

Monarchs just miss final four

Midget girls ousted in provincial finals

Battling fatigue as much as feisty competition through the latter stages of the Ontario Provincial AAA Basketball Championships in Welland last weekend, the Milton Monarch midget girls narrowly missed the final four.

It took number three ranked London to finally eliminate them, in a nail-biting 55-51 quarterfinal showdown.

The local hoopsters enjoyed the lead through three quarters of play before eventually running out of gas. Their previous match had ended just two hours earlier while they played a total of four games in less than 24 hours.

A highly-charged quarterfinal battle saw the lead change hands more than 10 times before London pulled ahead down the stretch. The Monarchs were

seeded 12th before the tournament and surprised onlookers by pushing a top-ranked club to the limit.

Milton's successful provincial showcase included strong performances against Tillsonburg, Ottawa and Burlington, whom they soundly thrashed 65-51 despite a clear height disadvantage. At one point they led by a 19-point margin.

Rebecca Austin, Anne Gleeson and Jaelyn Hunt were the scoring leaders for the weekend while Mel Casson, Jen McManus, Amy Hall and Chrissie Henderson were unrelenting on defence.

Along with key efforts by Jen Schultz, Erin Walsh, Carmen Smeitink, Tara Bennett and Nadia Dilivio, the girls excelled as a team. Burlington, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto and Windsor all finished behind Milton at the provincial tournament.

Loose engine costs Forsyth Flamboro opener

The Milton-based Racer's Edge team appeared to have the challenger class season opener at Flamboro Speedway won Saturday — until it came apart, literally.

Team driver Todd Forsyth took the lead from the start and pulled away from the pack with Wellandport's Harry Topp a distant second. With only five laps to go, however, Topp closed in and passed Forsyth for the lead.

Topp held on to win the race in his new John Fletcher-built car with Forsyth finishing second. "He slowed down for some reason," said Topp, after the race.

Forsyth was comfortably in the lead before Topp came on and passed him for the win. "The engine bolts came loose," Forsyth explained. "We had the same problem earlier tonight. We're going to have to work on that this week."

The Racer's Edge crew were followed to the finish by Terry Bleakney of Hamilton, Brad Rodwell of Caledonia and Nanticoke's Paul Mass.

Racing continues at Flamboro Speedway tomorrow (Saturday) with a regular night of racing, featuring Late Model Sportsmen, Canadian Vintage Modifieds, Challengers and Street Stocks. Gates open at 5 p.m. and racing starts at 7 p.m. Flamboro Speedway is five miles west of Highway 6 on Millgrove Road.



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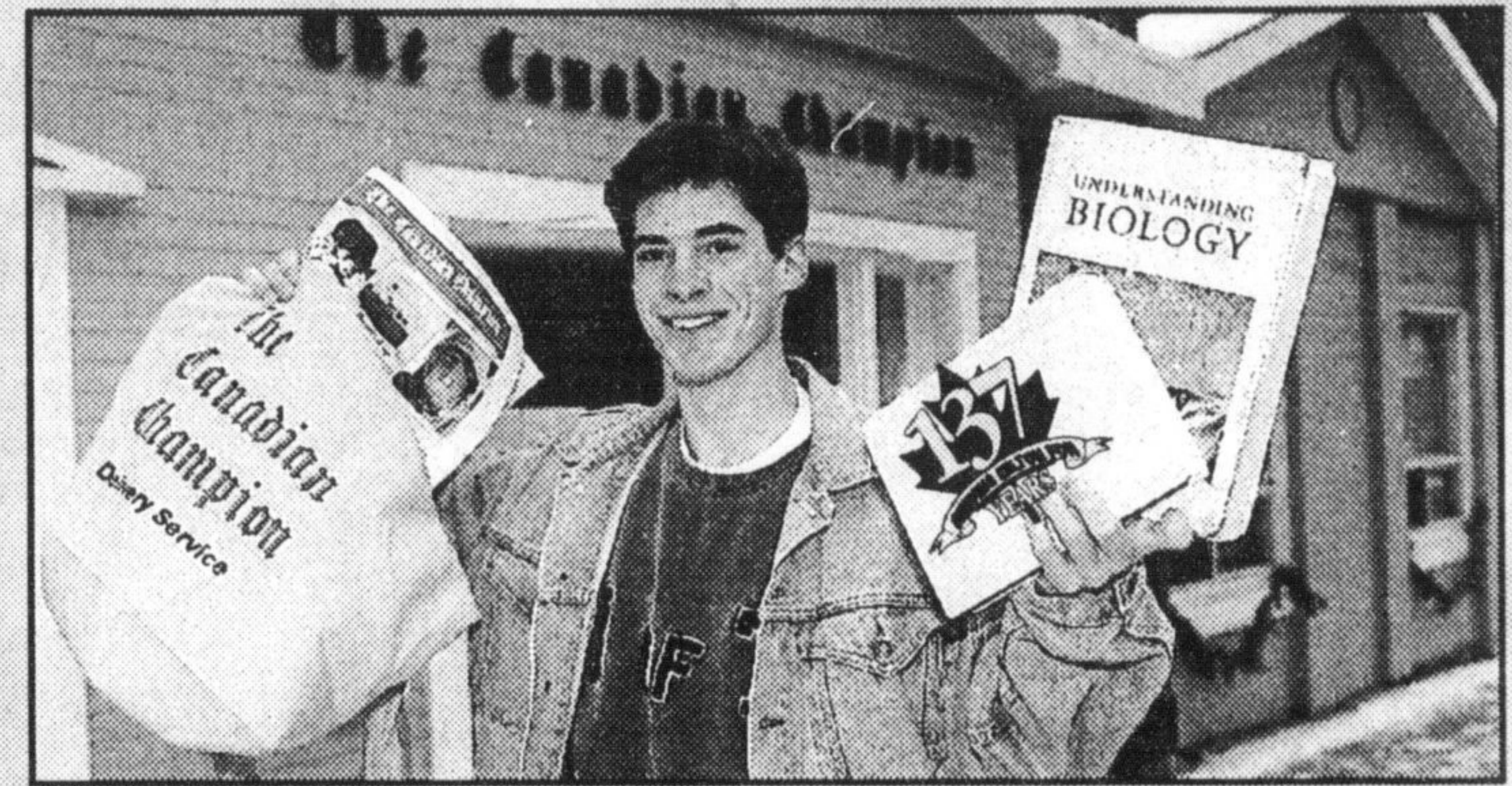
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Mr. Ledwith's career of selfless service speaks volumes about his commitment to the community. That makes it doubly satisfying to present him with a gift as the lucky draw winner among Champion subscribers.

Mr. Ledwith is a charter member of the 50-year-old Milton Rotary Club, was Milton's Citizen of the Year, and mayor of the municipality during its centennial year (1957). He also ran a downtown grocery business (Ledwith's) that he built from modest beginnings after the Second World War into a prosperous and much larger enterprise.

He was chair of the committee that built the swimming pool at Rotary Park and served for years as director and a member of the board for the non-profit company that operates and maintains Milton's Evergreen Cemetery.

On receiving his fruit basket prize from Champion circulation manager Karen Huisman, Mr. Ledwith was appreciative. "Thanks very much, it's the first time I ever got anything from The Champion, other than good editorial."

Our pleasure, Mr. Ledwith. And thank you.

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Gift basket courtesy of Rocky Besharat, Savemore Family Market, Bronte Road, Milton.