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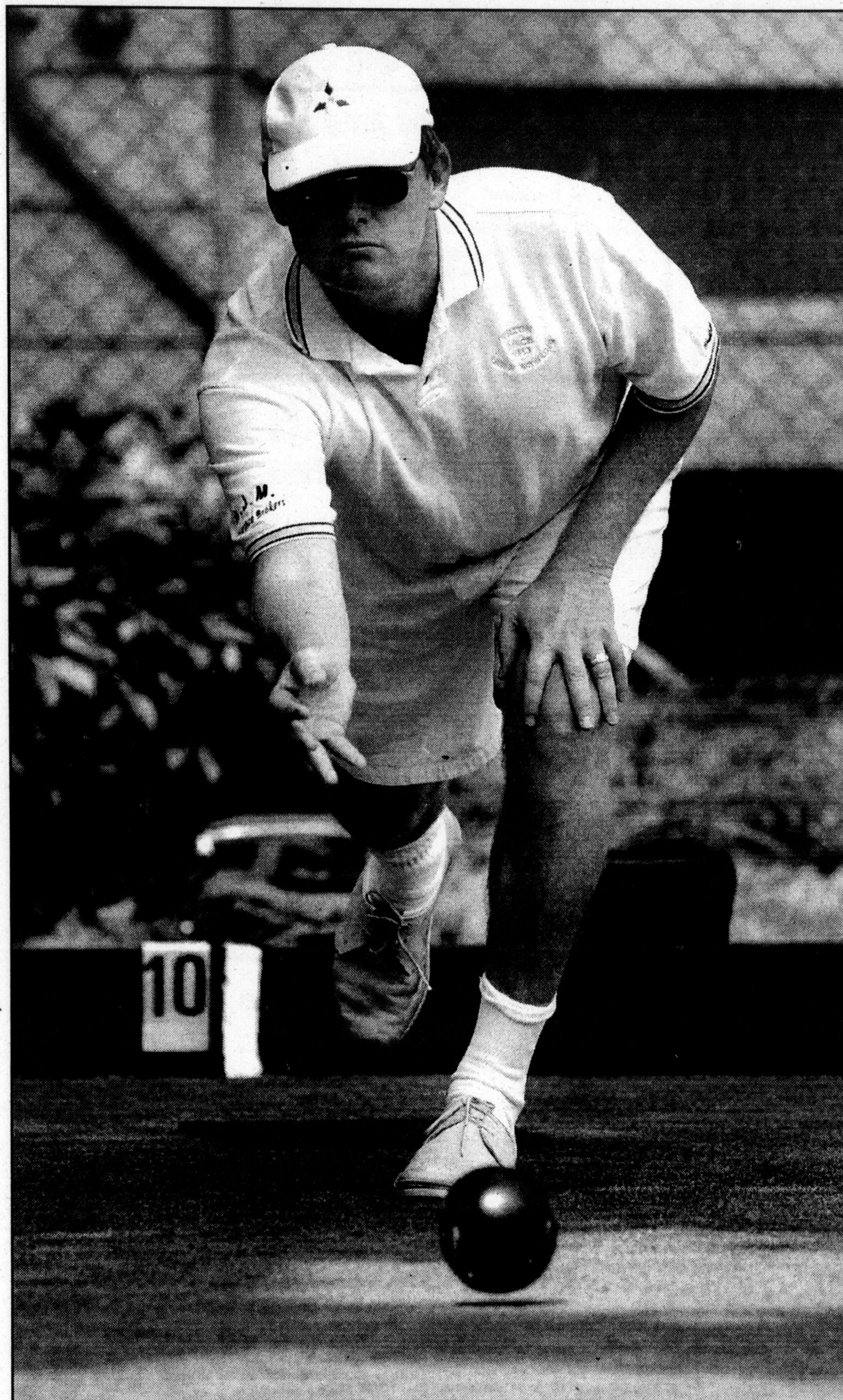


Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Milton's Ken Armstrong tosses out a shot during Saturday's HJM Insurance Brokers Men's Open Triples event at the Milton Lawn Bowling Club. Armstrong's trio came up just short in the second event finals, losing by just one point to a team from Toronto. For full tournament results, see story at right.

Houtby takes top spot in local lawn bowling tourney

The second time around was a whole lot sweeter for St. Catharines' Dave Houtby.

