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Acton Lions Club Novice lacrosse players Matt Lyons, left, and Shawn Richard keep the ball away from an Owen Sound opponent in playoff action at the arena last Wednesday. (Doug Harrison photo)

## McMillan Bros. rule Ont. arm-wrestling finals

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The Acton Tanner

Their pre-match expressions differed like the boxing talents of Mike Tyson and Peter McNeeley.

However, the Cobblehill Road McMillan brothers, Greg and Rob, both came up winners during their battles at the fourth annual Ontario arm-wrestling championships in Alliston recently.

Greg, coming off a third-place finish last year in the Teenage Division, could hardly contain his amazement during his 4-0 run, the longest confrontation lasting 10 to 15 seconds.

"There were a lot less kids in my category this year and it wasn't that hard," Greg, 15, said on Monday. He even disposed of, with virtual ease, the 1994 first runner-up — twice.

While it appeared the E.C. Drury high school student was giving up a lot of weight in carrying 152 pounds on his 5-foot-8 frame (the limit was 180), Greg's quick right hand startled his rival opponent.

"He was quick and a lot stronger than the others and I saw him before the match getting tips from the adult wrestlers. In his other matches I saw how quick he was and I just said to myself 'I'll just be that quick,'" explained Greg, who graduates to the adult class in future appearances.

"I might wait a few years to enter. It would be hard going

against adults, considering my weight and size."

For 13-year-old Rob, he was a little leery at the prospects of facing an imposing figure two years his senior who sported a goatee. The latter waited anxiously with bated breath, smelling a landslide.

Rob, though, smartly withdrew from a stare down, focussing solely on knocking off the behemoth in the children's Super-Heavyweight Division. He quickly curled his opponent's wrist and brought his arm toward him for the surprisingly easy victory.

"I was just quicker than him, but I was pretty scared. His arms were pretty big," conceded 140-pound Rob, who placed for the first time in his third Ontario final.

They met again later, but Rob was no more confident.

"He looked pretty determined and tried a lot harder the second time," Rob, a McKenzie-Smith student, acknowledged.

But Rob, who duplicated his big brother with an unblemished 4-0 record, reigned victorious.

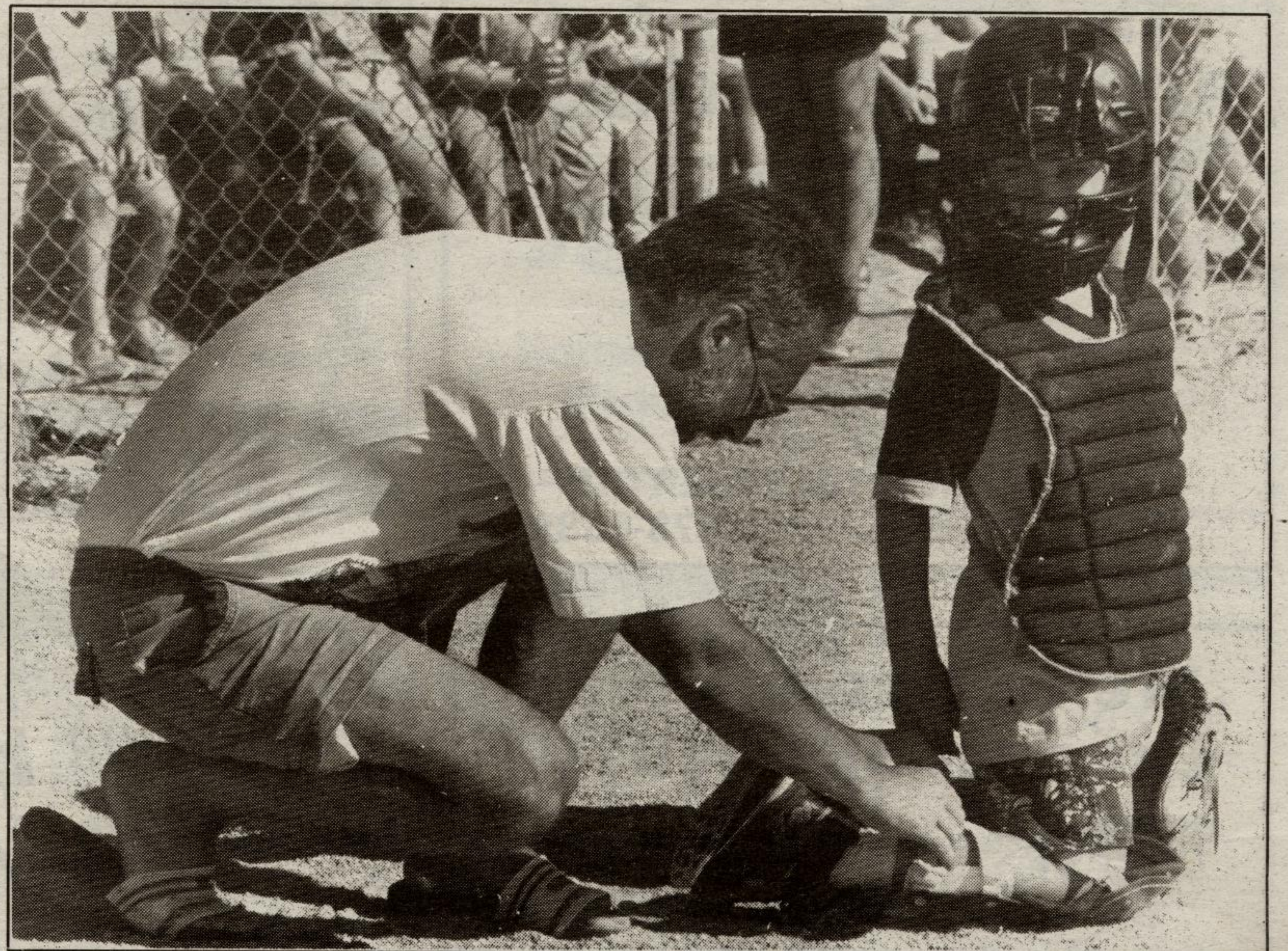
The 5-foot-7 arm-wrestler feels his marked improvement over three years can be attributed to facing a number of arm-wrestlers and knowing what he can do to better himself.

