

Strong international debut

A pair of local volleyball stars may not have reigned supreme at the International Children's Games, but they sure held their own against the team that did.

Standouts with an Under-15 Hamilton-based squad that competed at the recent showcase in Dubai, Campbellville's Austin MacIntyre and Brendan Kewin helped their team to a round-robin split with host and eventual champion Manama, which faced a stiff test in a quarterfinal rematch before prevailing 21-17, 21-16.

Both coming off impressive 2009/10 seasons, MacIntyre and Kewin were well-rounded starters throughout their international debuts. With MacIntyre playing middle and Kewin splitting his time between middle and the left side, the local duo delivered some exceptional blocking and numerous kills —

as well as great leadership — to allow their squad to battle back from game one losses and split with Manama, as well as Hungary and Slovenia.

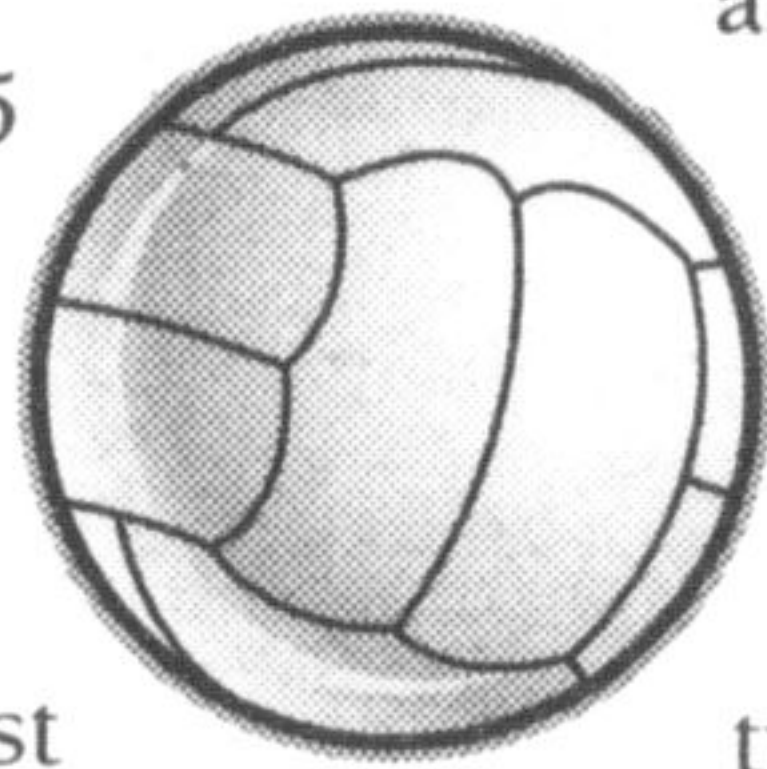
None of the games were decided by more than five points.

"I'd say we were both pretty consistent through the tournament," said MacIntyre, who having just turned 14 was among the youngest players on the team.

Both MacIntyre and Kewin will now switch gears for some beach volleyball play this summer.

Austin and 15-year-old brother Jordan have already tasted their fair share of success.

Both won their respective age groups with their partners in Grand Bend, while Jordan struck gold and Austin claimed silver Sunday in Cobourg.



Mosquitoes reign supreme at tourney

Call it a weekend of tiger taming for the minor mosquito Red Sox.

Milton faced Tigers on three separate occasions at the Ajax Tournament, and prevailed at every turn.

The last of these victories met with championship honours, as the Red Sox persevered through a tough battle with the Waterloo Tigers before pulling away for a 15-9 title triumph.

Luke Crowley and Kyle Clark sparked the late-game reversal of fortune with RBI doubles in the fifth, while Eric Poole, Dakota Gouthro and Noah Conohan also had big

hits down the stretch to help put things away.

