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# 'Stick with the books,' Malinoski tells students

By ELLEN PIEHL
The New Tanner

"Stick with the books", that was the message given by former Canadian Football League player John Malinoksi to the students at McKenzie-Smith Bennett Public School as he took part in the school's Literacy Day celebrations.

"I dreamt I wanted to be a football player." Malinoski told the students.

Malinoski grew up in Vancouver, British Columbia. He spent five years at Michigan State University, playing football on a scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.

Mainoski then entered the CFL and played professional football for ten years. He



JOHN MALINOSKI

Started with the Calgary Stampeders. He went on to play with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Toronto Argonauts before ending his career with the Hamilton Tiger Cats.

During his ten years in the CFL, Malinoski won two Grey Cup rings. After his

playing days were over, he worked in a juvenile maximum security prison in Oakville for four years.

Malinoski told the students that he wouldn't have achieved so much in his life if he hadn't studied while at school.

"If I didn't know how to read, write, and know some simple math, I would not be able to go off to university," he said.

He also told the students to hold on to their dreams and to work hard to achieve their goals. "Don't let anyone say that you're dumb, you're stupid, that you can't do it, because you can," said Malinoski.

Malinoski owns Tim Hortons here in Acton and says he really enjoys it. "it's been a great experience."



REGIONAL CHAMPS Acton's Pallett/Pallett won the Regionals of the Provincial Team Five-Pin Bowling Tournament on April 29 in Guelph. They will compete in the Provincials on May 23 in Oshawa. Left to right, Gary Archer, Jennifer Noseworthy, Tricia Hollywell, and Jamie Mitchell. At the back is Sandy McLennan. Missing Lorraine Hollywell and Wilfred Gardner. — Ellen Piehl photo

#### REDMEN ROUNDUP

An under-manned Acton High Redmen senior boys' soccer team was blanked 5-0 by Q.E. Park in Oakville on Monday in inter-school league action. Although Acton was playing with just nine men they held Oakville to 2-0 at the end of the first half, but were worn out as Oakville pressed for the win.

Mike Sop had the Redmen's only goal as the boys' soccer team dropped a 4-1 decision to first place St. Thomas Aquinas last Wednesday in Oakville.

"Our guys played a real good game. It was 1-1 for much of the game but you just knew that the other team

was going to use their home field advantage," explained coach Dave Boycott after the

Phil McIntyre played a great game in goal making save after save but couldn't hold off the Oakville squad as they challenged for the win late in the game.

JUNIOR BOYS

The junior Redmen also lost to Oakville on Monday with a 3-2 score.

Last Wednesday the junior Redmen dropped a 4-1 loss to first place St. Thomas Aquinas.

Jamie Dunn scored for Acton and the game was tied 1-1 at the end of the second half. Midway through the second half St. Thomas scored on a penalty kick to take the lead and quickly scored two goals for the win. Paul Leminski played a good game in goal for Acton.

JUNIOR GIRLS

Chrissy Periera scored the junior girls' team lone marker in a 5-1 decision to T.A. Blakelock last Thursday in Oakville.

The first half of the game was rocky for Acton until the defence kicked in. Jen Norman played in goal for the first half and allowed three goals while Jamie Lyons took over for the second half and allowed one goal.

## "A" lacrosse player, stopping 31 of 36 shots on goal in the Burlington Chief's 11-5 win over Sarnia in Ontario Lacrosse Association play last Wednesday. The Bishop Reding student began playing lacrosse in Acton 12 years ago and played for Milton for three years before making it to the Burlington Junior "A" team.

Acton's Ryan Young, 17, had a great debut as a Junior

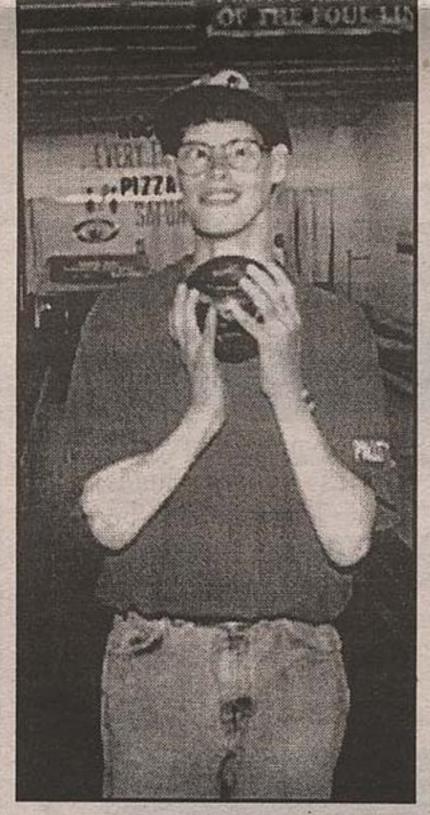
Young makes debut

#### Roach strong in opener

Starter Adam Roach pitched three strong innings with five strikeouts as R/M Construction creamed Hornby 20-1 in Acton Minor Ball hardball action on Tuesday night at Prospect Park.

