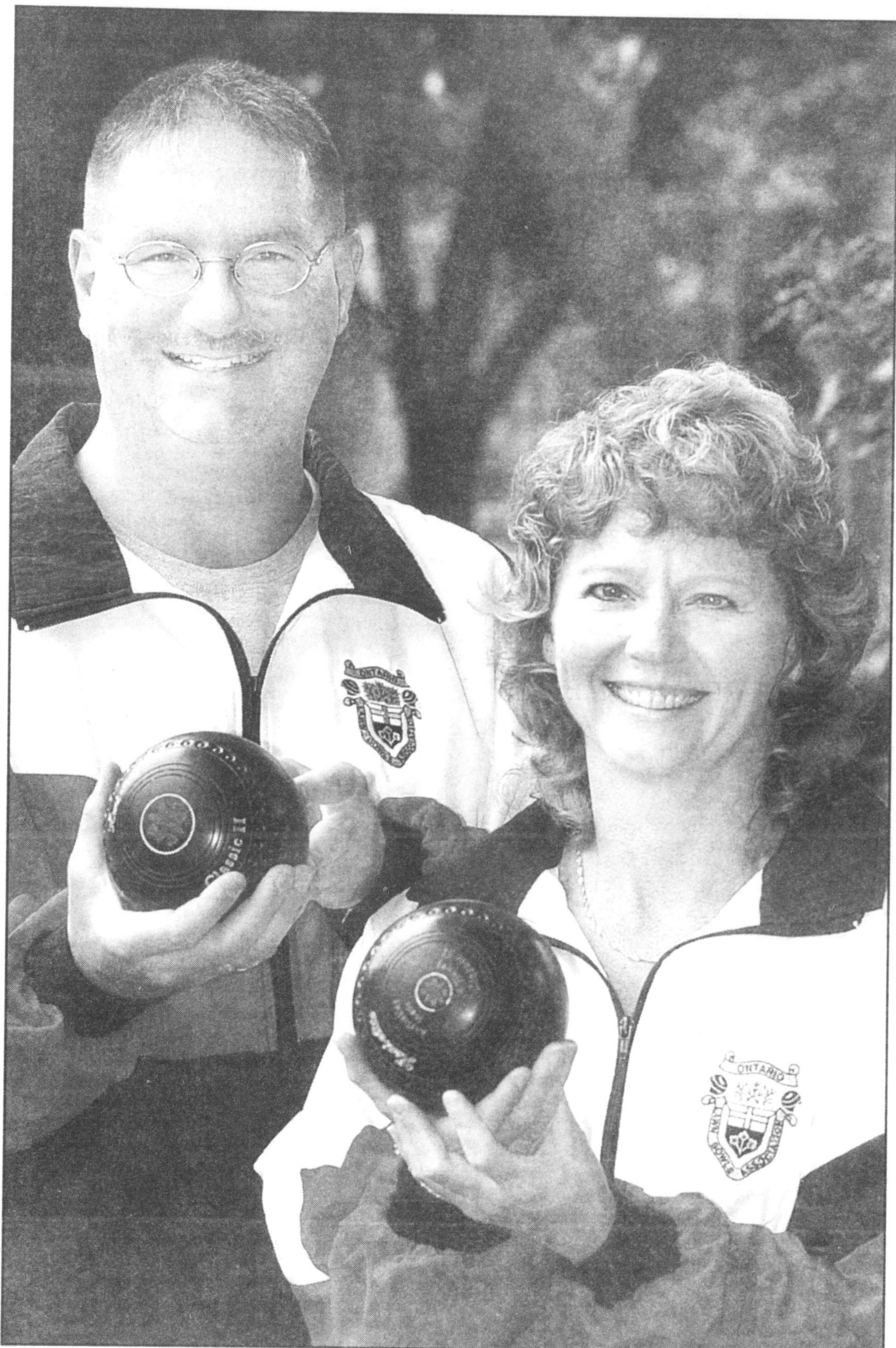


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## Local skips lead teams to Ontario silver



Miltonians David Anderson and Laura Seed are all smiles after recently securing silver medals at the Ontario Lawn Bowling Pairs Championships in Ottawa.

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### *Anderson and Seed come through in clutch to advance to nationals*

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

*The Champion*

**C**all it a silver lining of the clutch variety.

Thriving under must-win circumstances in Ottawa July 4, Milton skips David Anderson and Laura Seed guided their respective teams to silver-medal performances at the double-knockout Ontario Lawn Bowling Pairs Championships.

Their second-place finishes were good enough for passage to next month's nationals in Vancouver.

Seed's qualifying bid was especially impressive, since she's only been competing for five years and had no provincial track record to draw on — at least not beyond the novice-level Ontario triples crown she picked up in 2002.

Nevertheless, she and Toronto's Doreen Creaney — who has national team experience and recently joined the local lawn bowling scene — pulled off back-to-back wins after falling 17-11 to the eventual champs from Niagara Falls.

"It was neck-and-neck most of the way, but we gave up six points in the 10th end," said Seed, of the day two opening loss to gold medalists Donna Stadnyk and Chone Chatterton. "That's pretty hard to bounce back from."

However, she and Creaney did recover from the setback to post a 16-9 decision over a formidable duo from Oshawa — whom they'd humbled the day before 21-9 — and followed that up with a nail-biting 19-16 win over Agincourt's Debbie Rauter and Cathy Haskins to clinch silver, and grab the second and final berth to nationals that went along with it.

"You've just got to find a way to motivate yourself again and keep plowing away," said Seed, of fending off elimination down the stretch.

Ontario success is becoming old hat for Anderson, who's medaled for the third year in a row at Ottawa.

While certainly not as surprising, the seasoned star's efforts were every bit as credible — with three straight do-or-die games on day two with partner John Devonshire of Scarborough.

Their silver-medal run was punctuated with a 20-5 dismantling of a Chatham duo — a far cry from four straight tooth-and-nail showdowns to open things up, includ-

ing two that went into extra ends.

"It's not really that surprising, since the goal is always to get better as things go on," said Anderson, of capping the tournament in decisive fashion after some spirited battles.

Of Anderson's extra-end encounters, the latter finished with a heart-breaking loss to a Hanover rival led by Ryan Bester — whom he'd toppled last summer for the Canadian 4's title.

Refusing to be rattled by the defeat, he and Devonshire came back with a last-end 14-13 decision over a team from St. Catharines before dumping an Oshawa squad 20-7 and then solidifying silver.

"I really don't get worried about those tight games anymore," noted Anderson. "I actually like the adrenaline you get from pressure shots."

He now has a shot at securing his third national championship, adding to the ones he won in singles and 4's the last two years. "I'd have to check, but I don't think it's (winning three different national titles in three years) been done before," he said.

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## Peewee Sox dump top rival

The peewee Red Sox handed Waterdown just its second loss of the season Thursday evening, pounding the top-seated team 10-2 at Bronte Meadows.

Todd Campbell pitched four shutout innings to lead the way, while solid defense and multi-hit performances by Campbell, Mike Robertson, Tyler Moir, James Marshall and Clayton Sikorski factored heavily into the blowout as well.

A seven-run sixth inning put things out of reach, and served as payback for three narrow losses to Waterdown earlier this season.

The win pushed Milton to 7-10 in league play.

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