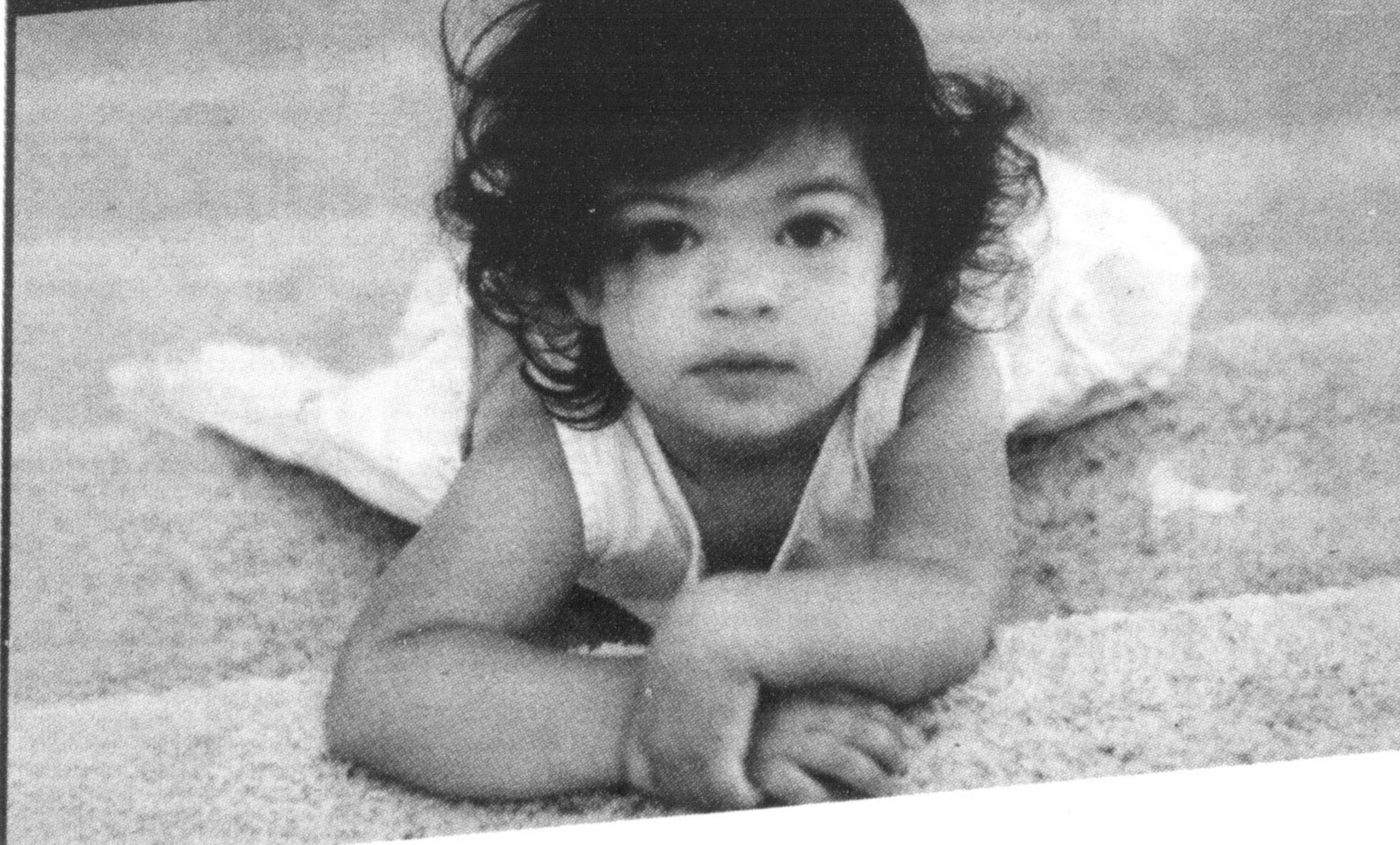
Waterloo had a last-ditch uprising — scoring four times in their final at-bat — but big defensive plays by Poole and Connor Morrow sealed the deal.

Morrow also stood out on the mound, limiting the Tigers to a single run through three innings of relief.

Closer Blake Buckle — named MVP for the finals — made a routine ground out to first base to cement the win. Luke Crowley pitched the first three innings of the championship and was also the MVP of a 15-5 semi-final rout of Oshawa.

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