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Mustangs strong at North Halton track finals

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The McKenzie-Smith Mustangs travelled to Burlington's Nelson Stadium last Tuesday to compete in the North Halton Track and Field Meet.

Ryan Gallagher captured the only first-place of the day for the local school. In the shot put event, his put measured 9.14-metres.

McKenzie-Smith placed five athletes in the third-place bracket.

Jumping 3.85m, Kristin Finley took third in the long jump; Andy Kilmer clocked five minutes, 37.33 seconds in the 1,500m run; Andre Savard leaped 8.26m in the triple jump as Finley took the remaining two.

She hit the tape in 14.38 to finish third in the 100m and was third rate in the 200m.

Debbie Mashinter grabbed the lone fourth-place showing with a run of 3:06.62 in the 800m.

Taking home fifth-place finishes were: Jen Rigney; Emma

Douglas; Michelle Withers; Simon Grossman; Janette Jensen and Bailey Galimanas.

Rigney stopped the clock at 6:20.06 in the 1,500m; Douglas finished the 800m in a strong 3:09.8; Withers threw 8.03m in the shot put; Grossman measured 9.73m in the triple jump; Jensen threw 7.5m in the shot put and Galimanas extended 3.7m in the long jump.

Sandy Chapman and Andre Savard finished their day with sixth-place showings.

Chapman ran the 800m in 2:57.66, while Savard's put measured 7.87m.

In relay action, Savard, Chapman, Shawn Weatherall and Jeff Birrell ran a respectable 1:02.65 in the Junior Boys' 4 x 100m relay. The Intermediate Boys' 4 x 100m team of Brad Foster, Jon Routledge, Derrick McIntyre and Brian McIntyre crossed the line at 58.86 seconds.

In the overall standings, McKenzie-Smith finished fifth in the field of six.

Bonnell finishes eighth at OFSAA

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Acton High track runner Amanda Bonnell can officially say she's

the eighth-fastest 400-metre athlete in the Girls' Midget class by virtue of her performance at Friday's Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) track and field championships in Oshawa.

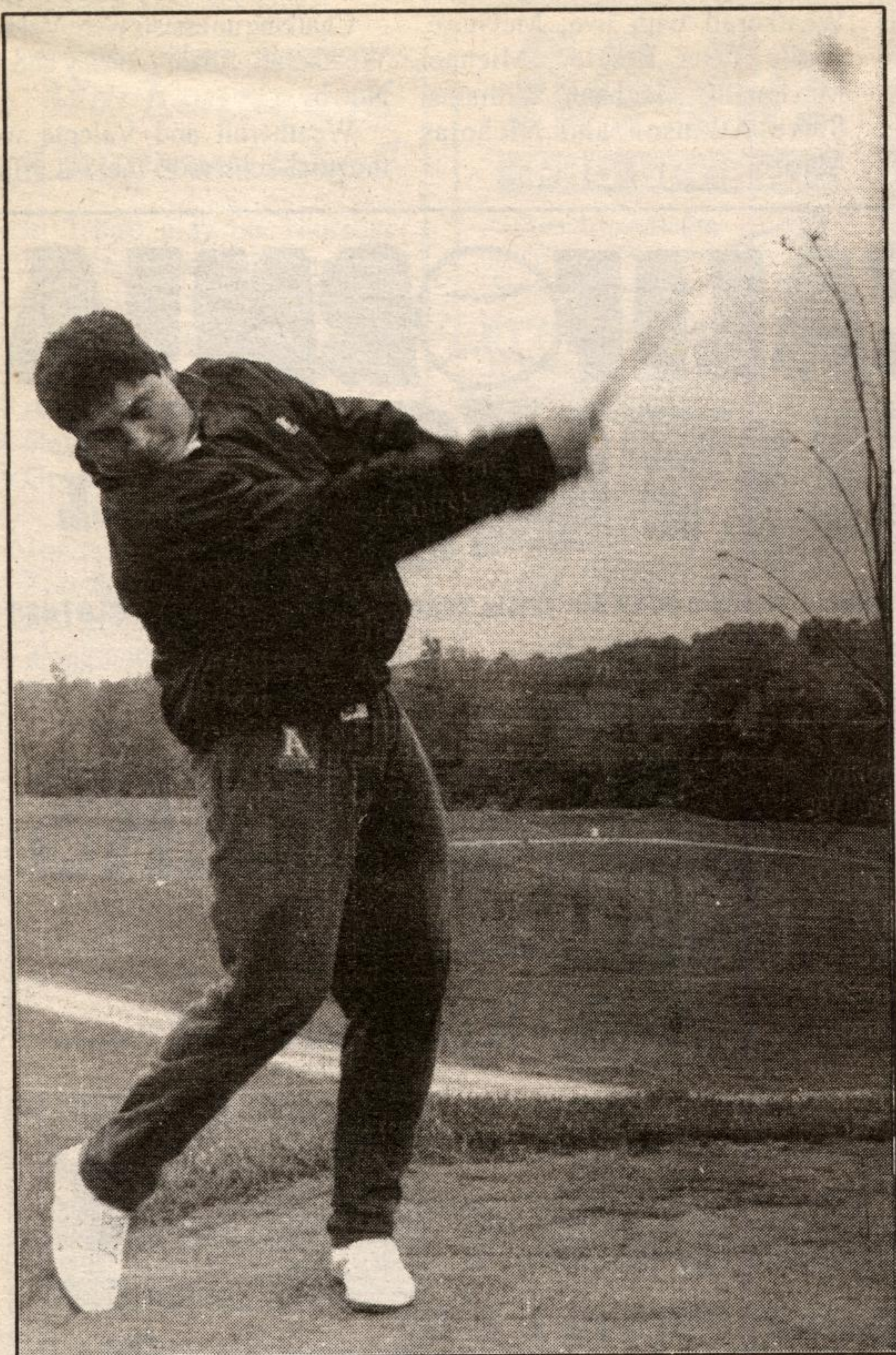
Breaking the tape in 61.3 seconds to finish third in her heat, the second-year Midget entered the final and crossed the line in 62.8 seconds, good for eighth in the province.