"I will still have butterflies in the future, but it will help me in not getting overconfident," said Rob, revealing he will return to Alliston

next August to defend his title.

The boys' mother, Sue Hamilton, was ecstatic by the end result.

"They really worked hard and their sportsmanship was remarkable," she said. "The competition wasn't a giveaway.



THAT'S TIGHT ENOUGH, UMP! McKenzie-Chapman Grasshopper catcher Anthony Kri gets a strap adjusted by umpire George McPhail during a Fun Day match against Rene's Flowers at the McKenzie-Smith ball diamond on Saturday. (Eve Martin photo)

## Acton skaters cool off Thornhill field

No ice could stay cold after four Acton Figure Skating Club members sizzled through the competition at the Thornhill Summer Skate on Thursday and Friday.

Hotter than an August heat wave was Candice Timbers, who took first in jumping up a level to the Junior-Senior ladies' freeski. She also placed seventh of 16 in the Novice competitive ladies' long program.

"Everything was in sync for her. She landed some difficult jumps," AFSC president Barb Metelka lauded on Monday. "We're especially proud of Candice. She's a real shining star."

Cara McGilloway packaged a second-to-none showing in the pre-bronze artistic program with a sixth

in the pre-Novice event.

Competing for the first time at the Junior competitive level, Krista Petty placed 11th in the short program and fourth after the long.

Bronwyn Marshall rounded out the Acton contingent with a seventh-place standing among the field of 16 in the Novice competitive ladies' long program.

"For the girls to excel at that competitive level, it's quite an accomplishment, considering we don't have the ice time like other clubs do," Metelka explained, adding the Acton skaters were forced to practice in Lucan, Ont. (north of London) through July.

"I hope the Club continues to show its support for the competitive kids."

## Rockwood No-Stars post 3rd playoff win

The Rockwood No-Star Ladies' fastball team is continuing in its quest for the 1995 championship after an impressive 17-5 over visiting Freelon at Lloyd Dyer Park last Wednesday.

Pitching duties were shared by Carol Death and Laurie Leighton. Sue Legge made some stellar defensive plays at short, while Dale "Stretch" Williams recorded some timely outs.

The No-Stars travelled to Sheffield, which is close to them in the standings, last night (Tuesday).

The final games will be played at a year-end tourney this weekend in Millgrove. The locals open against Greenville on Friday at 8:30 pm and return for an 11 am start on Saturday against arch-rival Jerseyville.