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Sr. Redmen handle Eagles *Skater Pursoo grabs his 3rd straight gold*

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The Acton Tanner

The Acton Redmen Senior Girls' volleyball squad eased into '96 with an easy win over a rather easy Q.E. Park Eagles outfit on Thursday at Acton High.

Coming off a consolation loss in a prestigious tourney organized by the University of Ottawa Gee-Gee's varsity team, the locals looked relaxed, organized and confident in their abilities in sweeping the Oakville school 15-4, 15-6, 15-5 in a Halton high school matchup.

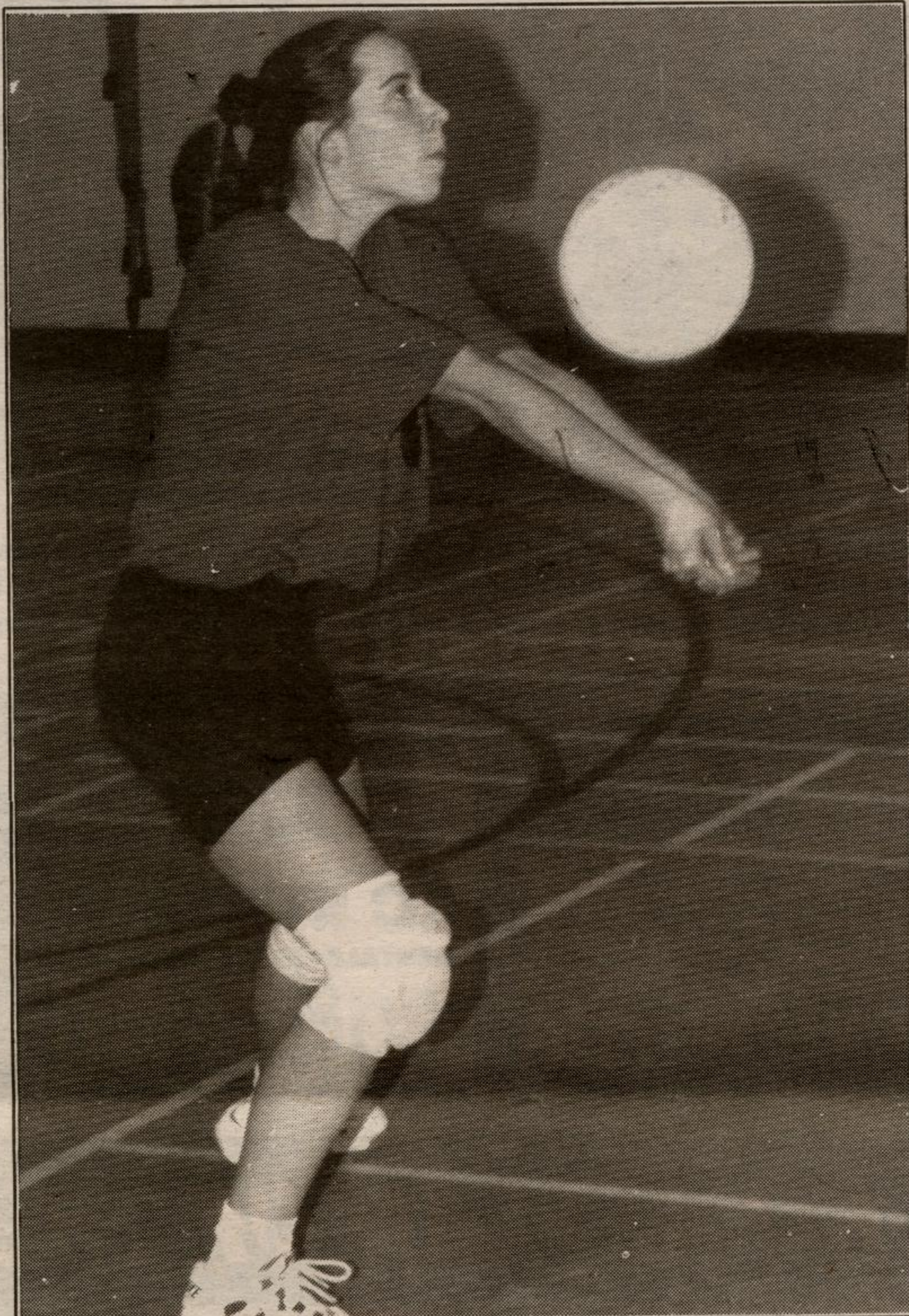
"I told the girls in Ottawa that we would have to go back and play the weak part of the league schedule," said Redmen coach Bob McKay after the game, the first league game in the new year. "Not struggling after tough competition in Ottawa - the seven top-ranked teams in Ontario attended - is the sign of a good team.

