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**BOWLED OVER:** Heather Comba (left) and Laura Seed eagerly await their trip to the national 4s championships.

## Bound for nationals

*Comba and Seed book long-awaited passage to Canadian 4s championships*

**By Herb Garbutt**  
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For a decade, Heather Comba and Laura Seed worked together for the same goal.

For the next 10 years, the local lawn bowlers worked toward reaching the national 4s championships. They came close, twice finishing third at provincials when, unfortunately, there were only two spots available.

This year, they decided it was time for a change.

"I talked to Heather. We had tried for so many years," recalled

Seed. "We knew each other so well, maybe too well. We needed to try something different."

So they went their separate ways. Seed and Kelly McKerihan joined forces with Lisa McKerihan and Heather Battles, playing out of a different district while Comba and Linda Baron teamed up with Brampton's Sheila Lumley and Mary Meldrum.

Each team won their respective district titles to earn a spot at the provincials where Comba's team took the gold while Seed and her teammates took the silver — each qualifying for this month's nationals in Toronto — though the two teams never met during the tournament.

Comba said it was an odd feeling to win the tournament and know she had achieved her goal.

"It was a strange feeling to actually win it," said Comba, whose team won all six of its matches. "It was almost anti-climactic. We all made mistakes, but it seemed when we did, the next person was there to cover."

Seed used to curl, but when she met David Anderson, a former member of the national lawn bowling team, he introduced her to the sport. She has excelled at it, going to nationals in 2004 in pairs.

"I knew nothing about lawn bowls until I met David," she said.

Apart from the warmer weather, Seed said there were other advantages to lawn bowling over curling.

"There's a lot more variety. You have to size up teams and know

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## Unusual path to nationals for Anderson

*Perennial 4s contender qualifies for pairs championship in T.O.*

**By Steve LeBlanc**  
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A familiar destination. An untraditional route.

That pretty much encapsulates the latest lawn bowler chapter for David Anderson, who later this month will find himself on the national stage for the ninth time in 10 years.

But recent qualifying efforts came with a twist.

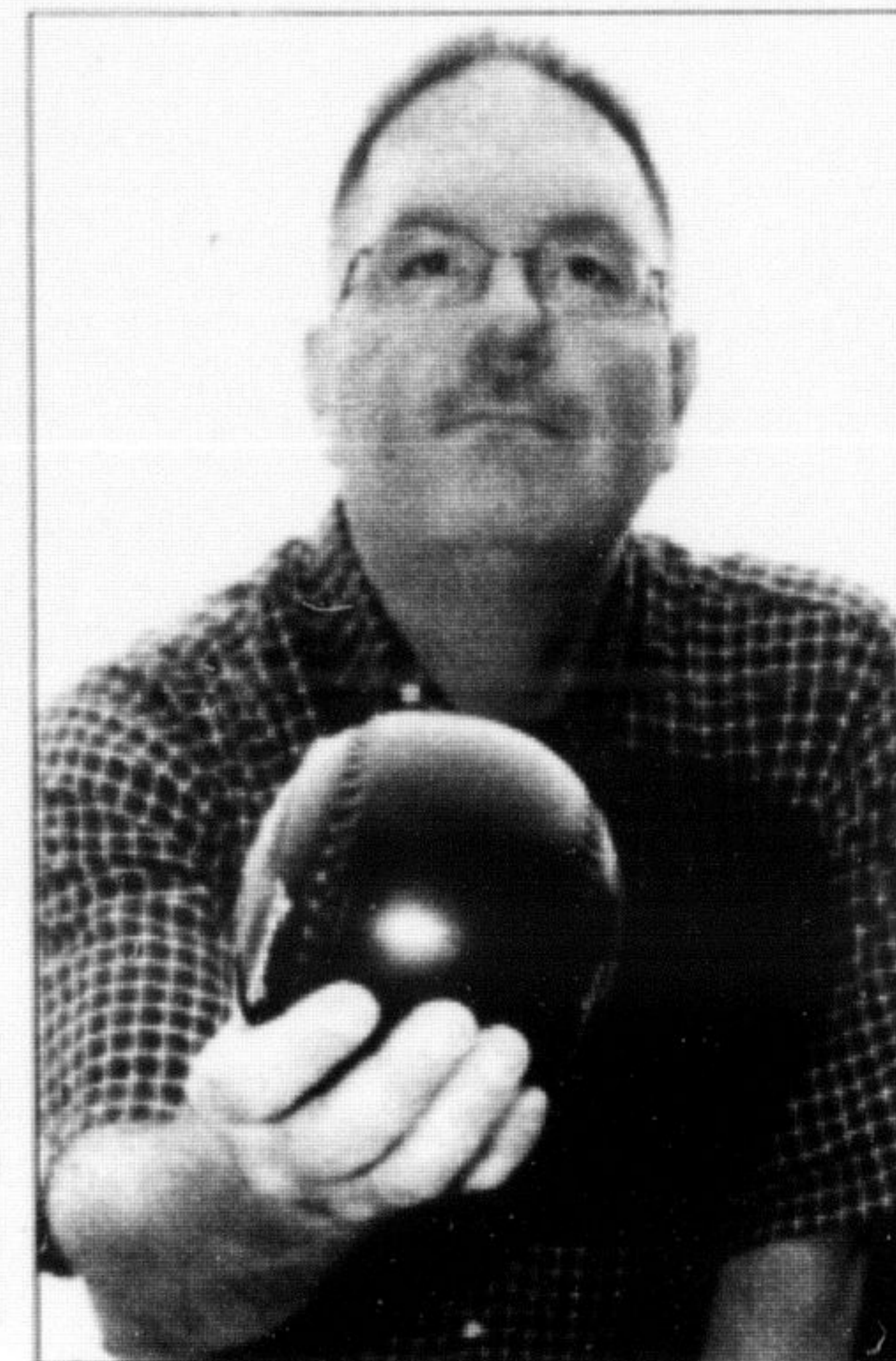
Part of Steve McKerihan's reigning Canadian 4s championship squad — along with fellow Miltonian John Devonshire and Fred Wallbank — Anderson's hopes of defending the title were squashed early this season.

Plagued by inconsistency, McKerihan and company suffered a decisive first-round loss at last month's provincials in Sarnia, with the 14-9 defeat a major let-down for a team that had claimed Ontario supremacy six times in the previous eight years.

"It was a reminder that in lawn bowling, anybody can beat anybody on any given day," said 47-year-old Anderson. "Certainly we've got a bulls-eye on our backs, and we just weren't consistent. But losing sometimes isn't such a bad thing. It keeps you on the right side of level-headedness."

Be that as it may, the notion of missing out on this year's national championships wasn't sitting well with Anderson, who moments after the early exit from provincials was part of a coin toss to decide who'd serve as lead with McKerihan for the Canada Day weekend provincial pairs championships in Woodstock.

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David Anderson

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