The veteran lawn bowler, and former world silver medalist, failed to strike gold at last summer's HJM Insurance Brokers Men's Open Triples — losing 12-3 to a local trio in the second event finals.

But Saturday marked his redemption, as he and partners David Bell and Brian Luther not only triumphed, but did so in the main event finals at the Milton Lawn Bowling Club.

The trio's victory came over Mimico's Don Stephen — whom they edged 12-11. Houtby's team banked \$300 for the HJM Insurance first event win plus the Willis Hamilton Trophy.

Meanwhile, Stephen's contingent walked away with \$150.

In the Terry Rowley Mechanical second event finals, Milton's Ken Armstrong — together with partners Ryan Stadnyk and

Dave Young — were edged 12-11 by a Toronto trio led by Dave Anderson.

The second event winners earned \$150 for their efforts while the local runner-up crew banked \$75.

Milton wouldn't be completely denied in the championship department, however, as area bowlers Jim Curley, Mike Comba and Roger Mee combined to handily defeat Stephan's trio in the HJM Insurance fourth event finals by a score of 15-7.

The Milton trio split a \$75 purse.

Port Credit's Mark McFadyen led his team to victory in the third event finals — sponsored by Guaranteed Green — over Toronto's Dave Ball.

The winners banked \$150 while the finalists took home \$75.

McFadyen was a dual champion on the weekend as he bested all comers in last Friday's singles competition — eventually beating Miltonian Dave Young in the evening finale.

Sox draw first blood

The Red Sox' first taste of provincial qualifying competition was initially a little stale, but wound up going down real smooth.

Having been idle for two weeks, the midgets were a bit rusty through the early going of opening round play at Maplehurst Ball Park Monday night.

But it wasn't long before the host team discarded that corrosive exterior and delivered a sparkling performance to humble the Erindale Cardinals 13-5.

"It was an excellent game," said manager Herlo Hatje, whose club will continue the six-entry double knockout qualifying tournament tonight in Oakville. "Having been off for a while, there was some concern (about rustiness), but from the third inning on we were pretty well in control."

With the exception of some mediocre pitching early on by starter Kevin Cooper, Milton upstaged their guests in every area — outshining them in the field and nearly doubling their plate production.

Consecutive four-run innings in the fifth and sixth powered the locals to victory while their offensive efforts were high-

lighted by a tie-breaking bases-loaded triple from Chris Dumencu.

Also swinging hot bats were Paul Duff and Michael Volpe, each of whom had three hits and scored three times. Other multi-hit nights were turned in by Rob Angus, Mark Black and Evan Jeans.

The Red Sox' near flawless fielding and rock solid relief work by Volpe also contributed to the decisive opening round win — which moved the team one step closer to advancing to the OBA "A" championships next weekend in Brantford.

And while they'll be minus a little depth for the rest of the qualifying tournament — with both Andrew Kirkland and Scott Connolly unavailable due to work and personal commitments — Hatje remains optimistic that his club will get through.

"If we can play like we did on Monday, I don't see any team giving us too much of a problem," he said.

Among the other clubs involved in this weekend's provincial qualifiers are Clarkson, Martingrove Oakville and Orangeville. All remaining tournament games will be held in Oakville.

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COGECO 14 Programming Schedule — August 22nd, 2000 - August 25th, 2000

Tuesday, August 22nd

10am, 11am, Noon	Plugged In! Encore
5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm	Plugged In!
6:00pm	Hands up Puppeteers
7:00pm	War Amps: The Western Front
8:00pm	Halton Hills Council, Aug. 8th

Wednesday, August 23rd

10am, 11am, Noon	Plugged In! Encore
5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm	Plugged In!
6:00pm	Cable in the Classroom
7:00pm	Down To Earth
8:00pm	Milton Council, August 8th

Thursday, August 24th

10am, 11am, Noon	Plugged In! Encore
5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm	Plugged In!
6:00pm	Watercolour Workshop
7:00pm	Money Week
8:00pm	Halton Region Council, August 9th

Monday, August 25th

10am, 11am, Noon	Plugged In! Encore
5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm	Plugged In!
6:00pm	Living on the Edge
7:00pm	The Issue Is...
8:00pm	Cogeco Sports: CFL Football

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