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## No repeat for Stangs

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The Acton Tanner

He told his team every serve is game point. He tried key timeouts. Key rotations.

But none of this was enough to send Dave Walker's McKenzie-Smith-Bennett Mustang Boys' volleyball squad on any win streak throughout the regular season.

Not even the incentive of appearing in the North Halton elementary school final tomorrow (Thursday) propelled the Stangs to pull off two straight games in Thursday's semifinal at Centennial against the Chargers.

A team they handled in tournament play this season, but not in league matchups.

"We went in tied for second, the guys were really hyped and the guys knew the season was riding on it," Walker says of the 3-15, 14-

16 playoff setback, "but being in a different gym and the Charger cheerleaders got us a little rocked.

"If we had won that second game we were off to the races."

But it was the little distractions all year that took the Mustangs off their game.

"I think it came down to the guys not being able to dig down deep and motivate themselves," Walker admits.

He cites individual self-esteem, self confidence and team play as significant improvements throughout the year.

"We may not have brought home the championship, but the guys feel good about themselves and what they're able to accomplish. And they should be proud," explains Walker, who will lose power hitters Ryan Bowen and Adrian Dolloway to graduation.



**PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS!** From left: Acton bowlers Laura Kobsa, "Master" Carol Jordan and Ean Newell took third at the recent Master Junior Provincial championships in Oshawa. The local threesome racked up a total 413 pins over average. (Eve Martin photo)



**BATTERED BIRD!** Grade 5 McKenzie-Smith-Bennett student Gavin Williams, 10, stretches for the bird during recent Badminton Club action in the school's gym. The club convenes every Friday from 3:45 to 5:45 pm. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Bowling troika 3rd at Ont. final

The Master Junior bowling team of Laura Kobsa, "Master" Carol Jordan and Ean Newell was the lone threesome of eight Acton entrants at the Zone finals to bring home a provincial trophy recently.

They came out of Presto Lanes in Preston, Ontario, on Oct. 29 with a second-place standing among 40 teams after posting a plus-471 pins over average in four games.

That gained them a berth in the Provincial championships at North End Bowl in Oshawa on Remembrance Day.

Along with remembering those veterans who fought for us in making this a free country, it was a memorable day on the lanes for Kobsa, Jordan and Newell.

They finished plus-413 pins over average to bring home third.

Parents in attendance mentioned the local team's confidence, poise and ability to have fun.

Averages for the tournament were taken from last year. However, all three Acton bowlers are rolling above their averages this season.

To qualify for the Zone finals, Kobsa, Jordan and Newell posted

the most pins over average during a two-week in-house competition.

Meanwhile, at the Zone event, three Acton bowlers copped individual awards.

Mike Perkins grabbed highest

pins over average for one game with 218.

Daniel Newell took high single in one game with a 218.

And David Albano's high triple garnered him an award.

## Pursoo is Juvenile champ at skating sectionals

Former Acton Figure Skating Club member Dan Pursoo captured the men's Juvenile freeski at the Central Ontario SunLife sectionals on Thursday in Scarborough.

The Acton resident, who now trains out of the Oakville Skating Club, topped seven other competitors, including the son of Canadian national coach Doug Leigh.

Dan, a Grade 6 McKenzie-Smith-Bennett student included three sets of double jumps, a

double lutz and double loop combo in his program.

"It was a nice skate. He looked professional in holding his arms and shoulders well," said Dan's proud father, Bert, on Friday.

"It was his first time competing in this event. Rarely do you win in your first attempt, but he's a fast learner and is always skating ahead of his age group."

A five-year figure skater, Dan, 10, is also an Atom house league hockey defenceman with Mike Luty Transport.



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