior Boys' volleyball — Steve Bottero; Midget Girls' volleyball — Eleni Halis; Junior Girls' volleyball — Amanda Thompson; Midget Boys' basketball — André Savard; Junior Boys' basketball — Chris Young; male cross-country — Michael Andrews; female tennis — Lise Grimwood-Shannon Bailey; male tennis — Devon Ambrose; Junior Girls' soccer — Jeanette Jensen; Senior Girls' soccer — Jenny Goy; Junior Boys' soccer — André Savard; Girls' softball — Sharon Kearsy; and Boys' golf — Dave Moore.

Rockwood No-Stars are 5-0

The Rockwood No-Stars Ladies' fastball club has mustered a perfect 5-0 record to start the 1995 season.

Their first win was a convincing 17-0 decision against Waterdown. The ladies then took to the road for 23-10 and 17-5 victories over Copetown "A" and Lynden.

On Thursday in Sheffield,

the local ladies' bats remained steady in a 24-14 pounding.

Rookies Sandy McNabb and Suzzie Pasloske smacked home runs.

And Greensville was the No-Stars' latest victim, this time by a 17-15 margin.

Pitching duties for all five games were shared by Lori Savage, Laurie Leighton and Carol Death.

"I am really pleased with the ladies' performance this early in the season," comments No-Star skipper Dot Polo.

"We do not have an abundance of players this year, so the girls are accepting the fact that they have to be versatile."

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