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Bant bowler Kruk off to Ottawa for Provincials

BY PAUL NOLAN
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Kylie Kruk, Grade 4 student at Robert Little and a Bantam bowler in the Acton YBC program, has qualified for the Provincial singles bowling championships, to be held in Ottawa at the end of this month.

The 10-year-old Greenore Cres-

cent resident won the zone title with a convincing five-game performance in Georgetown on March 3.

Kylie, who dominated rivals from Avondale, Brampton, Georgetown and Streetsville, rolled a 197 average over the five games. Her league average is 164.

"A couple of girls were close to

her until the last game, but Kylie really pulled away from them," reported Laurie Kruk, Kylie's mother, who was at the Four-Step event along with husband Steve and Acton YBC coach John Wagg.

"She actually won by over 100 points," said Laurie.

Laurie said Monday that she sometimes smiles when she watches her daughter brimming with confidence. "Kylie is actually very confident in her bowling. But I think she'll be nervous going into the Ottawa tournament."

Kylie, who has never been to the nation's capital, will compete with bowlers from across the province. If she is successful, she will proceed to

the national finals - the fourth and final step - in Saskatchewan in May.

"We're all proud and excited right now," said Laurie. "Steve and I will be going to Ottawa with her, and maybe her grandparents. John Wagg is planning to be there, too, so hopefully she'll do well at the next step."

Now in her fourth year of competitive bowling, Kylie bowls every Saturday morning at Acton Lanes in her Bantam YBC league. But she has always liked to practice on her own, according to her mom, and she is now spending lots of time working on her game after school.

That's Kylie Kruk's recipe for success: Practice hard and move up the ladder one "step" at a time.



KYLIE KRUK

AHS volleyballers 5th at OFSAA

BY DOUG HARRISON
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The difference between the Acton Redmen Senior Girls' volleyball team coming home after Thursday's single-A OFSAA championships with a medal instead of a fifth-place finish was two losses in pool play against last year's single-A silver medalists from Chatham High.

Uncharacteristically, the locals served five balls into the net for a 15-7 loss and then drilled seven more into the mesh in Game 2 for a 15-9 setback. The Redmen played with their opponents to 7-7 in the opener before Chatham reeled off eight straight points.

Game 2 saw the Redmen fall behind 13-2, only to dwindle the margin to 13-9. But they lost serve and gave up two points for the loss.

"We just didn't serve," says a blunt Redmen coach Bob McKay, whose team went 4-4 in pool play. "That's all we didn't do. We won all the long rallies, something we didn't do against Georgetown (in the Halton high school final)."

McKay, who guided his girls to a 7-1 regular-season mark in Halton's Volpe Division, talked to his charges at length after the Chatham match to get a handle on the serving troubles, but the Redmen players were at a loss for words.

"I was at a loss why we served badly. I still am," utters a baffled McKay. "There was no reason to be nervous - we had been there (OFSAA) before (seventh-place last year in North Bay)."

McKay went on to say a few of his players didn't feel comfortable in the serving box, which was a different size because the game was played cross-court. "That didn't bother the other team, but it bothered us."

With the loss, the Redmen were pitted against the No. 1 seed from Clark High in Oshawa in the quarterfinal game of the championship round on Thursday morning.

Clark, for the record, had only allowed 33 points in six pool contests the day before.

In Game 1, the Redmen played them to 10-10, went down 14-10, but rebounded to even the game on strong serves from Jenn McKay. McKay put the Redmen up 15-14 and then served another, but a tall Clark player smashed the ball to the floor on the Redmen side, but on her way down touched the net, McKay said.

The referee missed the call and Clark prevailed 17-16.

"His only job was to watch the net, but instead he followed the flight of the ball," says the disappointed Redmen coach. "It was an obvious call, too. That call was critical."

The Redmen jumped in front 3-0 in Game 2, but Clark came back for a 15-7 victory.

"They took it to us and deserved the victory," offers McKay, who adds Clark possessed five or six club players from the Scarborough Solars. "It (the club atmosphere) was a re-enactment of the Georgetown match, but they weren't as good as Georgetown."

"I feel good about the tournament because we finished in the top echelon (fifth of 16 teams). We could have easily been second as fifth. Sure, we would have liked to have come home with a medal, but it's inconsequential now because we played our hearts out."

In their other pool games, the Redmen downed Champlain (Ottawa area) 13-15, 16-14, 15-6 and Toronto Waldorf (15-1, 13-15, 15-4).



BASEBALL SIGN-UPS!

Michelle Phillips and son Trevor, 6, visited the arena Thursday to sign up for the approaching baseball season. This will be Trevor's first year in ball and he'll play in the Grasshopper house league division. Acton Minor Baseball will hold its next registration on Sunday, March 24 from 1 to 3 pm. (Doug Harrison photo)

Activities for March Break

There's is no reason to panic, parents, as March Break activities for those restless students are going on all over town.

The Acton Rotary Club is sponsoring free skating at the arena this week and next, from Monday to Friday. Skate times are 1 to 2:20 pm.

Acton Bowling Lanes is offering a special March Break deal for students. Bowl one game and get the second game free! Cost, with shoe rental, is just \$2.70 plus tax. Call 853-0470 for lane times.

The Acton Indoor Pool has planned two weeks of special swims, from 2 to 4 pm daily. For details, call 873-2600, ext. 275.

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Petkoff picks up 6 points

Acton's Joel Petkoff played a big role in the Halton Hurricanes' elimination of Oakville's Major Peewee hockey club in their best-of-three playoff series last week.

The Canes pounded Oakville 9-2 in Milton last Wednesday, with Petkoff picking up two assists.

The Acton skater had a goal and two helpers in a tight 7-6 loss in Oakville on Friday. This was a very physical encounter, and the Canes

actually outshot their hosts 17-2 in the final period.

The rubber match went Sunday in Hillsburgh and Petkoff had a single assist in the Canes' 4-2 win.

Petkoff's club now awaits the winner of Stoney Creek and Chingacousy to play a best-of-five series in the next round of league playoffs.

The Hurricanes downed Brampton by lopsided scores in the first round of post-season action.

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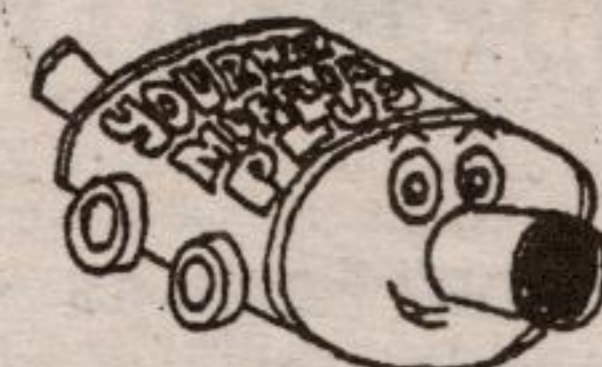
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