

Midgets salvage weekend with tie

Milton's AA midgets breathed a little life into their best-of-five OMHA quarterfinal series with the Tecumseh Chiefs Sunday evening, battling to a 3-3 stalemate at Memorial Arena.

The Winterhawks erased three separate one-goal deficits, with Scott McTrach potting the final equalizer early in the third on a doorstep jam. Setting him up were Jeff Lynch and Geoff Strank.

Alex Berndt and Mike Vipond were the other marksmen, while some strong forechecking by Luc Hartwick and Daniel Kearns and sharp cage work by Lucas Reid also factored into the tie.

At Milton Sports Centre Saturday, Milton dropped the series opener 3-1. Two late goals against sealed the Winterhawks' fate, with a costly neutral-zone turnover leading to an odd-man rush and subsequent insurance marker that sealed the deal.

Strank made the lone deposit for the hosts, with Reid showing strongly between the pipes.

Games three and four of the series are set for this coming weekend in Tecumseh.



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MAKING WAVES: Milton Marlin Swim Club Erin Howlett (above) competes in the freestyle during the club's recent fun meet at E.C. Drury High School. At left, clubmate Sally Wright swims the breaststroke.

Gymnastics duo qualify for Ontario championships

Two Milton Springers have stamped their tickets to this spring's provincial championships while another is now within striking distance of doing so.

The trio led the local gymnastics club with outstanding performances at the recent second qualifying meet in Mississauga.

Ten-year-old Heather Sadler's provincial passage was booked in golden fashion, with a first-place finish in the Level 6 division. Her best efforts were reserved for bars — which she won — while she rounded things out with a silver on beam, bronze on floor and fifth on vault.

Qualifying in the Level 7 class was 12-year-old Brittany Schrader, who earned her fourth straight trip to the Ontario championships with an overall fourth-place showing.

This came on the strength of a silver on bars, bronze on floor and fifth-place finishes on both beam and vault.

Also reaching the podium in all-around Level 6 competition was nine-year-old Celena Morgan, whose gold on vault, silver on bars and floor and bronze on beam were enough to give her a second-place finish overall.

Morgan will need another strong showing at the third provincial qualifier next month in order to join Sadler and Schrader at the big meet.

Fellow Springers Leighton Bannock and Lindsay Bright fell short of provincial qualifying standards, but fared well nevertheless.

The club now turns its attention to its annual Gymstrada show, which is slated for this Sunday.



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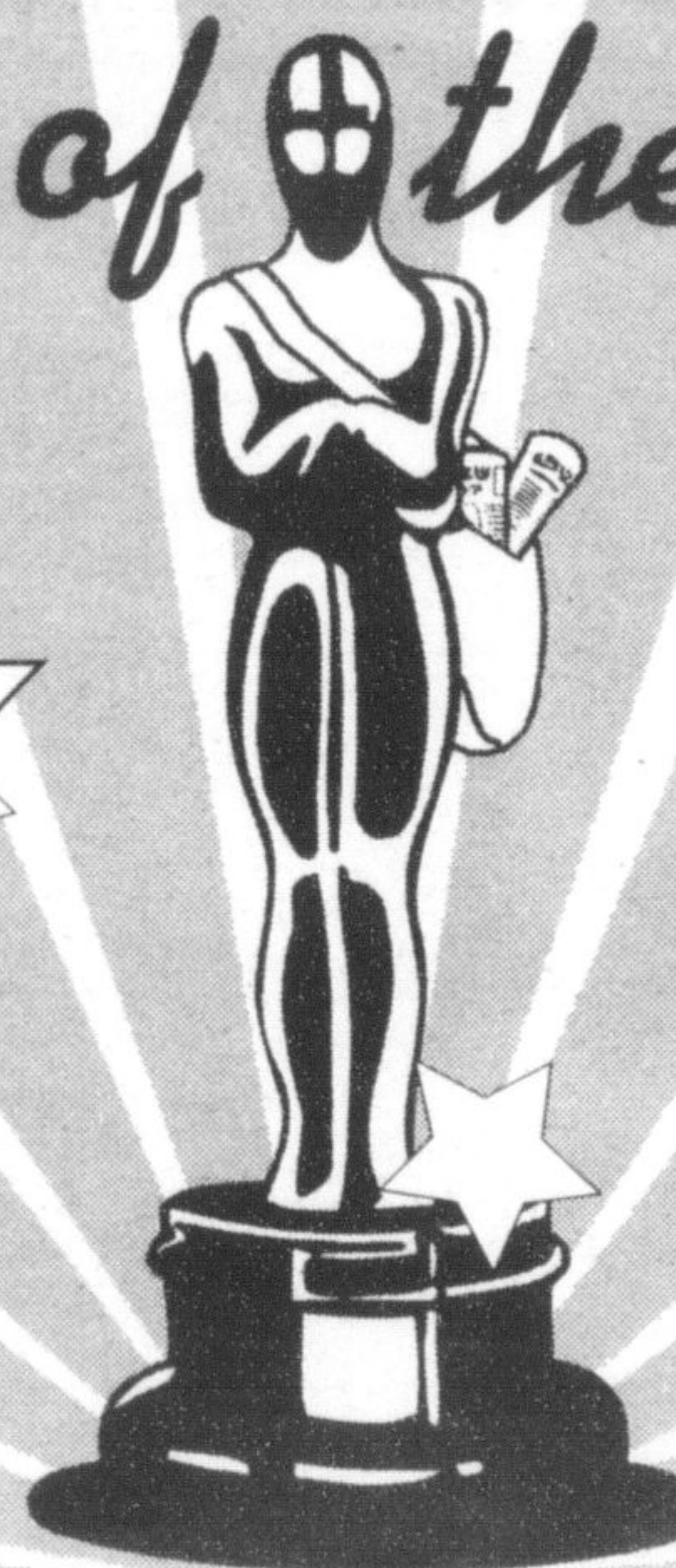
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