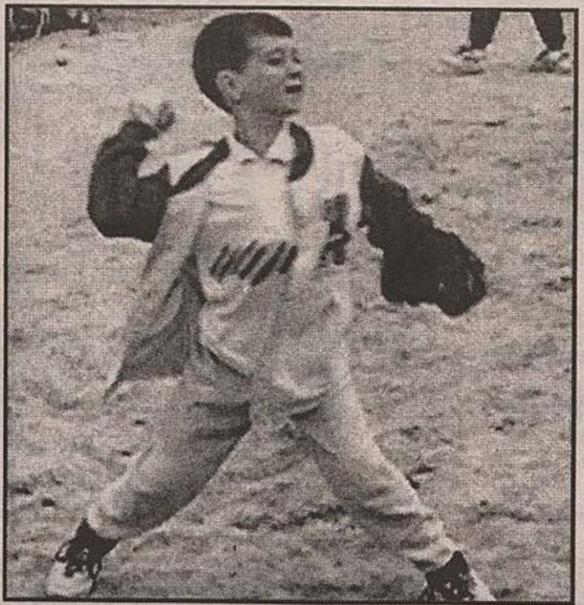
Neal Dawkins hit two home runs and had seven RBIs in the Peewee season opener and Troy Ethier's bat was also hot as he slammed three home runs and had five RBIs. Brock Spear had one home run and four RBIs as the Acton squad gave its defence a rest.

Kyle Winters pitched two innings with three strikeouts and closer Matt Dayman pitched one inning with two strikeouts.

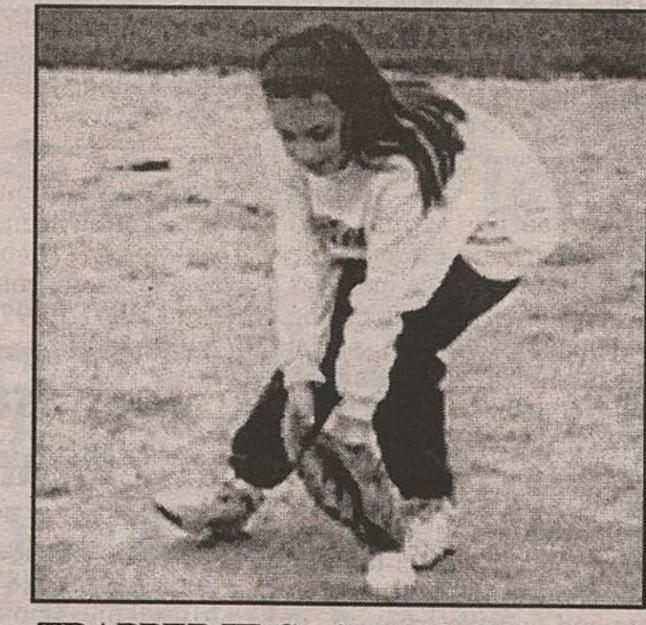


### OLYMPIC ATHLE!

Acton Special Olympian, Adam Linzender competed in the Ontario Special Olympic Games in Burlington this past weekend. - Ellen Piehl photo



BOY OF SUMMER: Dylan Burgess, 6, shows fine form as he practices with his Acton Legion Branch 197 rookie division hardball team at Prospect Park on Saturday.



TRAPPED IT: Spring training paid off for Hayley Burgess as she easily traps this grounder during practice last Saturday at the Prospect Park diamonds. - Frances Niblock photos

#### AHS girls want win

A steady rain forced the Acton High girls' softball team to reschedule their Monday game in Acton and the squad is still looking for its first win of the inter-school league season. Acton lost 14-10 to Blakelock last Tuesday and 11-8 to Q.E. Park last Thursday. On the strength of the pitching arm of starter Jennifer Roberts, Acton was actually ahead 10-1 at one point in the game against Blakelock but the rule says that a pitcher can only stay in for four innings and Acton is attempting to develop a solid support pitcher.

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