"I don't think we ran at them (Q.E.) or embarrassed them."

Despite the lopsided scores, the visitors surely didn't embarrass themselves, playing the Redmen point for point down 11-2 in Game 2 in a 15-6 loss.

Throughout the match, the Eagles appeared slow and not fundamentally sound. Too many times they were caught flat-footed, had trouble pass serving and struggled in setting up the pass for a quality return.

The Redmen, on the other hand, were focussed and aside from a couple of mental errors, showed their superiority in a contest that



LOCALS BUMP EAGLES: Redmen Jackie Jahn bumps the ball against the Q.E. Park Eagles on Thursday. (Doug Harrison photo)

was never doubted.

"Our goal today was to pass better, serve better and run free ball well and we did all that," said

a pleased McKay.

The Redmen will host St. Thomas Aquinas after the exam break on Feb. 8.

Former Acton Figure Skating Club member Dan Pursoo skated to a gold on Friday, his third top skate in his last three outings.

The Acton resident took the Men's Junior Bronze freeskate at the Great Lakes Invitational winter skating festival in London, ousting the tough field of six.

What was more impressive for Pursoo was the rare feat of receiving first-place votes from all three judges.

In late November, Pursoo, 11, took the Men's Juvenile freeskate at the Central Ontario SunLife

sectionals in Scarborough and then saw gold at an interclub skate at his Oakville Skating Club in December.

On Friday, the Grade 6 McKenzie-Smith Bennett student landed his double loop, a large factor in his final standing.

"He's on a roll - for now," said his proud father, Bert, on Monday. "He backed out of another move, realizing he missed something, and successfully put in something else."

"Since the sectional event Dan definitely has had more confidence in his abilities."

Redmen win 1st home tourney in 20 years

The Redmen Senior Girls' volleyball team on Friday became Acton High's first such outfit in over 20 years to capture its own Redmen Invitational tournament.

The surging locals, who were consolation finalists in a recent Ottawa tourney that attracted seven of the province's top ranked clubs, downed Oakville's Loyola Hawks 15-11, 15-5 in the final.

A perfect 12-0 on the day, including pool play, the Redmen rebounded from a 7-2 deficit in Game 1 and carried that momentum through the second match.

Before their championship berth, the hosts scored an impressive 15-6, 15-11 verdict over the E.C. Drury Spartans, who knocked the Redmen from last year's league quarterfinal.

"E.C. has given us fits over the years," reminds Redmen coach Bob McKay. "Everyone came to play these two games, though. We were the better team."

"I think in Game 1 against Loyola the girls were still feeling good about Drury and not focussing on the match."

The Redmen went an unblemished 6-0 in pool play, sweeping Bishop Reding, Guelph's Our

Lady of Lourdes and Erin.

In the quarterfinal, the home side dominated Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute 15-3, 15-6.

"In pool play we didn't give up more than six points in any one game," McKay beamed. "We played well as a team."

Bronizewski scores 4

Acton's Matt Bronizewski has scored four goals to go with two assists in the Halton Major Novice Hurricanes hockey squad's last four games.

He had a goal and assist in Sunday's 4-3 home loss to the Burlington Oilers in Hillsburgh.

Bronizewski had the same output in Saturday's 5-1 Canes win over Welland at Teen Ranch in Orangeville.

Last Wednesday, he potted two scores in an 8-3 setback to the host Oakville Blades.

Bronizewski went pointless in the other game, a 2-2 draw against the Guelph Royals.

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Acton loses curling final

The Acton curling team, skipped by Fred Archibald, was defeated by one point by their Orangeville opponents in the final of the week-long Halton-Peel bonspiel.

Archibald's crew put forth an exciting extra-end game.

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