"She ran very well and was a bit disappointed she couldn't have done better, but just making it to OFSAA in her first year of high school is an accomplishment," said track coach Bruce Andrews of Bonnell.



HAND-OFF!

Ryan Bannon hands the baton to Brett Manes during relay action at M.Z. Bennett last Wednesday at the school's track and field day. Events such as the 200 and 400-metre run, along with high and long jump and target toss, were some of the activities the 225 kids from Grades 1 to 5 enjoyed. (Doug Harrison photo)



MULTI-TALENTED: Dan Ferrone, who announced his retirement Monday from the Toronto Argos of the Canadian Football League, tees off from the first hole at Blue Springs Golf Club last Monday. The 35-year-old was part of a foursome that took part in the second Darryl Sittler-Ernie Whitt Sports Celebrities Golf Classic. The event, in aid of Special Olympics in Canada, attracted 156 players and raised \$41,000. (Doug Harrison photo)

Zany California Cuties to visit Rockwood in July

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The California Cuties Softball team, who have been entertaining fans at just about every softball diamond and stadium in the United States and Canada for 47 years, will visit Rockwood's Lloyd Dyer park on Friday, July 2 at 7 pm.

The Cuties have been on the road for what seems an eternity and have been seen by at least a million fans over the years. They have performed overseas under the sponsorship of the U.S. State department.

The nine-man Rockwood Maulers will meet the four "girl" Cuties team in the encounter. Yes, the game will feature nine against four.

The visiting cuties may dress in wild and outlandish ladies clothes, but behind that facade is a collection of some very talented athletes.

Leading the visiting club will be the Crown Prince of Softball, Madam Hilda, who will strut "her" stuff along the sidelines.

A strong testament to their skills is the fact that the Cuties have never lost more than 15 games in

any of their 200-plus appearances.

Trevor Palacios, alias Madam Hilda, is the comedy star of the show and has been leading the way ever since he formed the club back in 1946. His running commentary keeps the crowd doubled over in laughter throughout the show.

The other Cuties are the heavy-hitting and fleet-fielding Hedda Hooker at shortstop and Main Street Sally at first. Between them, they manage to corral the few balls hit off Fifi the Flirt's deliveries.

Fifi the Flirt, who is also their most powerful hitter, has averaged over 100 homers the past several seasons. On the mound, she possesses a 90 mile-per-hour fastball.

The show is geared to family entertainment — from the cradle to grandparents.

Proceeds from the game will go to the Rockwood Minor Baseball Association.

Tickets are available at the Lloyd Dyer and Rockmosa concession booths, as well as at selected retail outlets in the village of Rockwood.

Two homers not enough for E.T. in 6-5 loss

In hardball action last Tuesday, Entertainment Tonite Bantams found runs hard to come by in a close 6-5 contest against visiting Kilbride.

Shawn Hopkins, Steve White and Al Reynolds combined to pitch a strong game for the Acton side. Reynolds also supplied a single and had an RBI.

A homer and single by teammate Dave Dolliver and a tater and triple out of Hopkins weren't enough to tame the opposition.

Next action for Acton was last night (Tuesday) against Waterdown.