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IceHawks topple Georgetown

IceHawks hopeful Paul Cianfrini (left) sticks close to a Raider opponent during Sunday afternoon action at Memorial Arena. It may only be pre-season, but the IceHawks' weekend sweep of the neighbouring Georgetown Raiders was a well-received start to 2005/06 play for local hockey fans. For more results, see page A24.

More national gold for local lawn bowler

Anderson's 4s team shakes off lacklustre start to top field

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
The Champion

When it comes to high-stakes competition, there's just no substitute for experience.

Local lawn bowling ace David Anderson can certainly attest to that, with his seasoned Etobicoke-based fours squad recently striking gold at the Canadian Bowls Championships in Kitchener.

It was the second title in three years for the 41-year-old Milton vice and his teammates, who this time around had to call on their composure as much as anything else in order to come out on top in an especially competitive field.

Two losses in their first three matches left Anderson and company needing to fend off defeat throughout the remainder of round-robin play to have a shot at the finals.

"We looked at it like 'We're playing terrible yet we're still in it. If we can play like we're capable of we've still got a chance,'" recalled Anderson, who won the national singles championship in 2002.

Refusing to be upstaged the rest of the way, Etobicoke delivered decisive wins over B.C. (22-15), Quebec (18-9) and Alberta (19-10) and battled to an 11-11 stalemate with Manitoba — whose skip Steven Shinnie came through with an unbelievable performance in an epic battle that saw Anderson tie things up in the final end.

There'd be no such drama when the two teams met again for gold, as Etobicoke overcame a slow start and Shinnie faltered on a high-risk shot in the 12th end that clearly shifted the momentum away from Manitoba. Anderson's foursome would cushion its lead over the balance of the championship clash to prevail 19-13.

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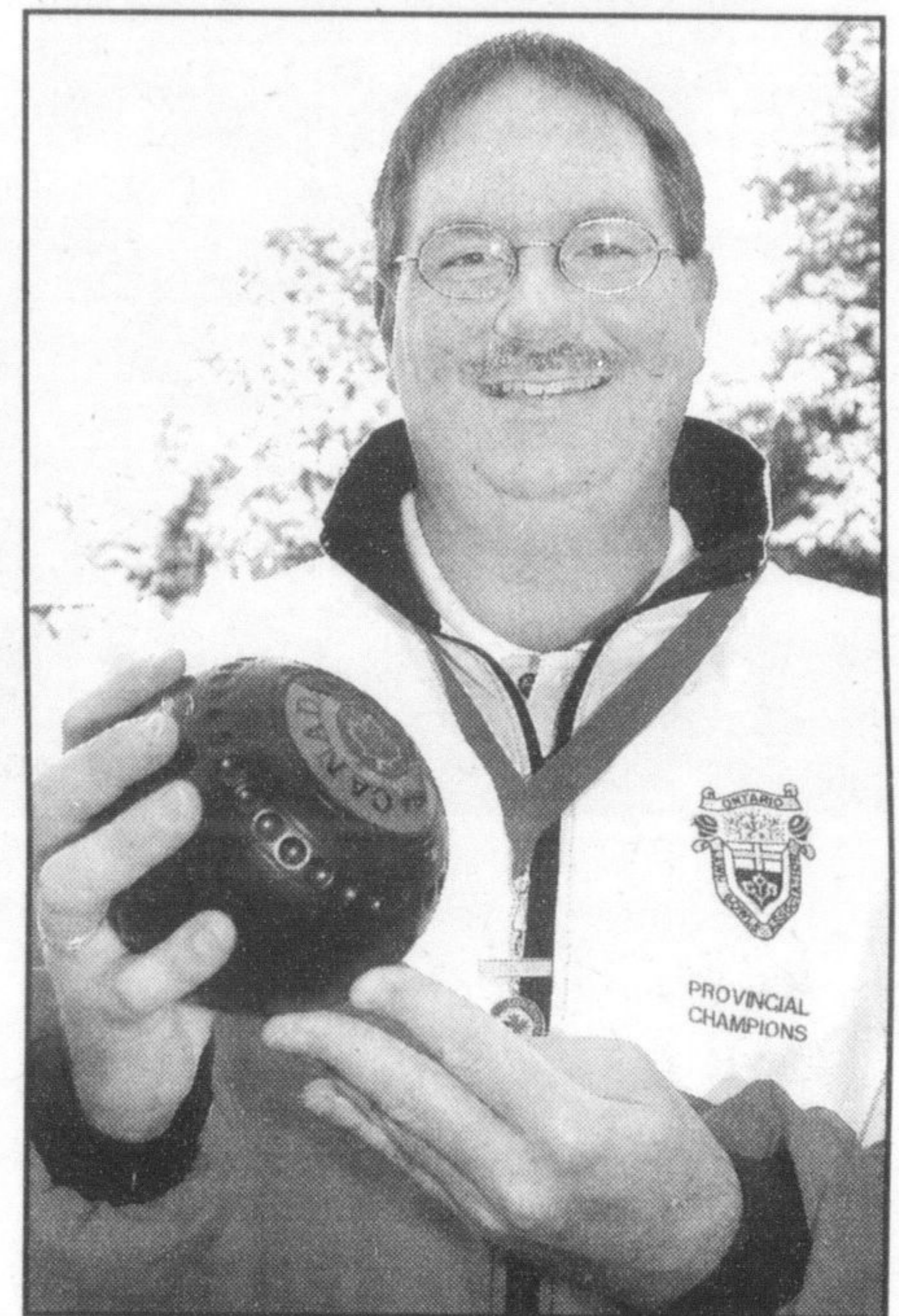


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David Anderson is all smiles after securing gold once again in Canadian Bowls Championship play.

Racetrack hosting fun run Sept. 10

Four-legged racers won't be the only ones burning up Mohawk Racetrack September 10.

The Campbellville oval is set to host the Giddy Up and Gallop 5km Fun Run at 4 p.m. Open to runners of all ages, the event offers the chance to race on Canada's fastest track — with friends and family members able to cheer on participants from the grandstand.

Mohawk is seven-eighths of a mile long, so runners will be required to complete a little more than three laps. There will also be a one-lap event for children under 14.

Admission to the race is \$25 per person, and runners are also encouraged to collect pledges for the Children's Wish Foundation. The kids' event costs \$10.

Mohawk will hold a post-race barbecue and all participants are invited to stick around for the evening's harness racing card, which kicks off at 7:20 p.m.

Also, the first 300 registered runners for the 5km race and first 100 registered for the Kids Fun Run receive a souvenir t-shirt.

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